



Cal Poly Report - Jan. 18, 2012

News

ASI Recreation Center Reopens After Three-Year Expansion Project

The newly expanded ASI Recreation Center reopened Tuesday after a three-year expansion project that included a full closure since June 2011. The new center includes two- and four-court gyms, six glass racquetball courts, three sand volleyball courts, an indoor track, three separate exercise areas and three fitness studios. Work continues on the center's pool complex and rock climbing park. For details on the new center, [visit the ASI Recreation Center website](#) or call the center at 805-756-1366. [See more photos from inside the ASI Rec Center](#)



Campus Self-Study Submitted to WASC

Cal Poly submitted its Educational Effectiveness Review Report to the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) on Jan.

9. For the last two years, the university has been studying its own efforts in the areas of student learning, student success, organizational learning and institutional identity. [The full report and executive summaries are available online.](#) The campus reaffirmation of accreditation process will conclude with a site visit April 3-5.

Cal Poly, City of San Luis Obispo to Present Feb. 6 Colloquium on Diversity

Cal Poly and the City of San Luis Obispo on Feb. 6 will present "Celebrating Diversity," a community colloquium that will address the virtues of living and learning in a diverse society. The event, free and open to the public, will be held 5-7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center's Christopher Cohan Center, with a reception to follow. The colloquium will feature remarks from a variety of national and local speakers; a panel discussion; Black History Month exhibits; music and poetry readings; and a presentation honoring local 98-year-old folk photographer Joseph Schwartz for his lifetime of work documenting the virtues of diversity.

[More on the event](#)

Cal Poly Researchers Present Hunger Study Findings to Rep. Capps



Cal Poly professors and students conducting research on hunger and food availability in San Luis Obispo County presented the initial findings to U.S. Rep. Lois Capps on Jan. 13. Cal Poly's STRIDE (Science through Translational Research in Diet and Exercise) Center is partnering with the Food Bank Coalition of San Luis Obispo County to complete research required by a \$100,000 "Hunger Free Communities" planning grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Cal Poly received



\$30,000 from the grant to design and carry out key data-gathering and analysis efforts: a countywide food availability survey and a hunger/food security survey of

about 800 county residents. Professors and students gathered data and conducted interviews between January and November 2011. A countywide committee of government, agriculture and social service agencies will use the remaining funds and the data gathered by Cal Poly to create a "Hunger Free Community" plan in 2012. Once the plan is completed, the county or social service agencies will be eligible to apply for USDA grants providing food and other assistance to aid local residents in need.

[More on the Cal Poly portion of the study](#)

Capps Speaks at California Central Coast Tax Coalition Press Event

Congresswoman Capps was also on campus Jan. 12 to speak at a press conference for the California Central Coast Tax Coalition, aimed at better informing the Central Coast community about the coalition's free tax education, tax controversy representation, and tax return preparation services for low-income and elderly clients. The coalition grew from Cal Poly's Low Income Taxpayer Clinic (LITC), which provides free education and outreach services to individuals who speak English as a second language. The year-round clinic also provides free representation to low-income taxpayers involved in a variety of federal and state tax controversies. Cal Poly's LITC is the only clinic on the California coast between Los Angeles and Santa Clara.

[Read more on the coalition and the Jan. 12 event](#)

Faculty and Staff

Modern Languages and Literatures Professor Receives MLA Recognition

Brian Kennelly, professor in the Modern Languages and Literatures Department, was recognized for "distinguished contributions made as a fellow to the 'MLA International Bibliography (2008-11)' " at the MLA Annual Convention in Seattle on Jan. 7, 2012. In 2003, the Executive Council approved a request by the Advisory Committee on the "MLA International Bibliography" for the creation of "MLA Bibliography" fellowships. These fellowships recognize the efforts of scholars who index materials on behalf of the "MLA International Bibliography."

