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News



Cal Poly's New President Kicked Off First Day by Meeting with Students, Faculty and Staff

Jeffrey D. Armstrong began his first day as Cal Poly's ninth permanent president by having breakfast with student leaders at Einstein Brothers Bagels in Poly Canyon Village. He also hosted a news conference, met staff and attended an Academic Senate meeting. Armstrong says he enjoyed the day's activities and is excited to be a part of the Cal Poly community.

[See photos of President Armstrong's first day](#)

[Visit the President's Page](#) | [Read Armstrong's CV](#)

Cal Poly Mechanical Engineering Lab Receives \$250,000 Gift

Cal Poly mechanical engineering students focusing on heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration (HVAC&R) will receive real-world experience in a newly renovated lab,

thanks to a \$250,000 gift from Critchfield Mechanical, Inc. (CMI).

[Details on the mechanical engineering lab donation](#)

Cal Poly Students Place First in Green Energy Challenge Poster Competition

The Cal Poly student chapter of the National Electrical Contractors Association placed first in the poster competition portion of the NECA Green Energy Challenge, which took place in October.

[Read more about the poster competition award](#)

Faculty and Staff

Memorial for William "Memo" Martinez is Feb. 5

A Celebration of Life for William "Memo" Martinez, professor and chair of the Modern Languages and Literatures Department, will be held Saturday, Feb. 5, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Business Rotunda. A dessert reception will follow. For more information, visit http://cla.calpoly.edu/cla_memomartinez.html or contact the Modern Languages and Literatures Department at ext. 6-1205.

Open Forum for Assistant Vice Provost

One open forum remains for the position for of Assistant Vice Provost. The campus community is invited and encouraged to attend the final forum scheduled for Friday, Feb. 11, from 9 to 10 a.m. in UU 220. Carter Hammett-McGarry, director of General Education at Appalachian State University, will give a 15- to 20-minute presentation on the topic of "The Importance of Effective Advising," followed by Q&A session. (Note that the Feb. 4 forum is canceled as the candidate withdrew her candidacy.)

Submit feedback to Cem Sunata at csunata@calpoly.edu.

Service Awards Luncheon Tickets on Sale Now

Tickets for the Service Awards Luncheon will be sold until Feb. 26. Cost is \$10. Make checks payable to "Cal Poly Corporation." State, Corporation and ASI employees with milestone service anniversaries in 2010 will be honored at the Service Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, March 9, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium.

To purchase tickets, contact Tracy Watson at ext 6-1292, Geri Bolivar at ext. 6-2321, Cheryl May at ext. 6-5785, Colleen Rodriguez at ext. 6-2606 or Jeanne Secrest at ext.6-1122. Tickets will be taken at the door to ensure seating for all ticket holders.

Nominations Deadline for Student Employee Award is Feb. 9

Faculty and staff members can show their appreciation for student employees by nominating them for the university's 2010/2011 Outstanding Student Employee of the Year (OSEY) award. Nominees must have completed at least six months of part-time student employment during the academic year, June 21, 2010, to June 12, 2011. Eligible candidates include state, ASI and CP Corporation student employees. Nominees can be Federal Work-Study and non-Federal Work-Study students.

Cal Poly's 2010-11 Outstanding Student Employee will be announced in April. The winner is entered into the state competition and may go on to the regional and national competitions. The national winner is announced National Student Employment Week during the second week of April. Print the [2010-11 OSEY nomination form](#) and return to the Office of the Vice President of Student Affairs, or e-mail your nomination form to vpsa@calpoly.edu by Wednesday, Feb. 9.

CTL Develops Professional Learning Communities

A grant program supporting faculty and staff members in the formation of professional learning communities (PLCs) has been developed by the Center for Teaching and Learning. Professional learning communities are small collaborative endeavors of 8-12 people organized around either a cohort or theme. PLCs involve regular meetings with the goal of developing individual and/or group projects.

The CTL has sponsored or co-sponsored six professional learning communities during the 2010-11 academic year. These include: Scholarly Teaching and Learning; Method and Assessment in Curricula for Sustainable, Food, and Environmental Sciences; Critical Thinking; Developing a Sustainable Retention Intervention for Sophomore Students; Building Capacity for Service Learning; and Universal Design for Learning. For more information about the CTL and professional learning communities, visit <http://www.ctl.calpoly.edu/faculty/index.html>.

