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News

Cal Poly Architecture, Design Programs Earn Top Honors Again From DesignIntelligence

Cal Poly continues to lead the nation's architecture and design programs in an annual survey by the monthly journal DesignIntelligence. DesignIntelligence ranks Cal Poly's landscape architecture program first in the Western region and third in national undergraduate programs in preparing students for success. Cal Poly tied with Purdue University and Texas A&M. Louisiana State and Penn State ranked first and second, respectively. The landscape architecture program also earned top honors in the category of cross-disciplinary teamwork. Cal Poly's architecture program ranks fourth, following Cornell University, the University of Texas at Austin, and Virginia Tech, and it earned top honors for the fifth consecutive year in the methods and materials category.

[Read more on the architecture rankings](#)

Floral Team Flourishes for Fourth Consecutive Year

For the fourth time in as many years, the Cal Poly National Floral Design Team finished in the top three in the National AIFD (American Institute of Floral Designers) Student Competition, held this year in San Francisco. Fifteen schools and 52 students competed in the annual national contest at the American Institute of Floral Designers (AIFD) Symposium. Individual honors included: Jaclyn Wiley (HCS) took 10th place in the Buffet and Napkin Ring Décor categories; Alexis Watkins (HCS) placed 10th in the Bridal Bouquet and eighth in the Sweetheart Table Centerpiece; Darci Malone (RPTA) placed 12th in the Bridal Bouquet; and Carrie Nasby (RPTA) placed 14th in the Napkin Ring Décor category. Cal Poly took third place in the Overall School Award, which combines wins from across the competition's four categories.

[More on the Floral Design Team's performance](#)



Faculty and Staff

Chris McBride Named Director of Cal Poly Fund



Chris McBride has been named director of the Cal Poly Fund. Her new appointment is effective Nov. 21. McBride currently serves as assistant director for Alumni Relations, a role in which she has successfully led alumni communications and developed a number of alumni-student programs such as Mustang Mentoring. She also serves as co-adviser of the Poly Reps university ambassadors program. "Chris' experience with alumni relations and her 13-year affiliation with the Performing Arts Center project -- first with the fundraising foundation and then with the center itself -- will serve as a solid foundation in her new role as director of the Cal Poly Fund," said Tracee de Hahn, Cal Poly's assistant vice president for Alumni Relations.

Retirements

Diane Mosher

University Housing invites the campus community to a retirement reception honoring Diane Mosher for 26 years of dedicated service to

students, staff and the Cal Poly campus. Mosher began her career in 1985 as a clerical assistant for the Department of Housing and Conference Services. She has served in various positions within Housing, including office manager and budget specialist. She is now the coordinator of Business and Personnel Services for University Housing. Mosher is a 2002 Student Affairs Chandler Award recipient for her outstanding service to students. Friends and colleagues are invited to join University Housing as we honor Mosher for her outstanding service career with a retirement reception in the Performing Arts Center lobby from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17. For more information, contact Janis Eto at ext. 6-1587 or jeto@calpoly.edu.

Patricia Ashe

Information Technology Services will host a potluck celebration honoring Patricia Ashe from noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 16, in the Education Building, Room 24. Ashe will retire after 10 years of service at Cal Poly as an Oracle database administrator for Information Technology Services. During her time on campus, the number of centrally managed campus databases has grown from a small handful to more than 40. She is looking forward to creating a business growing and selling California native plants. Her last working day is Nov. 18.

Frank A. Cawley

Frank A. Cawley, director of El Corral Bookstore, is retiring from Cal Poly Corporation at the end of the year, after more than 15 years of service. El Corral Bookstore will host a retirement reception in his honor Wednesday, Nov. 30, from 3 to 5 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center lobby. The campus community is invited to help celebrate. Cawley came to Cal Poly from De Anza College in Cupertino, Calif., where he managed the college bookstore for 12 years. During his tenure at Cal Poly, Frank remodeled El Corral Bookstore, twice remodeled Cal Poly Downtown, implemented a commercial website (now in its third iteration), managed the Pony Prints print and copy center, and initiated a number of services such as Textbook Reservation, Shop Once Service, VIP Buyback, and in-store and on-line Textbook Rental.