Business Professor Returns from Fulbright Program in Tunisia

Chris Carr, professor of business law and public policy for Cal Poly's Orfalea College of Business, recently returned from a three-week Fulbright program at the University of Sfax in Tunisia. While there, he advised the university and the people in the Sfaxien region about entrepreneurship, innovation, faculty development and accreditation. The trip provided the Orfalea College of Business a unique opportunity to reach a broader audience of academic professionals. "Professor Carr is an outstanding colleague and scholar," said Slim Choura, professor of mechanical engineering at the University of Sfax and the faculty member who helped bring Carr to Tunisia. "Chris offered some wise strategic advice and recommendations to help us get to the next level. We were impressed to learn of Cal Poly's striking successes and some of its best practices."

[More on Carr's trip](#)

Retirements

Robert D. Koob



The campus community is invited to a retirement reception honoring Provost Robert Koob's service to Cal Poly. Koob returned to Cal Poly in October 2008 and has since helped guide the campus through a number of initiatives that have benefitted students, faculty and staff. A reception will be held on Thursday, Jan. 26 from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center Lobby. In lieu of gifts, please attend the reception to simply show your appreciation for him.

[More on Koob](#)



In Memoriam

Joyce Kalicicki

Joyce Kalicicki succumbed to complications relating to breast cancer Friday, Jan. 6, 2012. Kalicicki started her work with Cal Poly in the records office in February of 1960. She retired from Cal Poly in 1996 as a credential analyst. She served the Cal Poly students, faculty, administrators and public and private school teachers in the credentialing community for more than 36 years. Kalicicki was greatly admired, and her knowledge of credentialing policy and practices was sought by many. She is survived by her son, Guy Kalicicki. He asks that any contributions be made to the charity of your choice. Services for will be Saturday, Jan. 21 at 10 a.m. at the Family Christian Center, 525 Cerro Romauldo, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405. Notes/cards may be sent to: Cal Poly - Joyce Kalicicki, 1378 Avalon St., San Luis Obispo, CA 93405

Student Success

Cal Poly International Business Students Earn Global Recognition

Two student teams from Cal Poly's Orfalea College of Business recently placed in the top 100 in international business simulation competitions under the guidance of international business Professor J. Michael Geringer. Seniors Ricky Rossman, Harold Strubberg and Allison Terpenny placed in the top 70 teams worldwide in the Business Strategy Game online competition. The competitors were to create and run a footwear company and compete in a global marketplace with companies run by other teams. Students in Geringer's Advanced Seminar in International Management class competed in the Glo-Bus online competition, a similar simulation in which teams are charged with running international digital camera companies. Undergraduates Ivy Subijano, Tony Toy and Skylar Urban, placed 42nd worldwide in the Return on Equity category.

Students Volunteer, Hold Celebrations to Honor Martin Luther King Jr.

Cal Poly students helped collect food for the less fortunate, fed the homeless and held an on-campus celebration to honor the life and work of Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Life & Leadership and AmeriCorps partnered with the Food Bank Coalition of San Luis Obispo County for the Martin Luther King Day of Service 2012. Volunteers gathered in seven communities around San Luis Obispo County on Saturday morning to distribute grocery bags in neighborhoods for residents to use in donating to the food bank. Volunteers returned Monday morning to collect the bags of food. Also on Monday, a group of Cal Poly students who went on an Alternative Breaks trip to New Orleans over Winter Break reunited to volunteer in Morro Bay. And students from Cal Poly's Beyond Shelter program served dinner to clients at the Maxine Lewis Memorial Shelter in San Luis Obispo. Finally, students from Cal Poly's MultiCultural Center gathered in the University Union Plaza on Tuesday for an hourlong celebration of King's life and work through dance, poetry and speech.

Campus Announcements

Campus Continues Shift to PolyLearn Moodle; Winter is Final Quarter on Blackboard

Information Technology Services congratulations and thanks everyone who has embraced the change from Blackboard to PolyLearn Moodle. There are more than 330 instructors, 750 course, and 13,700 students active in PolyLearn, ITS reports. These statistics represent roughly half of all instructors and courses and 85 percent of students who use the campus learning management system.

