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Cal Poly Report switches to its Summer Quarter schedule beginning June 13. Report will publish monthly through summer – on July 11 and Aug. 15 – and then return to its regular weekly schedule beginning Sept. 12.

News

Search for Student Affairs Vice President to Begin Soon

A national search for a vice president for Student Affairs will begin in the next few weeks. A draft job description is being circulated to campus stakeholders for input, and a search firm will be identified shortly to assist. Preston Allen will continue to serve as interim vice president until a successor is in place. "I am very grateful for Preston's efforts," President Jeffrey D. Armstrong said. "He is doing double duty as executive director of campus housing and as interim vice president, and he has been thoughtful and diligent during this period. I especially appreciate his patience with us in getting this search under way. We are nearing the end of the process in searching for two new deans and a university police chief, so now we can turn our attention to this important post."

CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed Announces Retirement



CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed announced Thursday that he will retire once a successor is named, bringing to a close his nearly five-decade career in higher education. Reed has spent the last 14 years as chief executive officer of the 23-campus CSU system, which includes Cal Poly. As chancellor, Reed oversees a more than \$5 billion annual budget that supports the education of 427,000 students systemwide and employs 44,000 faculty and staff members. "I have long known of Chancellor Reed's leadership in higher education nationally," Cal Poly President Jeffrey D. Armstrong said. "I have great respect for his unwavering advocacy on behalf of the CSU's mission. There is no advocate more passionate about the need for broad access to an affordable, high-quality college education than Chancellor Reed."

[Read more here on Reed's announcement](#)

Reception Set for June 5 for College of Liberal Arts' Dean Linda H. Halisky



President Jeffrey D. Armstrong, Provost Kathleen Enz Finken and the College of Liberal Arts cordially invite the campus community to a reception honoring Linda H. Halisky. Since 2004, Halisky has served as the dean of the College of Liberal Arts; she will retire in June, returning to teach English classes in the fall. Her 28 years of service have included receiving the 1990-91 Cal Poly Distinguished Teaching Award, serving as chair of the English Department from 1994 to 2000 and directing Cal Poly's International Education and Programs from 2002-04. The reception is set for 3-5 p.m. Tuesday, June 5, in the Rossi Grand Lobby in the Performing Arts Center. For more information, contact Terry J. San Filippo at tsanfili@calpoly.edu. To RSVP, email mvaline@calpoly.edu by May 28.

Orientation Programs Refined Through Campuswide Collaboration



Student Affairs has announced refinements to its Orientation Programs for new students, developed through a collaborative effort



involving 70 faculty members, staff members and students from around campus. The changes are aimed at creating an orientation process that better promotes success for new students, utilizes parents as partners, and addresses transitional issues that new Mustangs face. New students are urged to participate fully and follow all recommended steps as they acclimate to the university and community. Throughout the summer, students and families will get a taste of campus life and resources through a live video podcast, Poly Live. They will then visit the campus in July and August for a

two-day Soar program and discover university expectations and traditions, learn about academic tools and advising, explore the San Luis Obispo community, and stay overnight in Poly Canyon Village. A special session for transfer students and families takes place in August (with a similar session for out-of-state and international students in September). An online course through Poly Learn is available to assist with questions related to block registration. During Week of Welcome in September, students meet their new living communities, learn about their major and academic advising, get involved in clubs and organizations, and discuss social issues and tips for a successful transition. More information about the refined Orientation Programs – including dates and reservation information – is available at <http://orientation.calpoly.edu>.

