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Cal Poly Report remains on summer schedule, publishing monthly through August, and will return to its normal weekly schedule beginning Sept. 12.

News

Cal Poly’s Accreditation Extended 10 Years - the Maximum Allowed

Citing Cal Poly’s improved graduation rates and praising the faculty and staff’s focus on students despite major reductions in state funding, the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) has reaffirmed Cal Poly’s accreditation for the next 10 years, the maximum allowed. In notifying the university of the 10-year extension, the accrediting association commended Cal Poly “for making significant progress in numerous areas” even as the university experienced “major turnover in the top leadership positions.” “WASC’s reaccreditation decision reaffirms Cal Poly’s reputation for excellence and acknowledges the extraordinary value of our Learn by Doing approach,” said Cal Poly President Jeffrey D. Armstrong. “This decision recognizes the commitment and excellence of our students, faculty and staff, and reassures our alumni that the value of their Cal Poly degree will continue to appreciate over time.”

More on Cal Poly’s Accreditation Extension

University of Oregon Administrator Named New Cal Poly Architecture Dean

Christine Theodoropoulos, head of the Architecture Department at the University of Oregon in Eugene, has been named the new dean of Cal Poly’s College of Architecture and Environmental Design. Theodoropoulos – who is also a licensed architect and registered professional civil engineer in California – will assume her new post Sept. 1. “Christine’s blend of academic and professional experience as a teacher, university administrator, architect and civil engineer make her an excellent choice to lead our College of Architecture and Environmental Design,” said Cal Poly President Jeffrey D. Armstrong. “Her career has embraced the kind of multidisciplinary approaches that will enrich our Learn by Doing programs.” Read more on Theodoropoulos’ appointment.

El Corral Announces New Locations During Summer Renovation

This summer, El Corral Bookstore will be renovating its main sales floor to bring customers a better, larger selection of products for the coming fall quarter. The bookstore will be open throughout the summer at a temporary location, across the way from El Corral and in the lower courseware area of the bookstore. Please visit El Corral Bookstore this summer from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, visit www.elcorralbookstore.com.

Campuswide Nine-Hour Internet Outage Set for July 21-22

There will be a campuswide, 12-hour Internet outage Saturday night, July 21, while Cal Poly completes work with its Internet Service Provider to upgrade the speed of the university's online access to 10 GB from 1 GB. The outage will begin at 10
p.m., Saturday, July 21, and end at 7 a.m., Sunday, July 22. During this outage, campus network users should plan for no Internet access at some times between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m. Wired and wireless Internet users on campus will not be able to reach sites off campus. Users of campus housing will not be able to reach off-campus sites or sites on campus. The upgrade in speed of Internet access will enhance the capability of many applications that require higher speeds to off-campus resources and will open the door for new applications that will help fulfill Cal Poly's mandate for quality teaching and learning. ITS apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause and thanks the campus community for its cooperation. For questions about the outage, contact the ITS Service Desk at ext. 6-7000 or servicesdesk@calpoly.edu.

Zimbra Update Set for Aug. 12; Open Forums Planned for July 25 and Aug. 14

Zimbra will be updated Sunday, Aug. 12, to provide the newest features for calendar, email, briefcase and tasks. To preview these noteworthy enhancements, visit the Zimbra 7 Highlights website. Extensive training is not required to use Zimbra 7, but those wishing to take full advantage of the changes are encouraged to attend the events below.
- Open Forum / Demo (before the upgrade), 10-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 25, Fisher Science Room 286
- Hands-on Workshops (after the upgrade), 10-11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14 or Thursday, Aug. 16 in Kennedy Library Room 111B

Zimbra services will be unavailable from 6 a.m. to noon Aug. 12. For more information, contact the ITS Service Desk at 6-7000 or servicesdesk@calpoly.edu.

