

Cal Poly Report - Dec. 1, 2010

Cal Poly Report is going on holiday Dec. 22 and 29. Please plan your announcements accordingly.

News

Presidential Candidates on Campus This Week

The California State University has named three finalists for the presidency of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

Robert E. Palazzo, Thomas C. Skalak and Jeffrey D. Armstrong will visit campus Tuesday, Nov. 30; Wednesday, Dec. 1; and Thursday, Dec. 2. Each of the three finalists will spend a day on campus meeting faculty, staff, students, alumni and the community. A faculty and staff forum will be held daily in Spanos Theatre from 2 to 2:50 p.m.

[More on the candidates' visits](#) | [Read Palazzo's Bio](#) | [Read Palazzo's CV](#) | [Read Skalak's Bio](#) | [Read Skalak's CV](#) | [Read Armstrong's Bio](#) | [Read Armstrong's CV](#) | [More on the campus open forums](#) | [View a tentative schedule](#) |

RPTA Quiz Bowl Team Wins Nationals

The Recreation, Parks & Tourism Administration Department's Academic Quiz Bowl team was crowned champions of the first National Recreation and Park Association Academic Quiz Bowl last month in Minneapolis, Minn. The event was part of the association's Annual Congress, which drew more than 5,000 park and recreation professionals, students and faculty from all over the United States.

[Details on Quiz Bowl Team](#)



RPTA Student Named 'Future Scholar'

Katherine Soule, a Recreation, Parks & Tourism Administration master's degree recipient, recently received the prestigious "Future Scholars" award from the Society of Park and Recreation Educators. The award came at the National Recreation and Park Association's Annual Congress in Minneapolis, Minn. Soule was chosen as one of two "Future Scholars" from a pool of 20 nominees from across North America.

[More information on the 'Future Scholar'](#)

Faculty, Students Team to Write The Book on Sustainable Tourism

Cal Poly's Recreation, Parks & Tourism Administration Department paired with the California Travel & Tourism Commission to create the new Sustainable Tourism Marketing Handbook. The handbook was created by Professor Bill Hendricks, head of the department; faculty member Jerusha

Greenwood; graduate student Tyson Stockton; and undergraduate student Dani Correll.

[More on tourism marketing handbook](#)

Mustang Daily Earns National Honors

The Mustang Daily, Cal Poly's student-published daily newspaper, earned two Associated Collegiate Press Pacemaker honors, which were announced in October at the National College Media Convention in Louisville, Ky. For the second time in four years, the newspaper's web site, www.mustangdaily.net, received the Pacemaker in the large-school newspaper category.

Faculty and Staff

Retirements



Retirement Reception for Luann McDonald is Dec. 1

The Admissions, Recruitment and Financial Aid Department invites the campus community to a reception honoring Luann McDonald from 3 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, in the PAC Lobby. During her 27 years of service, McDonald initiated Cal Poly's popular Outstanding Student Employee of the Year recognition program. She served on the Students with Disabilities Advisory Committee 1996-2004, serving as the chair of that committee during her last term. McDonald was also recognized as Disability Resource Center's Outstanding Staff Member of the Year in 2004. In 2010, she was named Outstanding Staff of the Year by the Division of Student Affairs. Join us in sending her off in style.

Retirement Reception for Alison Cone is for Dec. 9

Alison Cone, director of Athletics, is retiring after 16 years of service to Cal Poly. The Athletic Department invites the campus community to a reception in her honor Thursday, Dec. 9, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Sage Restaurant. Please stop by and wish Alison well in her retirement. For more information, contact Lynn Ogden at ext. 6-2924.



Retirement Reception for Dan Howard-Greene is Dec. 9

The President's Office invites the campus community to a reception honoring retiring Chief of Staff, Dan Howard-Greene. The reception will take place at 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, in the lobby of the Christopher Cohan Performing Arts Center.

Howard-Greene has served in the President's Office since 1994. As chief liaison between university president and university divisions, constituencies and general public, Howard-Greene provided direct staff support for President Baker and Interim President Glidden. He also served as chair and member of the Cal Poly Foundation (now Corporation) Board of Directors, as well as chair and member of many campuswide standing committees. Please join us as we thank Dan for his exemplary service.