Faculty and Staff

Cal Poly Graphic Communication Professors to Teach, Speak in China

Two Cal Poly Graphic Communication professors have been selected to speak and to teach about digital printing in China in the coming months. Xiaoying Rong, associate professor of graphic communication, has been selected to deliver the keynote address at CIFEX|RemaxAsia 2012 and iPrint Expo in Zhuhai, China, a major conference and exposition in October. The event, sponsored by Recycling Times Magazine, is expected to draw approximately 10,000 people. Rong will speak on the transition from offset to digital printing taking place at printing and publishing facilities throughout the U.S. and China. Her presentation will be published in the print and online version of Recycling Times Magazine soon after the October event. And Penny Bennett, professor, associate dean of Cal Poly's College of Liberal Arts and recognized authority on digital printing, was selected to teach at Shanghai Printing and Publishing College in Shanghai for three weeks this summer. She will teach two courses: Introduction to Graphic Arts and Digital Preparation to approximately 160 students. This will be Bennett's second teaching stint in China. [Read more here.](#)

Retirements

Tom May

Tom May is retiring May 30 from Cal Poly after 33 years of service. He graduated from Cal Poly Ornamental Horticulture in 1977 and began working in Facility Services as a lead grounds worker in 1979. In 1995, he moved to the construction side of Facility Services and has served as a project manager for the past 17 years. He has enjoyed working with the campus community on many construction and renovation projects. Please join May to celebrate his retirement with cake and lemonade from 2-3:30 p.m. May 30 in the Kennedy Library Atrium.

Donna Davis

Donna Davis, academic advisor/Connections for Academic Success Program coordinator with Student Academic Services, is retiring after almost 30 years at Cal Poly. Davis began her Cal Poly career in 1979, working until 1981 as the recruiting coordinator for the Placement Center (now Career Services). She returned to campus in 1984 as a career advisor with Career Services. In 1998, she accepted a position as the coordinator of the Outreach and Retention Center. In collaboration with the Office of Admissions, she helped create Cal Poly's Partners Program. In 2000, the Outreach and Retention Center (now Connections for Academic Success) moved under Student Academic Services. Davis is also an EOP academic advisor and has advised several student clubs, served on numerous universitywide committees and served as co-chair of the Black Faculty and Staff Association. She earned her bachelor's degree in history and a master's in education with an emphasis in counseling and guidance at Cal Poly. Student Academic Services will host a

retirement celebration honoring her from 1-3 p.m., Thursday, May 31, at the Albert B. Smith Alumni and Conference Center. The campus community is invited to attend.

Catastrophic Leave

Nicholas Gradi

Nicholas Gradi, lead building service engineer in Facility Services, has qualified for catastrophic leave. Those wishing to donate vacation and/or sick leave to help Gradi remain in full-pay status during an extended leave of absence should contact Laura McCarren at ext. 6-5212 or lmccarre@calpoly.edu to request a donation form.

Aaron Quarles

Aaron Quarles, a custodian in University Housing, has qualified for catastrophic leave. Those wishing to donate vacation and/or sick leave to help Quarles remain in full-pay status during an extended leave of absence should contact Debi Wages at ext. 6-1559 or dwages@calpoly.edu to request a donation form.

Student Success

Women's and Gender Studies Announces Scholarship Winners

The Women's and Gender Studies Department is proud to announce the following scholarship winners.

- Susan Currier Memorial Scholarship: Brieana Higley-Anderson – Child Development major, Women's and Gender Studies minor
- James M. Duenow Scholarship: Jillian Cohen – Comparative Ethnic Studies major, Women's and Gender Studies minor
- Vicki and Darell Farrer Scholarship (tie – two winners): Laura Harris – Industrial Engineering grad student; Halli Meth – Computer Science grad student
- Steve Harmon Scholarship: Victoria Billings – Journalism major
- Sarah Perryman Memorial Scholarship: Misty Moyle – Biological Sciences major, Dance minor, Women's and Gender Studies minor
- L. Diane Ryan Scholarship: Nicole Peretti – Biomedical Engineering major
- Nell E. Spradlin Scholarship for the Recognition of Individuality: Caitlin Fuller – Psychology major, Music minor, Women's and Gender Studies minor
- Dr. Shirley H. Walker Scholarship: Christina Taggart – Art and Design major, Women's and Gender Studies minor

The Women's and Gender Studies Department thanks everyone who participated in the nomination process. There was a tremendous response this year, with so many deserving students. The decision-making was especially difficult.

