



# Cal Poly Report - Sept. 14, 2011

## News

### Cal Poly Named Best in the West for 19th Straight Year

For the 19th straight year, Cal Poly has been rated the best public-master's university in the West in U.S. News & World Report's 2012 America's Best Colleges guidebook. Cal Poly ranked seventh in the magazine's overall list of the West's best universities, including both public and private institutions that provide "a full range of undergraduate and master's-level programs but few, if any, doctoral programs." "We are pleased that U.S. News has again recognized Cal Poly as Best in the West," said Cal Poly President Jeffrey D. Armstrong. "We believe the dedication and commitment of our faculty and staff to our students along with our renowned Learn by Doing philosophy make this annual achievement possible. We couldn't be more proud." Cal Poly's College of Engineering program was again named second best public master's engineering program in the country, just behind the U.S. Military Academy.

[More on the U.S. News ranking](#)



### President Armstrong Outlines Broad Vision for University in Fall Conference Speech

Cal Poly President Jeffrey D. Armstrong reiterated the university's commitment to its Learn by Doing education, called for a greater reliance on private fundraising to offset state budget cuts and outlined his plans for providing greater support to student success during a speech to faculty and staff Tuesday at the 2011 Fall Conference, the traditional kickoff to the new academic year. Saying he was looking at a horizon 10 to 15 years out, Armstrong, who became Cal Poly's president in February, painted a picture of Cal Poly thriving "as a nationally recognized beacon of excellence." He praised the faculty members for their commitment to students' success and urged them to be flexible in adapting the university's curriculum to society's changing times, specifically to find ways to enrich Cal Poly's renowned Learn by Doing programs by requiring more complex, multi-disciplinary projects for students. In Armstrong's vision, the university itself would have a larger, more diverse student body, populated not only by more California students of color but also having more out-of-state students and more international students -- with more students living on campus.

[More details on the president's speech](#)

### Cal Poly Engineering Students Win National Heating and Air Conditioning Design Competition

Cal Poly Engineering students won first place in the Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) System Selection category of the 2011 student design competition held by the American Society of Heating Refrigeration and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE). Competitors had to select and design the HVAC system for the Drake Well Museum in Titusville, Pa. The site launched the modern petroleum industry with the world's first oil well in 1859. The Cal Poly team included students Lynn Gualtieri, Evan Olda, Kristin Porter, Navid Saidnia, Jeffrey Wong and Cameron Young; faculty adviser was Jesse Maddren. Cal Poly's entry was among more than 20 submitted from around the world. The winning entry emphasized "green and sustainable design" including a solar panel array that would

offset approximately 95 percent of the museum's energy consumption.

[More on the students' victory](#)



## Cal Poly Faculty and Students Use Underwater Robots to Track Sharks

Cal Poly faculty and students are working with peers from CSU Long Beach on a project using Autonomous Underwater Vehicles to track sharks. The work is being funded by a three-year, \$490,000 grant from the National Science Foundation's Robust Intelligence program. The marine robots have the potential to track sharks across longer distances and for longer time periods than current methods, and they can detect ocean environments that may affect migration patterns.

[More on the shark project](#)

## Faculty and Staff

### Local News Anchor Joins Cal Poly's Journalism Department

Well-known and popular KSBY-TV morning news anchor Richard Gearhart has joined Cal Poly's Journalism Department as an associate professor. Gearhart will coordinate the department's broadcast concentration, including Cal Poly's TV station, CPTV, and KCPR radio. He will also teach in these areas. A Cal Poly alumnus, Gearhart brings more than 20 years of industry experience to the department. He began his career in radio, working as a news anchor and reporter at several Central Coast radio stations while completing his journalism degree. In 1990, Gearhart joined KSBY. During his tenure at the station, he has worked as a producer, reporter, assignment editor and anchor. He will remain at the station as the anchor of Daybreak, a morning newscast.

[More on Gearhart's new role](#)



### Robert E. Kennedy Library Faculty Helps Create New Open-Access Journal



Marisa Ramirez, digital repository librarian in the Robert E. Kennedy Library on campus, is the co-creator of a new open-access, peer-reviewed journal called the Journal of Librarianship and Scholarly Communication. Created with librarian Isaac Gilman from Pacific University in Oregon, the journal is dedicated to library-led scholarly communication initiatives, online publishing and digital projects. Ramirez and Gilman are co-editors in collaboration with an editorial board composed of experienced library practitioners. The journal will provide a shared intellectual space for scholarly communication librarians, institutional repository managers, digital archivists, digital data managers and related professionals. Library practitioners can share ideas, strategies and research related to repository and digital collection management, library publishing/hosting services and authors' rights advocacy efforts. The first issue is planned for early 2012. In keeping with principles of open

access, all content will be licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution license. For more information, visit <http://jisc-pub.org/> or [http://lib.calpoly.edu/about/news/11\\_0906\\_jisc.html](http://lib.calpoly.edu/about/news/11_0906_jisc.html).