Catastrophic Leave Drives

Patricia Robinson

Patricia Robinson, a physician in the Health Center, has qualified for personal catastrophic leave. Those wishing to donate vacation and/or sick leave to help Robinson remain in full-pay status during an extended leave of absence should contact Alexandra Kohler at ext. 6-2122 or by email akohler@calpoly.edu to request a donation form.

Cynthia Jenkins

Cynthia Jenkins, administrative support coordinator in Academic Records, has qualified for personal catastrophic leave. Those wishing to donate vacation and/or sick leave to help Jenkins remain in full-pay status during an extended leave of absence should contact Patricia Warnick Wait at ext. 6-2723 or by email pwarnick@calpoly.edu to request a donation form.

Dianne Johnson

Dianne Johnson, administrative support coordinator in Construction Management, has qualified for personal catastrophic leave. Those wishing to donate vacation and/or sick leave to help Johnson remain in full-pay status during an extended leave of absence should contact Jenay Renolds at ext. 6-1323 or by email jreyno00@calpoly.edu to request a donation form.

Sandra Anderson

Sandra Anderson, custodian in University Housing, has qualified for personal catastrophic leave. Those wishing to donate vacation and/or sick leave to help Anderson remain in full-pay status during an extended leave of absence should contact Debi Wages at ext. 6-1559 or by email dwages@calpoly.edu to request a donation form.

University Cashier December Payroll Distribution Announcement

Only individuals will be able to pick up their December paychecks at the University Cashier's Office from 3 to 5 p.m. Dec. 31. All remaining checks will be available for normal departmental pickup only Monday, Jan. 3, beginning at 8 a.m. No individual pickups after Dec. 31. A Cal Poly Photo ID is required for ALL pickups.

CSU Offers Financial Planning Options

The [Human Resources benefits web site](#) is currently highlighting two benefit programs available to assist you with financial planning and tax-deferred savings. Take a minute to review the [special message and flyer](#) about the CSU Tax Sheltered Annuity program and how it can help you now to save money on taxes and invest in your future. Also, consider registering for membership in the HelloWallet online personal finance tool, available **FREE** through Dec. 31. See the HelloWallet [Reminder Notice](#) for details, as well as a link to the "Getting Started" online webinar you can view at any time. Do something good for yourself today. Learn about these programs, and take advantage of the valuable benefits they offer.

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 in 2011. This Special Election is being held to fill the vacant Member-At-Large Position B seat, and 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 at <http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/HR/benefits.asp?pid=3>.

CalPERS members who are active March 1, 2011, are eligible to vote in this election. Ballots will be mailed directly to eligible active members April 21, 2011. Marked ballots must be postmarked or received by CalPERS by May 19, 2011. Any eligible member who does not receive a ballot by May 5, 2011, should contact the Board Elections Office at 800-794-2297 or 916-795-3952.

Applications Available For Faculty-Led Programs Due Dec. 1

International Education and Programs invites faculty to apply to teach for the Winter 2012 Australia Study Program, the Spring 2012 Thai Study Program, and the Summer 2012 London Study and Summer 2012 Peru Study programs. Applications are available on the [International Education and Programs web site](#). The application submission deadline is Dec. 1.

Chicana Latino Faculty Staff Association Meeting is Friday

Join us for the last general meeting of 2010 of the Chicana Latino Faculty Staff Association. Current and interested members will meet Friday, Dec. 3, at noon in Faculty Offices North, Room 24B. 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.

Cal Poly Cat Program Hosts Photo Day for Pets

The Cal Poly Cat Program will be on hand this Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 4 and 5, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for a "Get your pets' pictures taken with Santa Claus" event. The event is open to the public and takes place at Petsmart, 1530 Froom Ranch Way in San Luis Obispo. The cost is \$9.95 and includes a 4x6 picture in a frame. The Cal Poly Cat Program will receive \$5 from each photo purchase.

Distinguished Scholarship Award Nominations Due Dec. 6

Students, faculty and alumni are encouraged to nominate Cal Poly faculty for the Distinguished Scholarship Awards. These awards recognize the scholarship and creative activity of both junior and senior faculty across all disciplines at Cal Poly. Nominations are due Dec. 6. Visit the [Distinguished Scholarship Award web site](#) for more information.