Genealogical Start-Up is Newest Tenant in Cal Poly Technology Park

Linkpendium, founded by web-based genealogical veterans Karen Isaacs and Brian (Wolf) Leverich, is the latest company to take space in Cal Poly’s Technology Park. Isaacs and Leverich founded the popular RootsWeb genealogical community website. When it merged with Ancestry.com in June 2000, RootsWeb had about 600,000 registered users, an average of about 1 million web page views monthly and was delivering about 160 million pieces of email monthly to the subscribers of its 18,000 mailing lists. The new venture, Linkpendium, already indexes more than 10 million sources of genealogical information. Linkpendium looks to leverage expertise at Cal Poly in areas of natural language processing and large database analytics/processing to identify and categorize large volumes of textual information related to genealogy. Leverich holds a doctorate in public policy analysis from the RAND Graduate School. Isaacs earned a master's in operations research from Stanford University. The Technology Park at Cal Poly was completed in June 2010 and has eight companies developing advanced technologies in the areas of software, biotechnology, nutritional products, packaging, and engineering. One 2,500-square-foot space is available for lease. For more information, visit www.c3rp.com or contact Jim Dunning, California Central Coast Research Partnership (C3RP) program manager, at 805-756-5551 or jdunning@calpoly.edu.

Faculty and Staff

Matthew Roberts to Lead CAP Project

Matthew Roberts, director of Contracts, Procurement and Risk Management (CPRM), is undertaking a special one-year assignment to lead a campuswide effort to update and complete the Campus Administrative Policies. The assignment, initiated by the Office of the President, is to be completed during the 2012-13 fiscal year. During that period, CPRM Associate Director Dru Zachmeyer will assume Roberts' director duties.

Cal Poly Engineering Announces New Associate Dean

Cal Poly College of Engineering has named Rakesh Goel to the newly created position of associate dean of research, graduate programs and partnerships. Prior to this, Goel served as the chair of Cal Poly's Civil and Environmental Engineering Department. As associate dean, Goel will help manage graduate and professional certification programs, create new opportunities for innovation and collaboration, and strengthen ties between the college and industry. “Rakesh brings a great mix of experience in management, innovative programming and fundraising, as well as strong credentials in leadership, research and education,” said Debra Larson, dean of engineering. “With Rakesh in this new position, we believe it will lead to a new level of interdisciplinary thinking, collaboration, innovation, entrepreneurship and diversity throughout the college.” Read more on Goel's appointment.

Bailey, Maloney and Stephens Named Outstanding Staff
Helen Bailey, assistant registrar – Evaluations in the Office of the Registrar; Marcy Maloney, director of ASI Programs, Associated Students, Inc.; and Shannon Stephens, director of Academic Services, Athletics, have been chosen to receive the 2011-12 Outstanding Staff Award.

Helen Bailey joined Evaluations in 2006 and quickly became involved in a variety of initiatives to improve services for students, such as New Student Transfer Credit and Test Credit Postings and the Super Seniors project. Co-workers say Bailey has “... changed the productivity, efficiency, and morale of the office by just being Helen” and that “people seek Helen out because they know they will be greeted warmly, respectfully and with every intention to resolve concerns.”

Maloney has worked in ASI for 22 years. She is a nationally recognized expert in the areas of fitness programming, recreational sports management and facility development. With her guidance and perseverance, the new Rec Center has opened as one of the largest and most comprehensive student recreation centers in the West. A co-worker said “Marcy’s work ethic is second to none. Her willingness to do what it takes to get the job done is exceptional and her focus on quality is the hallmark of her work.”

Stephens came to Athletics in 2004 as athletics advisor. He is also a Cal Poly alumni and student athlete; he played baseball from 1992-95, and is in the university’s record book in many statistical categories. Athletics Director Don Oberhelman said Stephens “is what we hope our students become when they leave - citizens, pillars of the community. He treats our young people with human dignity, kindness and respect, and he will not tolerate anything else. At all times, Shannon is the embodiment of all those principles.”