Campus Announcements

ITS Increases Zimbra Account Quotas for Students, Faculty and Staff

Zimbra account quotas have been increased to 3 GB for faculty, staff, auxiliary (CPC & ASI), and departments. Student accounts are now 1 GB. These changes support new security standards and a growing need for collaborative work spaces. For more information about using Zimbra features, visit the [Service Desk Spotlight section](#), or contact the ITS Service Desk at ext. 6-7000.

Sage Restaurant Closed for Lunch Feb. 2

Sage Restaurant will be closed during lunch on Wednesday, Feb. 2 for a private party. The restaurant will re-open for dinner at 5 p.m. To view a list of food venues on campus, visit our [web site](#).

CLFSA Meeting Set for Friday

Winter Quarter general meetings of the Chicana Latino Faculty Staff Association are back to being held on the first Friday of the month at noon, locations will vary. Join the next CLFSA meeting this Friday at noon in The Fisher Science Building, Room 209. For more information, contact Debra Valencia-Laver, CLFSA secretary, at dvalenc@calpoly.edu.

Foundation Board Meeting is Feb. 8

The Cal Poly Foundation Board of Directors will hold its board meeting, which is open to the public, beginning at noon Tuesday, Feb. 8, at the Hyatt Regency Sacramento. For more information about the meeting or to obtain a copy of the agenda, call the Cal Poly Foundation office at ext. 6-1445.

Career Services to Host Lunchtime Conversations Set for Feb.

Faculty, staff and students are invited to join Career Services for the following lunchtime conversations. Free lunch will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. All discussions are 11 a.m. to noon at Career Services, Room 117. Sponsored by Lockheed Martin & Fluor.

Tuesday, Feb. 8 - An Employer Perspective: How to Stand Out; Tuesday, Feb. 15 - Employer Benefits 101; Tuesday, Feb. 22 - Job Search Survival Post-Poly.

Two Employment Equity Facilitator Training Workshops Available

The Office of Employment Equity will offer EEF Training from 11a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 10, and 9:30 to 11 a.m. Friday, March 4, 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 Seacat at ext. 6-7387 or sseacat@calpoly.edu.

Poly Escapes Hosts Wilderness Certification, Re-Certification Courses

The Wilderness Medicine Institute of NOLS and ASI Poly Escapes are sponsoring a two-day course covering a wide range of wilderness medicine topics for people who travel outdoors. The course is set for Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 12-13, and will take place in UU220. Tuition is \$145 for students and \$195 for non-students.

The course prepares students for the unexpected. WMI's unique curriculum includes advanced topics such as dislocation reduction, focused spinal assessment and epinephrine administration. The course is ideal for trip leaders, camp staff, outdoor enthusiasts and individuals living in remote locations. WMI's course is pre-approved by the American Camping Association, the United States Forest Service and other governmental agencies. For more information, contact Nancy Clark at ext. 6-7007 or naclark@calpoly.edu. Visit the [Poly Escapes Get Active site](#) for information.

Application Deadline for Cal State CDIP Program is Feb. 15

Through the Chancellor's Doctoral Incentive Program (CDIP), the California State University (CSU) provides student loans (up to \$10,000 per year for a total of \$30,000) to a limited number of individuals pursuing doctoral degrees at accredited universities throughout the U.S. The program aims to increase the number of promising doctoral students interested in applying and competing for future CSU instructional faculty positions. After participants earn their doctoral degrees, are hired for a qualifying instructional position in the CSU and meet the CDIP program requirements, 20 percent of the loan will be forgiven for each year of full-time postdoctoral teaching employment in the CSU.

Part-time teaching in the CSU may also be considered for partial loan forgiveness if the participant teaches at least half-time and

has successfully completed the doctorate degree.

Campus deadline for CDIP applications has been extended to 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 15. Deliver applications to the Center for Teaching & Learning Office, Kennedy Library, Room 209. For more information, contact Bruno Giberti, director of the Center for Teaching & Learning at ext. 6-2036 or bgiberti@calpoly.edu or visit the [Cal State CDIP web site](#).