Nominations Sought for Top Staff Award

The deadline to submit a nomination form the 2010-2011 Outstanding Staff Employee Award is Jan. 21. To be eligible, nominees must be full-time or part-time employees of the university, Corporation, or ASI and who are in at least their third year of employment as of Dec. 31 and are not represented by bargaining unit 3 (faculty). Past recipients of the award are also ineligible. The Outstanding Staff Nomination Form can be found at: <http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/osa>

FSN Professor Presents at National Meeting

Aydin Nazmi, assistant professor in the Department of Food Science and Nutrition, presented findings from the Cal Poly FLASH Longitudinal College Health Study at the 28th Annual Scientific Meeting of the Obesity Society in San Diego in October. The Obesity Society Meeting is the largest national conference dedicated to the multi-disciplinary study of obesity in the nation.

Campus Announcements

Vanpool Openings Available

Try it free for a week. Vanpooling helps save on gas, vehicle wear and tear, parking fees and insurance costs. If you're interested in trying a vanpool, we'll let you ride free for a week (on vans with current vacancies). For more information, contact Susan Rains, Commuter and Access Services Coordinator at ext. 6-6680 or srains@calpoly.edu.

El Corral Customer Appreciation Sale is Thursday

El Corral Bookstore will hold it's Annual Holiday Customer Appreciation Sale on Thursday, Dec. 2. Save 30 percent on all Cal Poly clothing and accessories, holiday gift items, student and office supplies, gift wrap and greeting cards, Roxy, Dakine and Baggallini bags and shoes, calendars and much more. Shop early for the best selection. Open until 6 p.m. For more information, visit [El Corral online](#).

Hydroponics Greenhouse Open House is Thursday

The student members of the Greenhouse Vegetable Production class are having an Open House from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2. Come see how tomatoes, cucumbers, lettuce and peppers are grown using hydroponics techniques. Samples of produce will be available for tasting. The greenhouse is located at the Crops Unit and is visible from Highland Drive.

New: Grade Changes Available Online - Attend the Open Forum

With the Fall 2010 grading cycle, specific grade changes are being automated. Join the Office of the Registrar this Friday, Dec. 3, from

11 a.m. to noon in UU220 at our Open Forum to learn what, where and how grade changes can be done. Faculty and academic department staff are strongly encouraged to attend.

Poly Plant Shop Holiday Open House is Friday

The Poly Plant Shop will host its annual Holiday Open House Friday, Dec. 3, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. AIFD designer Gerald Toh will hold two separate demonstrations on holiday decorating at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The Plant Shop has Poinsettias, paperwhites and holiday arrangements for sale, and there will be refreshments and music. Additionally, the Poinsettia Enterprise Project will host its own open houses Dec. 4 and 11 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Student Community Services Gift Drive Underway

Student Community Services (SCS) will hold its annual Holiday Gift Drive for underprivileged children and teenagers in San Luis Obispo County. Last year, SCS provided approximately 450 gifts for children and families in the San Luis Obispo community. The Holiday Gift Drive is open to all who would like to participate, including students, faculty, staff and community members. The goal is to fulfill every wish, and we need help. Visit the SCS office UU 217 to pick up a gift tag. The deadline to deliver gifts is Wednesday, Dec. 9.

Cal Poly Housing Corporation Board Meeting is Dec. 10

The Board of Directors of the Cal Poly Housing Corporation will hold its next meeting on Friday, Dec. 10 at 9:30 a.m. in the Corporation Administration Building, Room 124. This is a public meeting. A copy of the agenda will be available for public review at the Corporation Administration Building. For more information, contact Grant Trexler, managing director, Cal Poly Housing Corporation at ext. 6-1131.



Dine at Sage Restaurant before the Nutcracker on Dec. 11 and 12

Dine at Sage Restaurant before the much adored Nutcracker performance at the PAC on Dec. 11 and 12. Enjoy local wines from the Central Coast and special prix fixe menus to get you in and out in time for the show. Sage Restaurant opens at 5 p.m. for dinner. Reservations are encouraged. Call ext. 6-1204 or visit the [Sage Restaurant web site](#).