Winter 2012 is the last quarter Blackboard will be available to teach courses. Spring 2012 course shells are now available for development. If you have not begun your move to PolyLearn Moodle, ITS suggests:

- [visiting the PolyLearn Faculty Support website](#) and viewing the "Orientation" and "PolyLearn Compared to Blackboard" videos; and
- enrolling in a workshop. [Click here for the Winter 2012 PolyLearn Moodle Workshop schedule.](#)

Don't delay. Avoid the stress of a last-minute transition. If you have questions, help is available at: polylearnsupport@calpoly.edu.

UPD Bike Auction Continues Today

UPD's Winter bike auction began Tuesday and continues today. Bikes will be on display from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in front of the campus police station on North Perimeter Road. Staff is encouraged to place a bid at the silent auction for abandoned bicycles that have been unclaimed over the past six months. The minimum opening bid is \$5. Winners will be notified to pick up their bikes Jan. 19 and 20. Come check out the bargains and ride off into the sunset in style. Proceeds will benefit the campus bike safety program.

Jan. 19 Event to Showcase Career Services' New Going Global Resource

Faculty and staff are invited to attend a demonstration of Career Services' new international resource, Going Global, from 11:10 to 11:45 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 19 at Career Services (Student Services, Room 117). Refreshments will be provided.

[Going Global's international career and employment resources](#) include constantly-updated content on job search sources, work permit/visa regulations, resume writing guidelines and examples, employment trends, salary ranges, networking groups, and cultural/interviewing advice. This demo is ideal for any faculty or staff who advise students interested in international study, internships, work, or travel. Sponsored by International Education and Programs, and Career Services. Contact Amie Hammond for additional information at ext. 6-5977 or akhammon@calpoly.edu.

Deadline for Top Staff Nominations is Jan. 23

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.](#)

Former Campus Dining Employee to Speak on Newly Published Memoir

Nieves Catahan Villamin, a former campus dining employee, will return to campus Jan. 25 for a lecture and signing on her recently published book "Bittermelons and Mimosa, a Philippine Memoir." The book covers Villamin's life and journey to America. She grew up as a farmer and worked hard to earn a degree in accounting at the Technological Institute of the Philippines. She moved to North America to farm with her husband and manage a local winery. The event will take place from noon to 1 p.m. in Chumash Left Wing (UU Room 204). Presented by the MultiCultural Center and Student Life and Leadership. Call 6-6249 for more details.

Cal Poly Corporation Board to Meet on Jan. 27

The Board of Directors of the Cal Poly Corporation will hold a regular meeting Friday, Jan. 27 at 8:30 a.m. in the Corporation Administration Building 15, Conference Room 124. This is a public meeting. For further information or to obtain a copy of the meeting agenda, contact corporation Executive Director Bonnie Murphy at ext. 6-1131.

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.

Nominations Sought for Student Employee Award

Faculty and staff members can show their appreciation for student employees by nominating them for the university's 2011-12 Outstanding Student Employee of the Year award. Nominees must have completed at least six months part-time student employment during the academic year, June 1, 2011 to May 31, 2012. Eligible candidates include state, ASI and Foundation student employees. Nominees can be Federal Work-Study and non-Federal Work-Study students. The honoree 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 during the

National Student Employment Week, the second week of April. [Print the 2011-12 OSEY nomination form online](#) (scroll down to Student Assistant Forms and click on the top link). Forms are due to Barbara Rollins in Financial Aid by Wednesday, Feb. 8. For more information, contact Rollins at brollins@calpoly.edu.

Student Financial Aid and Scholarship Deadline is March 2

The Financial Aid Office reminds the campus community and asks faculty and staff to let students know that the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) deadline is March 2. To apply for federal aid, state aid and Cal Poly scholarships, students must complete the FAFSA every year. Questions should be directed to extension 6-2927.

