



Cal Poly Report - Nov. 23, 2011

Cal Poly Report is going on holiday Dec. 14 - Jan. 4.

Cal Poly Report will resume its weekly schedule beginning Jan.11. Submit your end of year announcements in today.

News

Cal Poly Helping Santa Maria Teachers Gear Up for California's Common Core Mathematics Standards

Cal Poly's Mathematics Department is partnering with the Santa Maria-Bonita School District to improve students' mathematics skills. Thanks to a \$250,000 one-year grant from the federal Improving Teacher Quality (ITQ) program, Cal Poly mathematics Professor Kate Riley will be holding workshops for Santa Maria-Bonita elementary and middle school teachers throughout the 2011-2012 school year. The Cal Poly grant is one of 14 awarded in California this year and was chosen from a field of 50 applicants.

[More on the math grant](#)

Faculty and Staff

Professor McCauley's Dragonfly Distress Research Making Headlines

A research article by Cal Poly Biological Sciences Professor Shannon McCauley is making a splash in the media. One of McCauley's research specialties is dragonflies. According to one of her studies, stress can make them drop dead. McCauley worked on the study as a post-doctoral researcher at the University of Toronto. She wrote a research paper on the study and its results, which was accepted for publication this summer in the journal Ecology. The journal Nature picked it up as "Research Highlight" and featured it in October. Since then, McCauley's dragonfly stress research has been featured on more than 30 network news and popular science web sites including CNN, MSNBC, CBC, Science Daily, National Geographic, and Discovery Online.

[More on the dragonfly stress study](#)

Catastrophic Leave Drives

Tess Serna

Tess Serna, an Administrative Support Coordinator in the Journalism Department, has qualified for catastrophic leave. Those wishing to donate vacation and/or sick leave to help Serna remain in full-pay status during an extended leave of absence should contact Carson Crain, ext. 6-5755 or by email ccrain@calpoly.edu, to request a donation form.

Sharon Degnan

Sharon Degnan, accounting technician in Fiscal Services-Cashiering, has qualified for catastrophic leave. Those wishing to donate vacation and/or sick leave to help Degnan remain in full-pay status during an extended leave of absence should contact Marilyn Carlson, at ext. 6-6085 or by email mdcarliso@calpoly.edu, to request a donation form.

Aaron Quarles

Aaron Quarles, a custodian in University Housing, has qualified for personal catastrophic leave. On Sept. 16 Quarles' wife passed away

just six days after giving birth to their first child, Dorian. Trishawana struggled with Sickle Cell Anemia since childhood. Quarles is currently on leave to care for his son. You may read more about the Quarles family at [Santa Maria Times Story on Aaron and Trishawna Quarles](#).

Those wishing to donate vacation and/or sick leave to help Quarles remain in full-pay status during an extended leave of absence should use the Catastrophic Leave form or contact Debi Wages at ext. 6-1559 or dwages@calpoly.edu.

Retirements

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.

Campus Announcements

Career Services Offers New Resource: Going Global

Career Services is pleased to announce access Going Global - an international career and employment resource that includes more than 10,000 pages of constantly-updated content on topics like job search sources, work permit/visa regulations, resume writing guidelines and examples, employment trends, salary ranges, networking groups, cultural/interviewing advice and much more. Students, faculty and staff can access Going Global through MustangJOBS, via the single click access section in the [Cal Poly Portal](#)

Unique Holiday Poinsettias For Sale at Cal Poly Plant Shop

Cal Poly's annual poinsettia sale, featuring more than 4,000 student-grown plants with over 30 different varieties and colors, begins November 28 at the Poly Plant Shop. This year's unique offerings include traditional red and white, as well as novelty colors such as pink, orange, and maroon. Some specimens feature marbled, speckled and unusual leaf forms, and sizes range from plants in 4-inch pots to poinsettias up to 4 feet tall. Prices start at \$5. Painted and glittered orders are available for a limited time.

Open House events are set for Dec. 2, 3 and 10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Open Houses will feature holiday gift items, music and refreshments. Call the Poly Plant Shop at ext. 6-1106 or visit www.polyplantshop.com

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.

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.

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.

Cat Program Fall Raffle is Underway

Cal Poly Cat Program Fall Raffle tickets are on sale now. Raffle items include: a Cruz Tablet from Velocity Micro, \$100 gift card to El Corral Bookstore, \$50 gift certificate to Vieni Vai Restaurant, \$50 Opera San Luis Obispo gift certificate; two sets of earrings valued at \$75 each; eight \$15 gift certificates for Sylvester's Burgers; gift certificate for PetSmart; two lunch coolers; gift baskets, and much, much more. The drawing takes place Dec. 2 at noon. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. All proceeds benefit the Cal Poly cats. Donations are tax deductible. For more information or the name of a ticket seller near you, contact Edie Griffin-Shaw at ext. 6-5220 or egriffin@calpoly.edu, Ellen Notermann at ext. 6-1625 or enoterma@calpoly.edu, or Daniel Luces at calpolycat@gmail.com.

Open Forum on Enrollment Management Dashboard Enhancements is Dec. 2.