Know a 2010 Grad? Get 'em a Grad Pack, Senior Class Gift

Cal Poly Alumni Association Grad Packs include an annual or life membership, benefits packet and an 'Alumni' chrome license plate frame at the special rate of \$20.10. Grad Packs make great gifts for graduating seniors and are [available online](#) or by calling the Alumni Office at ext. 6-2586.

Back by popular demand this year: the Senior Class Gift. The class gift campaign was the idea of Cal Poly's [Student Philanthropy Council](#).

[More on 2010 Grad Packs](#) | [More on Donating to the Senior Class Gift 2010](#)

Get Your Green On!

A groundswell of spirit is bubbling up at Cal Poly. The Mustang Maniacs, with support from Athletics and El Corral Bookstore, are urging students, faculty and staff to **Get Your Green On!** every Thursday. The goal is to celebrate Cal Poly's rich traditions, support all our student-athletes and show our pride for Cal



Poly. We want to SEE a SEA of Green every Thursday and at every athletics event! Visit the [Cal Poly Spirit Page](#), and stay tuned for more spirit events.



Bella Montana, A Faculty and Staff Housing Community

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



Free Lunch Delivery Service from Sandwich Factory

If you don't have time to get out of the office for lunch, Sandwich Factory can deliver a customized sandwich and other lunch favorites to your office or meeting room on campus. The delivery service is free. Orders need to be placed by 10 a.m. Monday-Friday. Fill out and fax a completed [Lunch Delivery Order Form](#) or call Sandwich Factory at ext. 6-5950 to place an order.

Save 10 Percent at Julian's Patisserie in December

Receive 10 percent off orders at Julian's Patisserie, located on the second floor of the Kennedy Library. Offer good during the month of December and cannot be combined with any other offer. Visit the Campus Dining web site for [regular business hours](#).



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 email lsing@calpoly.edu.

Events

Another Type of Groove to Present Terisa Siagatonu Dec. 1

Another Type of Groove, the Cal Poly MultiCultural Center's monthly spoken-word poetry event, will present Terisa Siagatonu from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 1, in the Performing Arts Center Pavilion. At 22, Siagatonu has already established herself as a poet, spoken-word artist and arts educator. The Bay Area native and activist has performed on stages such as San Francisco's Herbst Theatre and at events including the 2010 Oakland PRIDE Festival, San Jose's Polynesian Heritage Festival and UC Berkeley's third annual Queer and Asian Conference.

[Details on Siagatonu's performance](#)

Gen. Stanley McChrystal to Speak Dec. 2 at Cal Poly

Retired Army Gen. Stanley McChrystal, a pivotal leader in U.S. military operations in Afghanistan from 2002 to 2009, will appear as part of Cal Poly Arts' lecture series Thursday, Dec. 2, at 7:30 p.m. in the Christopher Cohan Performing Arts Center at Cal Poly. McChrystal, a four-star general, will speak on America's global role and its security issues in a lecture titled "The State of International Affairs and the Security Challenges Facing America."

[More on the McChrystal event](#)

Instrumental Student Recital Dec. 2

Stop by the Davidson Music Center, Room 218 on Thursday, Dec. 2, for a free recital at 11



a.m.

U Art Gallery Shows Works of Joan Tanner Through Dec. 3

Cal Poly's University Art Gallery will host an exhibit of works by Santa Barbara artist Joan Tanner Nov. 5 to Dec. 3.

Details at www.artgallery.calpoly.edu

Ninth Annual Organic Pest Control Conference Set for Dec. 3-4

Cal Poly and California Certified Organic Farmers will host the ninth annual Sustainable Pest Management Conference at the San Luis Obispo Veterans Hall on Dec. 3 and 4. The conference agenda addresses hot topics in California integrated pest management including light brown apple moth and other invasive pests; spotted wing drosophila; Asian citrus psyllid; and upcoming changes in water regulations. The conference is open to anyone interested in sustainable agriculture, including pest control advisers, growers and agricultural consultants. Participants can gain a greater understanding of the latest developments in effective, sustainable pest control.

[Details on Pest Control Conference](#)

University Jazz Bands in Concert Dec. 3

This concert will feature an eclectic mix of jazz standards and modern compositions performed by the University Jazz Band No. 1 and No. 2 and the Cal Poly Jazz Combos. The concert starts at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 3. Tickets cost \$10 for general admission, \$8 for seniors and Jazz Federation members and \$6 for students.