Increase in Federal Work-Study Program Usage Lead to New Limits

Because of a significant increase in utilization of the Federal Work-Study (FWS) Program, there are a limited number of students with FWS funds. We regret that no new FWS awards will be made this academic year, and, at this point, increases in existing Federal Work-Study awards will not be considered. Should our utilization level out, the decision will be reconsidered at a later date. FWS was awarded to applicants with a high need who filed a FAFSA application before the March 2 deadline. Be sure to encourage students to complete the 2012/13 FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov starting Jan. 1. Since we were unable to grant additional requests for Federal Work-Study in 2011/12, students currently on the FWS waiting list will be given priority for FWS in 2012/13, providing they meet the need requirements and file their FAFSA before the March 2 deadline.

Service Awards Luncheon Set for March 7

State, Corporation and ASI employees with milestone service anniversaries in 2011 will be honored at the Service Awards Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 7, in Chumash Auditorium. Phil Bailey, dean of the College of Science and Mathematics, will be the master of ceremonies. The luncheon will feature a pasta extravaganza buffet. The main entrée selections are Italian sausage and peppers in tomato sauce or mushroom marsala sauce, which include classic caesar salad or garden salad, garlic bread stick, dessert, coffee, iced tea and iced water. Tickets are \$10 and go on sale Monday, Feb. 6. Note: Tickets will be taken at the door to ensure seating for all ticket holders. Watch for more information in an upcoming issue of Cal Poly Report, including where you can purchase tickets.

View a Snapshot of Cal Poly History at El Corral Bookstore

Come see the new historical display of past students, professors and sites around Cal Poly from the early 20th century. This historical feature is located in the windows at the south end of El Corral Bookstore, facing the University Union Plaza. A special "thank you" goes out to University Archives and the Kennedy Library staff for providing these photos.

Office of Institutional Planning & Analysis Publishes Fall 2011 PolyView

The Office of Institutional Planning & Analysis has published the Fall 2011 issue of the PolyView. This publication includes various characteristics of students enrolled at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. To view the current issue or any of the previous issues of the PolyView, [visit the PolyView web page](#) or call ext. 6-2204.

Rideshare and Cal Poly Reach Out Through Rideshare Awareness Month

Rideshare Awareness Month – a joint program with Rideshare and Cal Poly's Commuter & Access Services – reached more than 1,000 new participants during fall quarter. Employees, students and community members alike participated in the Rideshare Awareness Month making this month one of the most successful ones yet. Rideshare Awareness Month kicked off Oct. 12, targeting the San Luis Obispo area's daily commuters. The program encouraged Cal Poly faculty, staff, students and local residents to use alternative transportation and spread the word. The program promoted all types of alternative transportation, including bus, bike, vanpool, carpooling and walking. A promotional booth at the Via Carta Mall featured giveaways, information on transit systems, biking, Zipcar and many other alternative methods of transportation in the local area. The goal was to get more community members to try using alternative transportation and to

recognize those who use it on a regular basis. Dennis Elliot, Cal Poly's assistant director of Energy, Utilities and Sustainability, said business travel and commuting to and from campus by faculty, staff and students accounts for almost 50 percent of Cal Poly's total greenhouse gas emissions. For more information on rideshare options at Cal Poly, please contact Commuter & Access Services at ext. 6-6680, or [visit their website](#).

Bella Montana Faculty and Staff Housing Community

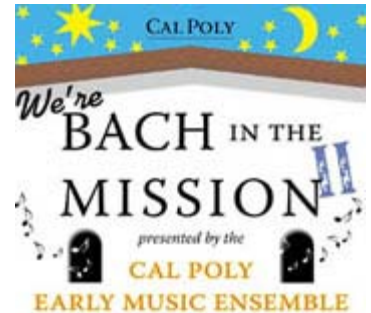
Visit [the Bella Montana Homes web site](#) for available homes for sale and lease.

Events

Cal Poly Early Music Ensemble, Local Professionals to Perform 'Bach in the Mission' Jan. 21

For a second year, the Cal Poly Early Music Ensemble will perform "Bach in the Mission" at 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21, in Mission San Luis Obispo de Tolosa. The Cal Poly student group -- with Music Department faculty members and professionals from San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara and Los Angeles counties -- will perform a cantata, a motet and a double concerto for oboe and violin, all by J. S. Bach.