Susan Sparling

Student Academic Services will host a retirement celebration honoring Susan Sparling, from 2 to 4 p.m., Friday, Dec. 2 in the Albert B. Smith Alumni and Conference Center. The campus community is invited to attend. Sparling, director of Student Academic Services will retire after 38 years of service to the university. She began her career at Cal Poly in 1974 as a medical transcriber in the Health Center. She completed her Masters in Education in 1978. She was hired by the Educational Opportunity Program as a Student Affairs Officer I to design academic programs for the department. She went on to participate in grant writing for dozens of state and federal grants to fund key programs that have become instrumental in the development of SAS programs and services. Sparling is known as an expert academic adviser who is committed to intrusive advising that focuses on student success.

Passings

Doretta Takagi

Doretta Takagi, administrative assistant in the Admissions Office since 2007, died Nov. 8, 2011, after a long battle with pancreatic cancer. She is survived by her husband, Paul Takagi; her parents, Carl and Dorothy Ihme; son Corban Riley; daughter Jessica O'Brien; two stepchildren, a granddaughter, two step-grandchildren; a sister; and many friends

[Read the obituary in The Tribune](#)

Campus Announcements

Three Savings Plus Program Financial Planning Workshops Set for Nov. 17

Three financial planning workshops will be held Nov. 17 on the Savings Plus program -- a long-term savings program designed to supplement employee retirement income. There are two deferred compensation plans available for eligible employees: a Thrift Plan (IRC 401k) and a Deferred Compensation Plan (IRC 457). Both plans offer convenient payroll deductions on a pre-tax basis. To be

eligible to enroll in these plans, employees must be state CalPERS members. The three one-hour workshops will be held in the right wing of Chumash Auditorium. They are:

Planning Your Financial Future (10 a.m.) -- For those who do not currently contribute to the Savings Plus Program, learn how tax-deferred savings will help you reach your retirement goals. This presentation demonstrates the benefits of saving for retirement, the advantage of tax-deferred savings, and how to enroll in Savings Plus Program.

Asset Allocation (11 a.m.) -- For many already enrolled or planning to enroll in the Savings Plus Program, the question becomes "Where do I put my money?" This seminar focuses on asset allocation and how to choose an investment strategy that best fits individual time horizons and risk tolerance.

Approaching Retirement (1 p.m.) -- For those nearing retirement, this workshop focuses on how to maximize contributions during the final years of employment, how to manage money in retirement, and how to calculate retirement income needs.

Those who are unable to attend but would like more information regarding the Savings Plus program can call 866-566-4777 or visit the [Savings Plus Program web site](#).

North Coast Vanpool Has Openings

Do you live in Los Osos, Morro Bay, Cayucos or Cambria and would like to reduce the cost of commuting to work? If so, we have openings in our North Coast vanpool van. Contact Susan Rains at ext. 6-6680 or srains@calpoly.edu.

Green Campus Program Launches "Turn 'Em Out" Campaign



November is "Turn 'Em Out" awareness month, an outreach event The Green Campus Program is promoting to all students, faculty and staff encouraging everyone to turn the lights off when not in use. The goal is to reduce electricity use at Cal Poly as much as possible. During November, submit a photo, video, or any other type of media file of you and/or your co-workers or friends turning off the lights to greencampus@calpoly.edu. Be creative; the staff member with the best submission wins a pumpkin pie and power strips party for their department. For students: Submit the photo [on our Facebook page](#) for a chance to win an Amazon gift card. Spread the word; tell your students and other coworkers. For inspiration, visit [Mr. Eco's new music video "Turn 'Em Out"](#) featuring guests such as President Jeffery D. Armstrong, ASI President Kiyana Tabrizi and Musty the Mustang.

Campus Workstation Program Is New and Improved

Based on faculty and LAN coordinator input, the campus workstation program has been updated to include all models of the Apple iPad2 and a new Dell workstation for intense data modeling and graphics use. Base model pricing through the Dell Premier site has been pre-negotiated for the campus for 2011-12, with the added ability to upgrade key components such as memory and processors. All iPad2 models are available, with department choice of model, data plan, accessories, peripherals (including any assistive technologies), warranty, applications and support. Interested faculty should contact their LAN coordinator for more information. The Information Technology Services (ITS) Workstation Program purchases faculty workstations for instruction and research, and promotes computing standards that improve security and reliability. The ITS iPad acquisition contact is Craig Schultz, ext. 6-6117 or cschultz@calpoly.edu. The campus workstation program contact is Kyle Dodson, ext. 6-6052 or kdodson@calpoly.edu.