[More on Jazz Band](#)

Cal Poly Choirs' A Christmas Celebration' Concert Dec. 4

This festive annual concert by the Cal Poly Choirs will put you in the mood for the holidays. Join us for an evening of some of the season's most beautiful music. A carol sing-a-long will be included. Tickets are \$17 and \$20 general admission, \$16 and \$19 for seniors and \$10 for students. Performers include: PolyPhonics, The University Singers, Early Music Ensemble, and the Cal Poly Brass Ensemble (special guests conducted by Christopher Woodruff).

[Details on holiday show](#)



Cal Poly Students to Present Cycling Tour on SLO's History Dec. 4

Students in Cal Poly's Ethnic Studies course on Global Origins of U.S. Cultures will host "Tour de SLO: A Path Through Our Multiethnic History" from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 4. The free tour, based on student research, is open to the public and consists of two simultaneous routes that begin at either Mission Plaza or the Railroad Station. "Tour de SLO" is designed to be taken on bike, but the public is invited to sprint, skate, scoot, or stroll as well.

[More information on the tour](#)

See A Christmas Carol Dec. 4-5

Gilbert Reed's masterful telling of the Dickens classic in this lively ballet will delight the entire family. Set to Sir Thomas Beecham's orchestrations of music by G. F. Handel, "A Christmas Carol" tells the story of Ebenezer Scrooge's journey from heartless miser to generous soul. An experience to last a lifetime. See the performance Dec. 4 and 5 at the Performing Arts Center.

[For more information on A Christmas Carol](#)



Joy to the World Presented by San Luis Vocal Arts Ensemble Dec. 5

San Luis Vocal Arts Ensemble presents Joy to the World, a holiday concert with an international flair, Dec. 5 at 3 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Come along on a spirited



sleigh ride across the globe as we sing of peace, love and goodwill to the people of our earth.

[More details on Joy to the World](#)

Cal Poly's Take It SLO to Perform Two Holiday Performances Dec. 5

Take It SLO, Cal Poly's a cappella ensemble, will present its second annual Holiday Concert at 2 and 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 5, in Room 218 of the Davidson Music Center on campus. The 15-member vocal ensemble will perform a variety of songs to raise the holiday spirit, plus some new works and old favorites, all arranged by the students. The group members are students from a variety of majors on campus.

[More about the holiday concerts](#)

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.

#102200 – Multicultural Engineering Program Academic Advisor, Student Services Professional II, College of Engineering, Advising Center, \$3,519 - \$5,002 per month, hiring range: \$3,519 - \$3,695 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: Dec. 3, 2010.

#102206 – Assistant Dean, Administrator II, Orfalea College of Business, Dean's Office, salary is commensurate with experience. Open until filled. Review begins: Dec. 21, 2010.

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.

#102196 - Full-Time Lecturer, Power and Machinery, BioResource and Agricultural Engineering, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences ext. 6-2378. Review begins: Feb. 1, 2010.

#102197 - Full-Time Lecturer, Engineering Surveying and Geographic Information Systems, BioResource and Agricultural Engineering, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences ext. 6-2378. Review begins: Feb. 1, 2010.

#102192 - Tenure Track Position, Graphic Communication, Graphic Communication Department, College of Liberal Arts ext. 6-1108. Review begins: Jan. 3, 2010.

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.

Research Scientist – Physics Department, College of Science and Mathematics, \$51,558 - \$74,698 per year. Requires PhD in Physics (preferably high-energy nuclear/particle physics or low-energy nuclear physics) with experience in high-volume data collection and analysis using modern computing techniques and programming with modern object-oriented languages, compilers and standard libraries. The Research Scientist will conduct research as part of the Neutron Induced Fission Fragment Tracking Experiment (NIFFTE) collaboration, including travel to Los Alamos and Livermore Labs.

Campus Catering Sales – Campus Dining, \$11.90 - \$14.57 per hour. High school degree or equivalent and one year experience in Sales or Food & Beverage required; food service-related experience preferred. Requires excellent computer literacy, customer service and organizational skills. Full-time, 40+ hours/week required.

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.

The are no new job openings at this time.

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