### Johanna Madjedi Named Associate Vice Provost for Information Technology Services

Johanna Madjedi, an experienced higher education information technology leader, has been named associate vice provost for Information Technology Services. The appointment, announced by Vice Provost and Chief Information Officer Michael Miller, is part of

the recent reorganization of IT and Library Services into the new division called Information Services. As associate vice provost, Madjedi assumes operational leadership for all ITS departments. Madjedi, a Cal Poly Computer Science graduate, joined Cal Poly in 1992, bringing corporate network experience from Hewlett Packard. She has been director for communications and Computing Services since 1998. As director, Madjedi oversaw the growth of campus core computing infrastructure to support academic and administrative computing services and collaborated with the City of San Luis Obispo to enhance Cal Poly's access to fiber optic connections to high-speed wide-area networks. Her ability to create a collaborative partnership between CSU campuses and the Chancellor's Office was instrumental to a successful implementation of standardized CSU data networks. Madjedi received the 2008 CSU Quality Improvement Function Chair of the Year award in recognition of her achievement. Richard Walls has been named interim director of Communications and Computing Services.

## **Cal Poly Journalism Professor Speaks at Media Ethics Conference in Pakistan**

Choosing whether to abide by ethical standards or accept a bribe that would help put food into the mouths of their children was one of many ethical dilemmas posed by Pakistani journalists to a Cal Poly professor who recently participated at a media conference held at the Multan Press Club in Pakistan. Journalism Professor Teresa Allen, whose teaching specialty at Cal Poly is media ethics, appeared twice before the journalists in Pakistan using Skype technology to conduct a question- and-answer session regarding journalism and ethical behavior. Allen is doing sabbatical work through the fall with the Center for International Journalists (CIME), an organization based in Europe that works with journalists from around the world on issues of economics and ethics. For more information, go to <http://inndevcom.blogspot.com/2011/08/multan-press-club-launches-agahi.html>.

[More on Allen's work](#)

## **Campus Announcements**

### **Fall 2011 Openings for Children at ASI Children's Center**

The Orfalea Family and ASI Children's Center has immediate openings for 4- and 5-year-old children in its combined preschool-kindergarten classroom. Children are considered eligible for kindergarten this academic year if they will reach their fifth birthday on or before Dec. 2, 2011. The center offers a non-traditional developmental kindergarten program that allows children to learn and grow at their own pace. The center emphasizes social competence and intellectual development. The kindergarten classroom operates from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday through Friday, with extended care available at no additional cost. Submit your application to the ASI Children's Center indicating your interest in the 4- and 5-year-old program. Younger children can also be added to our center waiting list, and families will be contacted when an opening becomes available for their child. Contact the center at ext. 6-1267 for more information and to obtain an application.

### **Canyon Post Announces Services and Hours for New Academic Year**

The Canyon Post staff would like to welcome back all faculty, staff and students and invite you to visit us in Poly Canyon Village. The Canyon Post offers dry cleaning, stamps, boxes, notary service, and self-service shipping kiosk for US Postal Service, UPS and FedEx. Drop by to take advantage of monthly dry cleaning specials. Hours are noon to 7:45 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information regarding services, visit the [Canyon Post website](#).

### **Federal Work-Study Student Employees May Begin Sept. 19**

The first day Federal Work-Study students may begin working is Sept. 19, provided their Financial Aid award has been finalized, they have registered for at least half-time units, and they have completed the necessary employee forms with Payroll Services. You can list your Federal Work-Study positions now through Career Services' free online job listing service, Mustang Jobs. Federal Work-Study student assistant jobs will be advertised to students starting Sept. 1. Regular, part-time student assistant positions may be listed now, too. Each year, there must be a job description on record with Career Services (via Mustang Jobs) for every position filled by a FWS student. If your departmental FWS employer contact designee has changed, let the Financial Aid Office know by e-mailing [financialaid@calpoly.edu](mailto:financialaid@calpoly.edu).

## Staff Members Sought for Campuswide Committees

Permanent or probationary staff employees are needed to fill vacancies on the campuswide committees indicated below. There is one vacancy on each committee.

- Cal Poly Plan Steering Committee (no term limit)
- Campus Fee Advisory Committee (2011-12)
- Committee on University Citizenship (2011-13)
- Disability Access and Compliance Committee (2011-13)
- Inclusive Excellence Council (IEC) (2011-14)
- Status of Women Committee (2011-13)
- Substance Use and Abuse Advisory Committee (2011-13)
- University Committee on Committees (2011-12)

For information about the committees and an application form, visit the [Human Resources website](#) . Interested candidates must complete the application, obtain appropriate signatures and return it to Human Resources by Sept. 28. For questions, contact Joan Beightler at ext. 6-5426.