Join the Office of the Registrar and the PolyData Warehouse Support Team from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Friday, Dec. 2, in Ag Engineering, Room 123 as we introduce enhancements and new pages to the SA Enrollment Management Dashboards. New pages for Schedule of Classes, Class Lists, and Grade Lists will be demonstrated as well as enhancements such as how email is handled and how to exclude minors. For more information, contact Debbie Arseneau at ext. 6-7717 or darseneau@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.

CSU International Programs has New, Earlier Application Deadline

The CSU International Programs has established a Dec. 15, 2011 deadline for applications. This deadline, which applies to all countries

except Australia and South Africa, is much earlier than the winter quarter deadline of prior years. CSU IP participants earn resident academic credit at their CSU campuses while they pursue full-time study at a host university or special study center abroad. CSU IP serves the needs of students in more than 100 designated academic majors. Affiliated with more than 70 recognized universities and institutions of higher education in 18 countries, CSU IP offers a wide selection of study locales and learning environments. Universities around the world are establishing earlier application deadlines, and the visa regulations for U.S. students wanting to go abroad continue to become more stringent. In response, CSU IP has implemented an earlier application deadline. Learn more on [CSU IP web site](#). Students are encouraged to contact the IP Coordinator Monica Schechter at mschecht@calpoly.edu, regarding the application and selection process.

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.

Nominations Sought for Top Staff Award

The deadline to submit a nomination form for the 2011-12 Outstanding Staff Employee Award is Jan. 23. 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, 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.

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



The MET Live in HD: Mozart's Don Giovanni Nov. 27

Mariusz Kwiecien brings his youthful and sensual interpretation of Mozart's timeless anti-hero to the Met for the first time, under the direction of Tony Award®-winning director Michael Grandage and with James Levine conducting. See Mozart's Don Giovanni Nov. 27 at 2 p.m. in the PAC.

[More on Mozart's Don Giovanni](#)

John Tesh ~ Big Band Christmas Dec. 1

The Emmy and Grammy-winning entertainer and his band of merry-makers give you fresh



holiday carols wrapped up in a Big Band beat. Bring the whole family for a happy musical treat that celebrates the season with an upbeat, festive flair! See Tesh perform Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m. in

the Cohan Center.

[Details on Big Band](#)

Instrumental Student Recital Dec. 1

Students showcase their talent in one of Cal Poly's quarterly instrumental student recitals. An eclectic event, this recital will involve solo as well as small chamber ensemble performances. See the recital Dec. 1 at 11 a.m. in the Davidson Music Center, room 218.

[More on the student recital](#)

Cal Poly's Take It SLO Sets Two Holiday Performances for Dec. 1, 4

Take It SLO, Cal Poly's a cappella ensemble, will present two performances of its Holiday Concert. The first will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, and the second at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4. Both will be in Room 218 in the Davidson Music Center on campus. The 16-member vocal ensemble will perform a variety of songs designed to raise the holiday spirit, plus some new works and old favorites, all arranged by the students. The group's members represent a variety of majors on campus.

[More on Take It SLO](#)



Fall Jazz Concert Dec. 2

This concert features everything from authentic performances of traditional jazz standards to cutting-edge repertoire of world music, hip-hop and more. See the fall jazz concert Dec. 2 at 8 p.m. in the Spanos Theatre.

[More on the fall jazz concert](#)

Sustainable Pest Management Conference is Dec. 2-3

Cal Poly and California Certified Organic Farmers will host the 10th annual Sustainable Pest Management Conference at the San Luis Obispo Veterans' Hall on Friday and Saturday, Dec. 2-3. Karen Ross, secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA), will

kick off the event with a talk titled "How CDFA's Budget Impacts Pest Management in California." Ross has extensive leadership experience in agricultural issues nationally, internationally and in California.

[More on the pest management conference](#)

A Christmas Celebration - A Jubilee for Choir, Brass and Organ Dec. 3

This festive annual concert will put you in the mood for the holidays. Join us for an evening of the season's most beautiful music. A carol sing-a-long included. See the concert Dec. 3 at 8 p.m. in the Cohan Center.

[More on the Christmas celebration](#)

Celebrate the Season With Joy and Peace Dec. 4

The harvest has been gathered and its fruits are yours to share in this traditional holiday concert. Gather family and friends together to hear classic cathedral songs, favorite carols, and contemporary holiday tunes, rekindling your passion for the season Dec. 4 at 3 p.m. in the Christopher Cohan Center. The perfect solution to the challenge of "getting in the spirit" of Christmas!

[More on the holiday concert](#)

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.

#102442 – Catalog Editor, Administrative Analyst/Specialist, Non-Exempt, Academic Affairs, Office of the Registrar. \$3,245 - \$5,193 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: Dec. 2, 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.

Research Associate

Food Science & Nutrition - Fresno, Calif., \$35,698 - \$51,792 per year. Requires MS degree in Food Science or related field and research experience in food extrusion, cleaning and sanitation, fruit processing, water analysis, microbial analysis, food analysis and food processing OR BS in Food Science or related field and a minimum of two years work experience performing related duties. Job is located in Fresno, Calif. Excellent benefits provided.

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.