Holiday Hams are On Sale Now

Cal Poly student-produced holiday hams are now on sale. Our fully-cooked hams are custom prepared using Cal Poly's special blend to ensure you receive the finest product possible. All hams are cured to enhance natural flavor and improve tenderness. The hams are then slow-cooked and smoked with a natural hardwood smoke. Hams are vacuum packaged and ready for the holidays. Whole and half hams are available for \$3.25 per pound. We are offering a limited number of holiday hams. To ensure your ham is reserved for this

holiday season, place your order as soon as possible. Contact calpolymeats@calpoly.edu today.

Continuing Education is Collecting Food for SLO County Food Bank Coalition

Cal Poly Continuing Education staff is collecting food to donate to the San Luis Obispo County Food Bank Coalition. The CE Food Drive will continue through Dec. 15. The SLO County Food Bank distributes food donations to more than 200 nonprofit agency partners and directly through food assistance programs. Everyone is invited to contribute. Some ideas of foods to donate include canned fruits and vegetables, crackers, pasta, rice, canned soups and beans and cereal. All nonperishable food is welcome. A collection barrel is located in Jespersen Hall. Let's help families in need, especially with the holidays approaching. For more information, call ext. 6-2053.

Distinguished Scholarship Award Nominations Sought

Students, faculty and alumni are encouraged to nominate Cal Poly faculty for the Distinguished Scholarship Award. These awards are intended to recognize the scholarship and creative activity of both junior and senior faculty across all disciplines represented at Cal Poly. Nominations are due by Dec. 1. Visit the [Distinguished Scholarship Award web site](#) for more information.

Nominations for Distinguished Teaching Award Due Dec. 2

Nominate your most outstanding and inspiring professor by Dec. 2. Any student or alumnus may submit one or more nominations on the [nomination web site](#). Nominations should include the professor's name, department and a supporting statement containing personal experience or other evidence of merit based upon the nomination criteria listed for this year's Distinguished Teaching Award.

Nominations Sought for Top Staff Award

The deadline to submit a nomination form for the 2011-12 Outstanding Staff Employee Award is Jan. 23, 2012. To be eligible, nominees must be full-time or part-time employees of the university, corporation, or ASI who are in at least their third year of employment as of Dec. 31, 2011, and are not represented by bargaining unit 3 (faculty). Past recipients of the award are also ineligible. [Find the Outstanding Staff Nomination Form online.](#)

Deadline for State Faculty Support Grant Proposals is Jan. 27

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 2012-13 year is Jan. 27, 2012. For guidelines and an application form, visit the [Research and Graduate Programs web site](#), or call the RGP office at ext. 6-1508.

Nov. 20 is the Last Day to Place Holiday Meal Orders

Village Market offers a wide selection of holiday meals, desserts and a la carte side dishes such as mashed sweet potatoes, traditional stuffing, and a sweet and tangy cranberry relish! Receive \$5 off holiday meal orders by using promo code "HOLIDAYS2011" when placing orders online. [Visit the Village Market web site](#), stop by the market in Poly Canyon Village, or call ext. 6-1959. The last day to place an order is midnight on Nov. 20. Please allow three days for order processing. Orders must be picked up no later than 1 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 23. Happy Holidays!

All You Care to Eat for As Low As \$5? Only with Fast Pass

All You Care To Eat Lunch at 19 Metro station for \$5, only with Fast Pass. Load onto your PolyCard or purchase tickets to share with friends. [Get yours today on the Campus Dining web site.](#)

Bella Montana Faculty and Staff Housing Community

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

Events

Whose Live Anyway? Nov. 16

Stand-up is funny -- improv is funnier! This group of the world's top improvisors will follow their sold-out performance at the PAC last year with a brand new show of star-quality improv comedy and song plus audience participation. They'll leave you laughing all over again! See the performance Nov. 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cohan Center.