Celebration of Engineering Senior Projects Set for May 31



The first-ever, all-college Cal Poly Engineering Senior Project Exhibition – featuring more than 200 individual and team projects, including poster displays and prototype devices – will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. May 31. “This showcase of engineering talent offers a wonderful opportunity to interact with soon-to-be Cal Poly graduates – and glimpse some of the inventions and visions of tomorrow,” said Dennis Derickson, electrical engineering chair and organizer of the event. The projects will be on display at the Engineering Plaza and in the Bonderson Projects Center, the Advanced Technology Lab, and Engineering I). For questions about the event, call ext. 6-2781 or email ee-office-staff@calpoly.edu.

Campus Announcements

CMS/PeopleSoft HCM Upgrade Complete

The PeopleSoft HCM upgrade is complete, and the system is once again available for use. PeopleSoft HCM (Student & HR Administration) underwent a major systems upgrade that necessitated a blackout over several days beginning May 17. The upgrade was required to maintain vendor support of applications and improve reliability of the system. For more information, visit www.cms.calpoly.edu.

ASI Rec Sports to Offer Youth Swim and Water Polo Lessons This Summer



ASI Recreational Sports will offer summer youth water polo and swim lessons at the Recreation Center. Water polo lessons are offered for both boys and girls ages 10-13 and consist of eight 60-minute sessions beginning July 9. The lessons will introduce participants to skills, concepts and rules of the sport in a fun and educational environment. Swim lessons consist of nine 40-minute sessions beginning June 18. There are six levels to choose from, including "baby and me". The entire community is eligible to enroll their children; a Recreation Center membership is not required, space is limited. Registration must be completed in person at the Recreation Center front desk. Each session costs \$55. View the youth water polo and swim lesson descriptions on the [ASI website](#). For more information, contact the Recreation

Center at ext. 6-1366 or aquatics@asi.calpoly.edu.

Nominations Sought for Provost's Leadership Award for Partnership in Philanthropy

Nominations are being accepted for the Provost's Leadership Award for Partnership in Philanthropy, which recognizes a current or former faculty member's superior achievement in fundraising. The award recipient will be recognized at the 2012 Fall Conference. Faculty, staff and current students are eligible to submit nominations. [The nomination form is available online](#). Nominations should be submitted to Eileen Amaral, University Advancement, Heron Hall, Room 206 no later than 5 p.m. on June 29. Electronic submissions can be emailed to eamaral@calpoly.edu. For more information, contact Amaral at ext. 6-1590. [A list of past recipients is also available online](#).

New to PolyLearn Gradebook?

Nearly 300 faculty members began teaching in PolyLearn Moodle this quarter, and we know that using the Gradebook for the first time is one of the biggest challenges. Faculty members who are new to PolyLearn and plan to use the Gradebook are asked to visit the [Gradebook Support Site](#) to get ready for the end of the quarter. Faculty members may also submit a [Consultation Request](#) for individual assistance. For questions, contact polylearnsupport@calpoly.edu or the ITS Service Desk at ext. 6-7000.

Vanpool Program Has Openings Around the County

Tired of high gas prices? Consider vanpooling. There are vanpool openings in Santa Maria/Orcutt, North Coast, and North County. Call or e-mail today for further information at ext. 6-6680 or srains@calpoly.edu.

Cal Poly Preschool Learning Lab to Open Full-Time This Fall

The Cal Poly Preschool Learning Lab will be opening full-time this fall. Spaces are available for children ages 3-5, and priority will be given to Cal Poly faculty and staff. For more information, contact Director Patty Clarkson at ext. 6-2220 or preschoollabadmin@calpoly.edu, or [visit the preschool's web page](#).