## Sage Restaurant Unveils New Burger Bar

Sage Restaurant is pleased to introduce the all-new Burger Bar, featuring a unique range of gourmet burgers, fresh salads, crisp-cut fries and homespun milkshakes. Hours are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Enjoy yourself in our warm, casual restaurant. Visit [Sage's website](#) for more details.

## Human Resources Invites Employees to a Financial Seminar Presented by ING

Human Resources is pleased to invite Cal Poly employees to a financial seminar presented by ING -- one of five CSU tax Sheltered Annuity (403(b)) fund sponsors. The event will be held at noon Sept. 28 in the left wing of Chumash Auditorium. Human Resources is not specifically endorsing ING or any of the other four fund sponsors (Fidelity Investments, VALIC, MetLife and TIAA-CREF). General tax shelter/deferred compensation program information and fund sponsor contact information is always available on the [HR website](#).

## Facility Services Announces Custodial Service Re-Structuring Beginning Fall Quarter

Facility Services has announced service changes that will be implemented beginning fall 2011. Certain custodial services will be re-structured to maximize our remaining resources and have the least impact to instructional facilities on our campus. Detailed cleaning frequencies for categories of work are available on the [Custodial Services website](#). Cleaning frequencies for standard areas are:

- Classrooms – daily
- Rest rooms – daily, with additional attention as necessary
- Interior hallways – daily
- Labs – trash daily, inspect and spot clean daily, thoroughly clean once weekly
- Department reception common area, copy center (busy multi-person public areas) – trash daily, inspect daily, thoroughly clean once weekly
- Conference rooms - trash daily, inspect and spot clean daily, thoroughly clean once weekly
- Private / one-person offices and cubicles– clean quarterly
- Office occupants will be asked to empty their own trash and recycling containers in community collection stations within their respective buildings

- o Exterior upper level walkways – once weekly
- o Stairwells – check daily, clean once weekly

Contact the Facility Services Work Center at ext. 6-5555 or send comments to [facserv@calpoly.edu](mailto:facserv@calpoly.edu).

## **All You Care To Eat for as low as \$5? Only with Fast Pass**

Cal Poly Dining introduces Fast Pass -- the smart new way to dine on campus. Purchase Lunch Passes to dine at new all-you-care-to-eat restaurant 19 Metro station for as low as \$5 for lunch. Get yours today at [www.calpolydining.com/fastpass](http://www.calpolydining.com/fastpass).

## **Email Distribution List Management Tool Updated**

Over the summer, Information Technology Services introduced Sympa, a new web-based tool for managing email distribution lists. Available as “Email Distribution Lists” through the Single Click Access channel on the Cal Poly Portal, Sympa allows users to manage their own email distribution lists as well as their subscriptions to lists managed by others. Fall class lists were generated by the new service, which replaced the old UNIX Alias Manager. Users who send email to old distribution lists which contain “polymail” in the address will receive an automated reply reminding them to update their address or contact lists. Mail will still be delivered. Information on Sympa is available on the [Service Desk website](#). Email distribution list owners are encouraged to review the documentation and call the Service Desk at ext. 6-7000 for assistance.

## **New Short-Term Housing for University Sponsored Guests**

The Cal Poly Corporation now offers a fully furnished two-bedroom, one-bathroom unit to visiting and transitioning guests of sponsored university departments. The corporation joins the Orfalea College of Business in providing this service to university departments. For additional details, visit the [Corporate Housing website](#). Contact Ann Roy at the Cal Poly Corporation for details, pricing, and availability at ext. 6-1131 or [aroy@calpoly.edu](mailto:aroy@calpoly.edu).

## **Early Notice of Deadline for Extramural Funding Initiative (EFI) Proposals**

The Extramural Funding Initiative provides support to assist faculty in submitting competitive proposals for extramural funding. The deadline to submit proposals for awards of mini-grants, assigned time and additional compensation for 2012 is 4:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7. For full application and submission instructions, visit the [Research and Graduate Programs website](#) or call the RGP office at ext. 6-1508.

## **CalPERS Changes Include a Later Open Enrollment This Year**

The California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) is undergoing a major computer system and website conversion this fall, which will result in the following impacts to Cal Poly employees:

- The 2011 Benefits Open Enrollment period will be held later than usual - Oct. 10 through Nov. 4. Health plan rates for 2012 are now available on the Human Resources website at <http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/hr/benefits.asp?pid=3>. Health plan details and Open Enrollment instructions will be posted prior to Oct. 10.
- Beginning Sept. 1, a Health Plan Webinar will be available on the [CalPERS website](#), providing on-demand video and downloadable materials regarding the 2012 health plans.
- CalPERS will be changing to the new, streamlined computer system Sept. 2-18. During this period, telephone wait times will increase, business transactions will be delayed, and members will not be able to log in to the self-service myCalPERS web site. For additional information, see the CalPERS and Cal Poly Human Resources web sites or call the Human Resources Benefit Line at ext. 6-5436.

