

Cal Poly Report - Jan. 5, 2011

Happy New Year

News

Cal Poly Starts 2011 with Two Rose Float Trophies



The Cal Poly Rose Float has won the Rose Parade "Viewers Choice" Award for 2011. It's the third year in a row the float has taken home the award. The float, "Galactic Expedition," also won the Tournament of Roses "Fantasy Trophy" in pre-parade judging. The Cal Poly float received 10,802 online and text-message votes out of a total of 44,730 votes submitted on New Year's Day for the viewer's choice honor. This is also the third straight year the Cal Poly float has won two awards total.

[More on the 2011 Rose Float awards](#)

[See the Tournament of Roses Viewers' Choice Award Video Watch a slideshow of 2011 Rose Float photos](#)

Faculty and Staff

Gallagher is the New Executive Director for Human Resources

Beth Gallagher will begin duties as Cal Poly's new executive director for Human Resources on Jan. 12. Her most recent position was at the San Diego Unified School District, the second largest nonprofit educational organization in the state. Gallagher has a bachelor's degree in liberal studies and master's degrees in psychology/counseling from Antioch University and in industrial/organizational psychology with an emphasis in organizational development from the California School of Professional Psychology in San Diego. She replaces Barbara Melvin, who retired after 37 years of service.

Catastrophic Leave Drive for Gayle Chipman

Gayle Chipman, library assistant III in the Library Information Resources Department, has qualified for personal catastrophic leave. Those wishing to donate vacation and/or sick leave to help Gayle remain in full-pay status during an extended leave of absence should contact Joan Kennedy at ext. 6-5781 or jkennedy@calpoly.edu to request a donation form.

Journalism Professor Takes Skills to Thailand

Brady Teufel, assistant professor of journalism at Cal Poly, accompanied the university's student chapter of Engineers Without Borders to the village of Huai Nam Khun, Thailand, in December. The trip was part of the final phase of a five-year Engineers Without Borders effort working with the residents of six remote mountain villages on sustainable water filtration systems. The villages – with a total population of 5,540 – represent the only settlement of Akheau people in Thailand.





College of Engineering Announces Faculty Awards and Outstanding Staff

At its year-end reception, Cal Poly Engineering announced the recipients of two endowed professorships, two industry-sponsored faculty awards, the college-sponsored Societal Impact Award, and Outstanding Staff Awards. Aerospace engineering professor Kira Abercromby and electrical engineering professor Lynn Slivovsky received two-year, \$40,000 Lockheed Martin Endowed Professorship awards. And David Marshall in aerospace engineering won the \$1,000 Raytheon Excellence in Teaching and Applied Research Award.

[Details on faculty awards and outstanding staff](#)

Deadline for State Faculty Support Grant Proposals is Jan. 21

The State Faculty Support Grant program supports research, scholarship and creative activities that help faculty remain current in their disciplines and contribute new knowledge, with the intent of strengthening California socially, culturally and economically. The deadline to submit proposals for awards of mini-grants and assigned time for the 2011-12 year is Jan. 21. For guidelines and an application form, visit the [Research and Graduate Programs website](#) or call the RGP office at ext. 6-1508.

Outstanding Staff Award Nominations Due Jan. 21

Nominations are being accepted through Jan. 21 for Cal Poly's Outstanding Staff Award. Visit the [Outstanding Staff Web page](#) for more information, including: nomination form; eligibility requirements; and nomination criteria. For more information, contact Ben Johnson, Outstanding Staff Committee chairman, at bjohnso@calpoly.edu.