Poly Trekker Registration is Under Way

Registration for Poly Trekkers Summer Program 2012 is now under way at the Orfalea Family & ASI Children's Center. This exciting program is for school-aged children who have completed kindergarten through the fourth grade (approximately 6 to 10 years old). The program will run June 18 to Aug. 17 (closed July 4). The program is offered Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Extended care will be offered Aug. 20-22. There are many different scheduling options for this summer, including the full nine-week program or individual one-week sessions to fit in with a busy summer schedule. Also offered are Monday-Wednesday-Friday or Tuesday-Thursday only options for the full nine-week program. Poly Trekkers includes a highly qualified staff with a superior ratio of one adult to every 10 children. A nutritious breakfast, lunch and snacks are included in the program fees. The children participate in art, crafts, recreational games, field trips (on and off campus) and fun. For more information or to register, contact the Orfalea Family and ASI Children's Center at ext. 6-1267.

El Corral's Customer Appreciation Days Offer Big Savings May 29-31

Visit El Corral Bookstore's Customer Appreciation Days on May 29-31 for some great year-end sales. May 29 and 30 are for faculty and staff, and May 31 is for the entire campus. For more details, visit www.elcorralbookstore.com.

May 30 Colloquium to Honor 2012 Distinguished Scholarship Award Winners

Faculty and staff are invited to attend an interdisciplinary colloquium 2-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 30, at the Advanced Technologies Laboratories. President Jeffrey D. Armstrong and Provost Kathleen Enz Finken, in association with the Academic Senate Distinguished Scholarship Awards Committee, will host the colloquium to honor the professional and creative work of Professor Christopher Kitts, Biological Sciences Department, and Professor William Hendricks, Recreation, Parks & Tourism Administration Department. Kitts and Hendricks were the recipients of the 2012 Distinguished Scholarship Award. Kitts will present "Student-Centered Research at Cal Poly, a Tale of Collaborations and Trade-offs." Hendricks will present "A Park Ranger's Story: How I Became a Social Scientist." A social hour will follow the presentations. Seating is limited; reservations are encouraged. Call ext. 6-2186 by May 24, or email academicaffairs@calpoly.edu.

Cal Poly's Pride Center Hosts Lavender Commencement

The Cal Poly Pride Center will host its fifth annual Lavender Commencement event May 31 in celebration of graduating LGBTQIA students. The event will take place in the Performing Arts Center Lobby from 6 to 8 p.m. Faculty and staff are invited to attend this celebration, which will feature guest speakers, leadership and ally awards, and opportunities for each graduate to speak about their experiences at Cal Poly. Seating is limited, and reservations are appreciated. For more information, contact Erin Echols at ext. 6-7153 or pride@calpoly.edu, or visit the [Pride Center](#).

Blackboard Will Be Turned Off May 31

The campus license for Blackboard is expiring, and content from existing Blackboard courses needed for future quarters must be removed from Blackboard by May 31. Faculty will no longer have access after this date. Content can either be moved into Summer and Fall PolyLearn course shells, or if time is short, Blackboard content can simply be saved to an individual instructor's computer file storage for future use. Faculty have a variety of support options to accomplish this. The PolyLearn Support Team has two remaining file transfer workshops ([registration available online](#)) and will offer online help and consultation support. A variety of resources are available at the [File Transfer Support Site](#). [The question transfer web site](#) offers support and request submissions. Or, you may [submit a Consultation Request](#) for individual assistance. For questions, contact polylearnsupport@calpoly.edu or the ITS Service Desk at ext. 6-7000.

Reminder: Use Your Fast Passes by June 8

This is a friendly reminder that your Fast Passes will expire at the end of the academic year, June 8. Fast Passes are a convenient way to purchase meal passes to the all-you-care-to-eat restaurant 19 Metro station. For more information, visit www.calpolydining.com/fastpass.