[More on Whose Live Anyway?](#)

Folk Stories Come to Life Nov. 17-19

A collection of eight unique folk stories from around the world will come to life on the Cal Poly stage Thursday through Sunday, Nov. 17-19. Curtain time for all shows is 7 p.m. in the Spanos Theatre on campus. "The MerryWinkle International Troupe of Vagabonds Performs a Delicious Potpourri of Fantastical Fairy Tales and Astonishing Folk Legends" was compiled and adapted by Theatre and Dance Professor Al Schnupp, who is also designing and directing the production. The MerryWinkle is the Theatre and Dance Department's fall production. General admission is \$15. Admission for students, senior citizens and children is \$12. For reservations, call ext. 6-2787.

[Find out more about The MerryWinkle](#)



English Professor to Discuss Book on Film Noir Nov. 18

As part of the Kennedy Library series Conversations with Cal Poly Authors, English [Professor Doug Keesey](#) will discuss his latest book "Neo-Noir: Contemporary Film Noir from Chinatown to The Dark Knight" with Josh Machamer, associate professor and associate chair, Theatre and Dance Department, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Friday, Nov. 18 in Room 111H at the Library.

Keesey will lead off with an informal talk about the book's themes and his writing process, followed by a conversation with [Associate Professor Machamer](#) as well as a Q&A with other attendees. Other selected publications by Keesey include the titles "Catherine Breillat," "Don DeLillo," "Clint Eastwood," "Erotic Cinema," "The Films of Peter Greenaway," "The Marx Brothers," "Jack Nicholson," and "Paul Verhoeven." The event is free and open to the public. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

[Find out more about this event](#)

Yale Professor to Present Hearst Lecture, Nov. 18

The Hearst Lecture Series presents Yale School of Architecture Professor Joel Sanders at 4 p.m., Friday, Nov. 18, in the Business Rotunda. Sanders' presentation will focus on the themes and issues explored in the release of his new book, "Groundwork: Between Landscape and Architecture," co-edited with Diana Balmori. Groundwork maps an interdisciplinary trend over the past 10 years of architects and landscape architects undertaking groundbreaking projects that propose an integration of landscape and architecture.

[Find out more information on Sanders' firm](#)

Chumash Elder Akima Castaneda to Perform Nov. 21

Chumash elder Akima Castaneda will perform from 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, Nov. 21, in Chumash Auditorium Room 204 in celebration of Native American Heritage Month. Castaneda's performance will feature traditional song and dance. He will explore indigenous theories such as "It takes a village to raise a child" and "We all bleed red, regardless of the color of the robe we wear." He will discuss the similarities all cultures share and, through comedy, he will give examples of the capitalistic mentality and examine socio-economical versus spiritualism with respect to the environment. Castaneda is a well-known actor and a regular guest on Jay Leno's "The Tonight Show." He recently played himself in "Savages," an Oliver Stone film starring Blake Lively, Taylor Keitsch, Salma Hayek, Uma Thurman and John Travolta, to be released in 2012.

Religious Studies Department Hosts Alternative Spirituality Event Nov. 22

The Religious Studies Department will present "The Secret of Urantia" by a local Urantia teacher Von Fosmo from 11 a.m. to noon Nov. 22 in Fisher Science, Room 286. The Urantia book is a compilation of secret teaching about the origin and meaning of life, God, religious traditions and human destiny. It has engendered conversations and disciples throughout the world. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Stephen Lloyd-Moffett at slloydmo@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-2475.

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.

#102436 – Budget Analyst, Administrative Analyst/Specialist – Exempt I, College of Architecture and Environmental Design, Dean's Office, \$3,845-\$5,770 per month. Open until filled. Review begins Nov. 28, 2011.

Administrative Postions

#102430 – Dean, College of Liberal Arts (Administrator IV). Open until filled. Review begins: Jan. 15, 2012.

#102434 – Head Coach, Women's Volleyball (Administrator III), 12 month, Intercollegiate Athletics. Open until filled. Review begins: Dec. 12, 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.

All positions have excellent benefits provided, including medical, dental, vision, life insurance, retirement program, paid sick leave/vacation and holidays. Apply online at www.calpolycorporationjobs.org. CPC Human Resources, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407, AA/EEO.

Administrative Assistant, Food Science & Nutrition, \$15.18 to \$22.05 per hour. Requires high school degree or equivalent, bachelor's degree preferred. Must have four years experience performing administrative duties. Must be proficient using office software packages for word processing, spreadsheets, database and online communication systems and have excellent oral and written communication skills. Excellent benefits provided, including medical, dental, vision, life insurance, retirement program, paid sick leave/vacation and holidays.

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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