IEP Faculty-Led Programs Moves to Summer Quarter

The International Education and Programs faculty-led program to Thailand has moved to summer quarter. During the Thai Study Summer 2012 program, students will study in Chiang Mai and Bangkok. Students and faculty will participate in community service learning projects, study issues of coastal development and visit Angkor Wat in Cambodia. The application deadline has been extended to March 1, 2011. For an application, visit the [faculty-led web site](#) or contact Jennifer O'Brien at jeobrien@calpoly.edu | http://iep.calpoly.edu/iep_faculty/teaching_opportunities/faculty_led.html

CALPERS Accepting Nominations for 2011 Special Board Election

The California Public Employees' Retirement System (CalPERS) is accepting nominations for potential candidates for a CalPERS Board of Administration representative position. CalPERS will conduct the election this year. This special election is being held to fill the vacant Member-At-Large Position B seat. The term will begin upon Secretary of State certification and expire Jan. 15, 2014. The CalPERS Board is responsible for management and control of the administration and investment of the retirement fund and renewal of the annual health insurance contracts for State employees.

Nominees must be active State CalPERS members employed by a CalPERS-covered agency as of Nov. 15, 2010. Nomination petitions, available from CalPERS, must contain at least 250 original signatures of active and/or retired members of CalPERS and must be received at the CalPERS headquarters in Sacramento by 5 p.m. Jan. 6, 2011.

Procedures for becoming a candidate and the election schedule are included in the "Notice of Election" posted in Human Resources and on the [HR benefits web site](#).

CalPERS members who are active March 1 are eligible to vote in this election. Ballots will be mailed directly to eligible active members April 21. Marked ballots must be postmarked or received by CalPERS by May 19. Any eligible member who does not receive a ballot by May 5 should contact the Board Elections Office at 800-794-2297 or 916-795-3952.

Campus Announcements

New Mileage Rates

Based on IRS guidelines, the Cal Poly Corporation and the Cal Poly Foundation mileage rate has increased to 51 cents per mile. This rate is effective for travel on or after Jan. 1, 2011. Travel Expense Claim forms and travel guidelines have been updated and are available on the Cal Poly Corporation and Cal Poly Foundation websites.

CLFSA Meetings for Winter Quarter Scheduled

Winter Quarter general meetings of the Chicana Latino Faculty Staff Association will be held the first Thursday of the month at 11 am. Join us at the first CLFSA meeting of the new year on Thursday, Jan. 6 at 11 a.m. in Building 47, Room 24B. The agenda includes discussion of fundraising needs and activities, winter and spring quarter events, scheduling a meeting with the new university president, and identifying a CLFSA webmaster and other positions. To add your name to the e-mail list for future notifications about meetings and events or for more information, contact Debra Valencia-Laver, CLFSA secretary, at dvalenc@calpoly.edu.

Bella Montana, a Faculty and Staff Housing Community

Visit the Bella Montana Homes [web site](#) for available homes for sale.

Graphic Arts Workshops for Everyone in January and March

Register now for four information-packed graphic communication workshops: Beyond Snapshots - Taking Photography to the Next Level (NEW); Photoshop - Basic Production for Web and Print; InDesign CS5 Jumpstart; and Deconstructing Web Pages. Cal Poly employee and multi-workshop discounts available. For more information, visit [GrCI's web site](#) or send e-mail to lsing@calpoly.edu.

Pilipino Cultural Exchange Club Sponsors Hula Classes

Beginning hula will be held Tuesday evenings Jan. 11 - Mar. 8, from 6:10 to 7:10 p.m. in the Architecture Building, Room 225. Classes are open to the public for both men and women. This is a non-credit class. Previous experience is not required. The cost is \$72 for students with ID, and \$90 for faculty, staff and community members for this winter quarter series. A \$12 per-class drop-in rate is available. Participants register at the first class meeting and should wear comfortable clothing. Call 805-550-4091 or contact hulaslo@gmail.com for more information.

Hands-on Excel Training Set for Jan. 21

Have you recently upgraded from Excel 2003 to Excel 2007 or 2010? Adjusting to the new ribbon interface may be proving difficult, especially if you have been a 2003 power user. Continuing Education is hosting an Excel training workshop Friday, Jan. 21 from 1 to 5 p.m. in the Business Building. The workshop is \$200 and will be taught by Professor Kenneth Griggs. This is not a Microsoft Office beginner course. Attendees should have some experience with Excel to get the most out of this course. Topics include: Introduction to the new ribbon interface; practice with absolute, relative, and mixed cell referencing; practice with formulas, functions and tools including arithmetic, statistical, financial, logical, and lookup and reference functions as well as goal seek and pivot table tools; creating and formatting charts; and practice with basic financial and accounting applications. Enroll on the [Continuing Ed. web site](#), space is limited..