2011-12 Federal Work-Study Program Ends June 9

Saturday, June 9, 2012 is the last day students may work through the Federal Work-Study Program for 2011-12. Work-Study payroll

must be submitted prior to the June payroll deadline. Any 'late' payrolls will be processed through regular student pay, since late Work-Study pay cannot be authorized. During finals week, Work-Study students may work up to 20 hours. There is no Federal Work-Study during the summer quarter 2012. The program will resume Sept. 18, 2012.

Bella Montana Faculty and Staff Housing Community Has Homes for Sale

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

Events

Cal Poly Arab Music Ensemble to Perform June 1



The Cal Poly Arab Music Ensemble will perform traditional and contemporary music and dance from the Eastern Mediterranean and larger Middle East region at 8 p.m. Friday, June 1, in the Spanos Theatre on campus. The ensemble and special guest artists will present definitive vocal and instrumental selections by some of the most celebrated composers and performers of Arab art and popular music, including Egyptian songs by Karim Mahmoud and Mohamed Abdelwahab and Lebanese songs by Nancy Ajram and the team of Fairouz and the Rahbani Brothers. A special feature will be the recitation of classic Arabic and Persian poems by Khalil Gibran and Jalal ad-Din Rumi, which will be incorporated into a musical suite displaying the interconnection of music and poetry. This diverse program will include a variety of selections rooted in traditional melodic modes with neutral tones as well as metric modes of 10 and 14 beats and performances by a chamber ensemble playing Turkish art music, a percussion dance piece, and a rock ballad with

electric guitar. Guest artist Bahram Osqueezadeh will conduct Iranian music and play the santur. San Luis Obispo dance instructors Sandra Sarrouf and Jenna Mitchell will lead their troupe in several folkdances, and local percussionist Keeth CrowHawk Hershman will lead the drum section. For more information, [visit the Music Department Web calendar](#).

Cal Poly Spring Band Concert on June 2 to Feature Music of the 21st Century



Cal Poly's Spring Band Concert, "Winds of Change: Music of the 21st Century," is set for 8 p.m. Saturday, June 2, in Harman Hall of the Performing Arts Center's Christopher Cohan Center. The annual spring event features the university's 55-member Wind Ensemble and 65-member Wind Orchestra performing a range of new works for wind band. The Wind Ensemble will perform Michael Daugherty's "Red Cape Tango," the final movement of his "Metropolis" symphony depicting the climactic battle between Superman and Bizarro. The Wind Orchestra will perform Julie Giroux's "Culloden," a three-movement piece about Scotland's Jacobite Rebellion. Other works on the program include Nathan Daughtrey's "Imagining World," Yosuke Fukuda's "Symphonic Dances," Frank Ticheli's "Rest," and James Syler's "Tattoo." Andy McMahan and Christopher Woodruff will conduct the wind bands, and the concert will introduce to the stage student conductor and music major Lauren Wasynczuk. She will lead the Wind Orchestra in two selections from Sergei

Rachmaninov's choral masterwork "Vespers," arranged for wind band by William Johnson, emeritus director of Cal Poly bands. For more information, [visit the Music Department Web calendar](#).

Job Vacancies

State Employment Opportunities

The official listing of staff and management vacancies is posted at www.calpolyjobs.org. To apply, go online and complete the application form. For assistance, call Human Resources at ext. 6-2236.

#102583 – Animal Nutrition Center Manager (Administrator I), CAFES – Animal Science, salary commensurate with background and experience. Open until filled. Review begins: June 22, 2012.

#102584 – Early Childhood Master Teacher – 10/12 pay plan, College of Liberal Arts – Psychology & Child Development, salary range: \$1,711-\$4,180 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: June 15, 2012.

#102585 – Casual Worker - Writing Proficiency Exam Proctor, College of Liberal Arts – Writing Skills Program, anticipated hiring range: \$8 - \$17 per hour. Open until filled. Review begins: June 4, 2012.

Faculty Employment Opportunities

Candidates are asked to visit the online employment web site at www.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](http://www.calpolycorporationjobs.org). 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.

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 212 or call ext. 6-5800.

There are no new job opportunities at this time.