[More on the Jan. 21 event](#)



Find Out What's Happening in American Education at Free Film Screening Jan. 23

Cal Poly's School of Education is sponsoring a free screening of a new documentary by Oscar-winning filmmaker Vanessa Roth, "American Teacher," followed by a panel discussion with local leaders Monday, Jan. 23. The event begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Fremont Theater in San Luis Obispo. A panel discussion on issues raised in the documentary will follow the screening and end at 8:30 p.m. Admission to the film and discussion is free; a \$5 cash donation is requested from those who can afford it. The film, narrated by actor and Oscar-winning screenwriter Matt Damon, weaves startling new data and interviews of national policy experts onscreen while following the lives and careers of four teachers in different areas of the country.

[More on the documentary screening](#)

Provocative Perspectives Presents Author Firoozeh Dumas on Jan. 26

Cal Poly's Provocative Perspective series will feature Firoozeh Dumas, author of "Funny in Farsi," on Thursday, Jan. 26. Dumas talk on, "Laughing Without An Accent." Dumas was born in Abadan, Iran, and moved to Southern California with her family in the 1970s. She grew up listening to her father, a former Fulbright Scholar, recount the many colorful stories of his life in Iran and America. In 2001, with no prior writing experience, she decided to write her stories as a gift for her children. Dumas will speak at Sage Restaurant on campus at 7:30 a.m. The event is free and open to the public. A follow-up student session discussion will be held in the MultiCultural Center at 10 a.m. in the University Union, Room 217. Reservations are required for breakfast; please RSVP by 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 20. For more information call 756-0327 or e-mail Liz Cofer at lcofer@calpoly.edu. Attendees with disabilities may request accommodations in advance by contacting the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs at 805-756-1521.

Orchesis Dance Company to Present Five Performances of 'Immersion'

Cal Poly's Orchesis Dance Company will present its 42nd anniversary concert, "Immersion," during January and February in the Alex and Faye Spanos Theatre at Cal Poly. Evening shows are scheduled at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Jan. 27-28, and Thursday through Saturday, Feb. 2-4. A 2 p.m. matinee is scheduled on Sunday, Jan. 29. "Immersion" is a high-powered performance of contemporary choreography, live music and a new company of dancers. It features the work of nationally acclaimed and local choreographers, Cal Poly faculty members, and selected top dance students. The dances this year embrace current trends and explore new perspectives on classic forms.

[More on 'Immersion'](#)

Cal Poly Music Ensembles to Perform Benefit Chamber Concert at Old Mission Church Feb. 4

Several of Cal Poly's finest student music ensembles will perform traditional and contemporary chamber music at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, in the Old Mission Church in San Luis Obispo. "A Night at the Mission" will feature performances by woodwind quintets, saxophone ensembles, a flute choir, clarinet ensemble, trumpet ensemble, trombone choir, brass choir, string quartet and brass quintet. The event will help raise money for the Cal Poly Symphony's April trip to the U.S. capitol, where it will perform as the showcase ensemble at the 2012 Washington, D.C., International Music Festival at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.



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.

#102461 – Administrative Support Coordinator II, Academic Affairs - Admissions, Recruitment & Financial Aid, \$3,074-\$4,615 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: Jan. 27, 2012.

#102462 – Coordinator of Student Development (Student Services Professional II), temporary full-time through June 21, 2013, \$3,519-\$5,002 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: Feb. 3, 2012.

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 [website](#). 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.

Innovation Coordinator, Cal Poly Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship, \$15 per hour. Requires Bachelor's degree in business or equivalent and one year of related experience/ training. Must have exceptional skills in organization, written and oral communication, and fiscal management, and must be highly motivated, flexible and self-directed, with outstanding computer and internet skills. Needs experience working with start-up companies, and must have been a team member of a start-up enterprise and assisted in start-up team formations. 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.

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