Employment Equity Facilitator Training Set for Jan. 25

The Office of Employment Equity will offer EEF Training from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 25 in Fisher Science, Room 290. Martha Cody, director of Employment Equity, will lead the training. Carolyn Johnson from Academic Personnel and Rhiannon Ricketts from Human Resources will be available to answer questions about faculty and staff recruitment. To enroll in the training, contact Sumi

Student Financial Aid and Scholarship Deadline is March 2

The Financial Aid Office asks faculty and staff to inform students that the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) deadline is March 2. To apply for federal aid, state aid and Cal Poly scholarships, students must complete the FAFSA every year. Questions should be directed to ext. 6-2927.

2010-11 Federal Work-Study Program Update

Due to increased use of the Federal Work-Study (FWS) Program, there are a limited number of students with FWS funds. We regret that no new FWS awards will be made this academic year, and there are no current plans to increase existing Federal Work-Study awards. Should utilization level out, the decision will be reconsidered at a later date. FWS was awarded to applicants with a high need who filed a FAFSA application before the March 2 deadline. Be sure to encourage students to complete the 2011/12 FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov starting Jan. 1. Since we were unable to grant additional requests for Federal Work-Study in 2010/11, students currently on the FWS waiting list will be given priority for FWS in 2011/12, providing they meet the need requirements and file their FAFSA before the March 2 deadline.

Save the Date: Service Awards Luncheon Set for March 9

State, Corporation and ASI employees with milestone service anniversaries in 2010 will be honored at the Service Awards Luncheon from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 9 in Chumash Auditorium. Phil Bailey, dean of the College of Science and Mathematics, will be master of ceremonies. Tickets are \$10 and will be sold Feb. 1-25. IMPORTANT NOTE: Tickets will be taken at the door to ensure seating for all ticket holders. Watch for more information in an upcoming issue of Cal Poly Report, including where you can purchase tickets.

Passings



President Emeritus Robert E. Kennedy

Cal Poly President Emeritus Robert E. Kennedy died Christmas Day at age 95. Kennedy was named the president of California State Polytechnic College in 1967 and retired Feb. 1, 1979, as president of California Polytechnic State University. As president, he oversaw a period of significant, concentrated growth.

[More on Kennedy](#)

[See photos from President Emeritus Kennedy's years on campus](#)

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William Martínez Jr., Chair of the Modern Languages and Literature Department

William (Memo) Martínez Jr., chair of the Modern Languages and Literatures Department passed away unexpectedly Dec. 23, 2010 at age 49 in Valladolid, Spain. Martínez had taught at Cal Poly since September 1993 and was a strong proponent of international education.

[More on Martínez](#)



Events

Professor Spiller Performs in 'Liszt Commemorative' Piano Recital Jan. 7

Music Department chair and pianist W. Terrence Spiller will give a benefit recital of works by Johannes Brahms, Paul Hindemith and

Franz Liszt. The second half of the program is all Liszt to commemorate the composer's 200th birthday. Works include "Vier Klavierstücke," Op. 119 - Brahms; "Third Sonata" - Hindemith; "Trois Études de Concert" - Liszt; "Scherzo and Marsch" - Liszt; General admission is \$10 and \$6 dollars for seniors and students.

[For more information on the piano recital](#)

U Art Gallery Exhibits Photos of Santi Visalli Jan. 7– Feb. 19

Cal Poly's University Art Gallery will exhibit works by acclaimed photojournalist Santi Visalli Jan. 7 – Feb. 19. Visalli has traveled the globe as a news photographer and photojournalist for some of the world's leading magazines, newspapers and book publishers for more than 40 years.