Statistical Consulting Service Available to Campus Through March 11

The Statistics Department will provide statistical consulting services to the campus community through March 11. The intent is to provide support to faculty, staff and students on projects and research. Consulting is under way.

Karen McGaughey and John Walker serve as the main consultants. They are available to advise on data collection, experimental design and analysis of research projects. They are also available to lead seminars or tutorials on requested topics and offer advice on various computer packages currently available at Cal Poly. Lectures may also be available to groups with special areas of statistical inference. For more information, scheduling or to make an appointment, visit the [Consulting Services web site](#).

Bella Montana, a Faculty and Staff Housing Community

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

Events



Make a 'Shift' With Orchesis Dancers in Annual Concert Feb. 3-5

Come see inspiring choreography and dance from Cal Poly professors and students in the annual concert of the university's dance troupe, Orchesis. Orchesis performances are set for Feb. 3-5.

[Details on Orchesis Dancers](#)

Cal Poly to Host Poet Brutha Gimel Feb. 2 for Black History Month


Another Type of Groove: Spoken-Word Poetry will celebrate Black History Month with featured poet Brutha Gimel from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Feb. 2 at Cal Poly's Chumash Auditorium. Brutha Gimel was introduced to the world of spoken-word poetry in 1997. Along with friends and poets Dante' Basco, Shihan and Poetri, Gimel launched Da Poetry Lounge, a venue for spoken-word artists in Los Angeles.

[Details on Gimel's performance](#)



Annual 'Night at the Mission' Chamber Ensemble Concert Feb. 5

Several of Cal Poly's finest student music ensembles will perform traditional and contemporary chamber music at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, in the Old Mission Church in San Luis Obispo. "A Night at the Mission" will include performances by various instrumental ensembles including woodwind quintets, saxophone quartets, horn choir, flute choir, clarinet ensemble, trumpet ensemble, trombone choir, brass choir, string quartet and brass quintet. The event will help raise money for the University



Jazz Bands – Cal Poly's two big bands – to travel to Puerto Rico in June, where they will perform and take part in educational clinics and workshops.

[More information on the Night at the Mission](#)

SLO Symphony Classics III Feb. 5

The SLO Symphony will perform at the Performing Arts Center Feb. 5 at 8 p.m.

[Details on the SLO Symphony Classics III](#)

Hear the Vienna Boys Choir Feb. 8

Hear the renowned Vienna Boys Choir on Tuesday, Feb. 8, in the Cohan Center. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. The world's most beloved boy's choir has been thrilling audiences young and old for more than 500 years. Comprising talented singers between the ages of 10 and 14, the choir's angelic a cappella vocals have not only been the age-old sound of Austria, but their harmonic tones have served as an international vocal touchstone in concert halls around the globe.

[Details on VB Choir](#)

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.

*****REVISED*** #102212 – System Administrator**, Operating Systems Analyst, career, College of Engineering, Computer Science, \$4,314 - \$8,831 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: Feb. 14, 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.

#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.

#102237 - Tenure-Track Position, Polymer Chemistry, Chemistry and Biochemistry Department, College of Science and Mathematics ext. 6-2694. Review begins: March 28, 2011.

#102240 - Full-Time Lecturer, Nonruminant Nutrition, Swine Production and Livestock Evaluation, Animal Science Department,

College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences ext. 6-1241. Review begins: March 14, 2011.

#102241 - Tenure-Track Position, Assistant/Associate Professor of Nutrition and/or Immunology, Animal Science Department, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences ext. 6-1241. Review begins: March 18, 2011.

#102242 - Tenure-Track Position, Assistant/Associate Professor of Reproductive Physiology, Animal Science Department, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences ext. 6-1241. Review begins: March 18, 2011.

#102239 - Full-Time Lecturer, Equine Management, Equitation, and Behavior Modification, Animal Science Department, College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences ext. 6-1241. Review begins: March 14, 2011.

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. To view job postings and/or apply for any regular-benefited position at Cal Poly Corporation, please visit our [web site](#). For assistance contact Human Resources at ext. 6-1121.

There are no new job opportunities 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.

There are no new job opportunities at this time.

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