## **Bella Montana Faculty and Staff Housing Community Has Homes for Sale**

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



## Catastrophic Leave

### Patricia Robinson

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

### Vanessa Scrimiger

Vanessa Scrimiger, administrative support coordinator in Continuing Education, has qualified for personal catastrophic leave. Those wishing to donate vacation and/or sick leave to help Vanessa remain in full-pay status during an extended leave of absence should contact Carolyn Barr, administrative support coordinator in Continuing Education, at ext. 6-6236 or [cibarr@calpoly.edu](mailto:cibarr@calpoly.edu) to request a donation form.

### Kinsley ThomasWong

Kinsley ThomasWong, information technology consultant in University Housing, has qualified for personal catastrophic leave. Those wishing to donate vacation and/or sick leave to help Kinsley remain in full pay status during an extended leave of absence should contact Debi Wages, administrative support coordinator, at ext. 6-1559 or [dwages@calpoly.edu](mailto:dwages@calpoly.edu) to request a donation form.

## In Memoriam

### Harriet Clendenen

Harriet Clendenen, former director of the office of Disabled Student Services (now the Disability Resource Center) died Aug. 20, 2011.  
[More on Clendenen](#)

### Rollin Strohman

Rollin Strohman, a professor emeritus from the Biological Resources and Ag Engineering Department, died Sept. 8, 2011.  
[More on Strohman](#)

## Events

### Fluor Corp. Vice President to Speak on Business Ethics Sept. 22 at Cal Poly



Wendy Hallgren, vice president of Corporate Compliance for Fluor Inc., will speak at Cal Poly on Thursday, Sept. 22, as part of the Orfalea College of Business Distinguished Speaker Series. Hallgren will present "Business Ethics: Doing the Right Thing Can Be a Competitive Advantage," from 2:10 to 3:10 p.m. in the Spanos Theater. The event is free and open to the public. Prior to moving to Corporate Compliance, Hallgren was a member of Fluor's Legal Department from 2002 to 2004. She earned her undergraduate degree from Georgetown University and her law degree from the University of Michigan Law School. Fluor is a Fortune 500 company specializing in international engineering, procurement, construction, maintenance and project management.

[More on Hallgren's talk](#)

## 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.

**#102380 – On-Call Media Relations Intern, Helper Aid, Academic Affairs, Athletics**, temporary, on-call through June 30, 2012, \$8 - \$16.20 per hour. Open until filled. Review begins: Aug. 19, 2011.

**#102395 – On-Call Athletic Training Room Intern**, Helper Aid, Academic Affairs, Athletics, temporary, on-call through June 30, 2012, \$8 - \$16.20 per hour. Open until filled. Review begins: Sept. 15, 2011.

**#102398 – Pharmacist - 10/12, Student Affairs - Health Services**, .60 time base position, \$2,915 - \$4,663 per month, hiring Range: \$2,915 - \$3,756 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: Sept. 23, 2011.

**#102400 – Administrative Support Assistant II, Administration and Finance, Payroll Services**, temporary, one-year position, \$2,505 - \$3,758 per month. Closes: Sept. 23, 2011.

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

**Nutritionist** - Kinesiology Department, \$17.16 - \$24.90 per hour, part-time, 30 hours per week. Requires MS degree in Nutrition and RD certification or equivalent education and experience. Experience in a research setting and leading behavioral weight loss groups preferred. Must be bilingual English/Spanish and be proficient in Word, Excel and PowerPoint. Requires excellent oral and written communication skills. Some travel required.

**Project Coordinator** - Kinesiology Department, \$35,698 – \$51,792 per year, full-time. Requires BA/BS degree in Kinesiology/Nutrition/Psychology or related field or equivalent education and two years project coordination experience. Experience in weight loss and research preferred. Must be bilingual English/Spanish and be proficient in Word, Excel and PowerPoint. Requires excellent oral and written communication skills. Some travel required.

**Research Assistant** - Kinesiology Department, \$15.18 - \$22.05 per hour, part-time, 30 hours per week. Requires BA/BS degree, ideally in Psychology, Nutrition or Exercise Science. Clinical research experience desirable. Must be bilingual English/Spanish and be proficient in Word, Excel and PowerPoint. Requires excellent oral and written communication skills. Some travel required.

**Administrative Support Assistant** - Irrigation Training and Research Center, \$13.43 - \$19.50 per hour, part-time, 25 hours per week. Requires high school degree or equivalent and two years experience in general office clerical work. Must be proficient in Word, Excel and PowerPoint and have excellent oral and written communication skills.

## 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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