Details at www.artgallery.calpoly.edu



The MET Live in HD: Puccini's La Fanciulla del West Jan. 8

Come see Puccini's La Fanciulla Jan. 8 at 10 a.m. in Cal Poly's Performing Arts Center. Puccini's wild-west opera had its world premiere in 1910 at the Met. Now, on the occasion of its centennial, all-American diva Deborah Voigt sings the title role of the "girl of the golden west," starring opposite Marcello Giordani. Nicola Luisotti conducts. Nicola Luisotti; Deborah Voigt, Marcello Giordani, Juha Uusitalo.

[For more information on La Fanciulla](#)

Job Vacancies

State Employment Opportunities

The official listing of staff and management vacancies is posted at <http://calpolyjobs.org>. To apply, go online and complete the application form. For assistance, call Human Resources at ext. 6-2236.

#102211 – Coordinator of Student Development, Student Services Professional II, Student Affairs, University Housing, Temporary full-time through June 15, 2012, \$3,519 - \$5,002 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: Jan. 17, 2011.

#102218 – Administrative Support Coordinator I, College of Liberal Arts, Psychology and Child Development, \$2,808 - \$4,212 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: Jan. 7, 2011.

#102219 – Intern, Association of College and University Housing Officers, Helper Aid, Student Affairs, University Housing, Temporary three month position, \$1,387 - \$2,808 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: Jan. 10, 2011.

#102220 – Associate Registrar, Curriculum, Catalog, and Scheduling, Administrator II, Academic Affairs, Office of the Registrar, salary commensurate with experience. Open until filled. Review begins: Jan. 10, 2011.

****This Internal Recruitment is Open to Cal Poly Employees Only (State, Corporation, and ASI)****

#102222 – Administrative Support Coordinator II, Academic Affairs, Admissions, Recruitment and Financial Aid, \$3,074 - \$4,615 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: Jan. 17, 2011.

#102223 – Accounting Technician I, Administration and Finance Division, Fiscal Services, Student Accounts, Temporary, full-time, two year appointment, \$2,674 - \$4,013 per month. Closes: Jan. 7, 2011.

#102224 – Temporary Emergency Clerical Pool, Temporary clerical positions (90-day max.). ASA I - \$12.05 - \$18.08 per hour, ASA II - \$14.45 - \$21.68 per hour, ASC I - \$16.20 - \$24.30 per hour, ASC II - \$17.73 - 26.63 per hour. Continuous hiring through June 30,

2011.

Executive Employment Opportunities

Candidates are asked to visit the online employment web site at <http://calpolyjobs.org> to view detailed information about the following vacancies, and to complete the management application to apply for the positions shown below. Please submit all requested application materials as attachments to your online application. For assistance, call Academic Personnel at ext. 6-6570.

#102203 – Dean, College of Engineering, Administrator IV, salary commensurate with experience. Open until filled. Review begins: Jan. 12, 2011.

#102191 – Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, Administrator III, Intercollegiate Athletics, salary commensurate with experience. Open until filled. Review begins: Dec. 3, 2010.

#102181 – Vice President for University Advancement, Administrator IV, University Advancement, salary commensurate with experience. Open until filled. Review begins: Nov. 22, 2010.

Faculty Employment Opportunities

Candidates are asked to visit the online employment web site at <http://calpolyjobs.org> to complete an application and apply for any of the positions shown below. Submit all requested application materials as attachments to your online application, unless otherwise specified in the ad.

There are no new job openings at this time.

Corporation Employment Opportunities

Cal Poly Corporation is a separate corporation operating in concert with the university to provide a diverse range of services and resources to students, faculty and staff. For an application, visit Human Resources in the Corporation Administration Building, check the web site at <http://www.calpolycorporation.org> or call ext. 6-1121.

There are no new job openings at this time.

ASI Employment Opportunities

Candidates are asked to visit <http://www.asi.calpoly.edu> to complete an application and apply for positions listed below. For more information, contact the ASI Business Office in UU, Room 212 or call ext. 6-5800.