Cal Poly Mustang Daily General Manager Wins Distinguished Adviser Award

Paul Bittick, general manager of Cal Poly’s Mustang Daily, has been named a 2012 College Media Association Distinguished Adviser Award winner. The award is given to CMA members who have provided exemplary service to their institutions and the students. Bittick will receive his award at the CMA’s convention in Chicago in the fall. Bittick has been advising the Mustang Daily student staff for nearly 10 years. He came to Cal Poly after more than 25 years in the newspaper industry. He has worked for daily newspapers in Los Angeles and the San Joaquin Valley in a variety of roles, including sports writer, sports editor, managing editor and publisher. He also worked as a freelance writer for the Associated Press for more than 20 years, covering college and professional sports. Under Bittick’s leadership, the award-winning Mustang Daily converted from tabloid to broadsheet format. It is published daily during the academic year and is entirely student-run.

Retirements

Alan Pepe

Alan Pepe of University Housing has retired after 21 years of service. Pepe began his career with Cal Poly and University Housing in 1991 as assistant director of Housing Services. He retired as associate director of University Housing/director of Housing & Business Services.

Juliana Clark

Juliana Clark of University Housing retired on July 1, 2012 after 12 years of service. Clark began her career with Cal Poly and University Housing in 2000 as an administrative support assistant-I. She has since served in various housing positions, including office supervisor, and retired as housing administration analyst. Those who would like to send Clark their good wishes can send an email to jhclark@calpoly.edu.

Giglia Sherman

Giglia Sherman is retiring after 25 years at Cal Poly. Giglia has worked in both the Administration and Finance Division and Information Technology Services in her career supporting PeopleSoft security and finance. By her request, no reception will be held. Her last working day will be Tuesday, July 31.

Catastrophic Leave

Juanita Minor

Juanita Minor, administrative analyst in the College of Liberal Arts Dean's Office, has qualified for catastrophic leave. Those wishing to donate sick leave and/or vacation leave to help Minor remain in full-pay status during an extended leave of absence should contact Latasha Boggs at latasha.boggs@calpoly.edu.
In Memoriam
Jennifer Armstrong Thoma

Jennifer Armstrong Thoma, alumna and retired employee, passed away June 13, 2012, after a courageous battle with cancer. After graduating from Cal Poly, she worked at Armstrong College in Berkeley and United States International University. In 1979 she married Bill Thoma and returned to San Luis Obispo in 1981. Soon after, she accepted a position in Enrollment Support Services at Cal Poly. Thoma was instrumental in many “firsts” at Cal Poly and in the CSU. She worked on implementation of the first automated application processes in the state; received statewide acclaim for her efforts on Project ASSIST, the online California articulation database; and directed the creation of POWER, the CSU’s first online registration system. She played significant roles in the conversion to SIM, SIS, and SIS+ databases. She also managed the implementation of Degree Works and PeopleSoft’s Academic Advising module. Thoma retired in 2007 after 25 years of service to Cal Poly and its students. After retiring, Thoma was recruited as an information-system implementation consultant by IBM; Signature Consultants, working at the CSU’s Monterey Bay, Stanislaus and Humboldt campuses; and Oracle Corporation’s higher-education division in New York City. Read more on Thoma in The Tribune.

Student Success
Cal Poly Claims National Concrete Canoe Championship for Third Year in a Row

For the third consecutive year, Cal Poly won gold at the National Concrete Canoe Competition, considered the America’s Cup of Civil Engineering. The team’s three-peat came in a canoe aptly named Prospector in honor of the California Gold Rush. The American Society of Civil Engineers’ 25th annual National Concrete Canoe Competition was held June 14-16 at the University of Nevada, Reno. Cal Poly was among 22 top engineering schools at the prestigious event that challenges students’ knowledge, creativity and stamina while showcasing the versatility and durability of concrete as a building material. The competition was broken into four equally weighted categories: final product, design paper, technical presentation and races. Cal Poly placed first in three categories and third in technical presentation. Read more about the Concrete Canoe team’s victory.

Campus Announcements

Employment Equity Facilitator Workshop Set for July 26

An Employment Equity Facilitator Workshop is scheduled for 10-11:30 a.m. Thursday, July 26 in Fisher Science, Room 290. Martha Cody, director of Employment Equity, will lead the workshop and will be joined by Carolyn Johnson from Academic Personnel and Karen Stubberfield from Human Resources. The three will answer questions and provide information on the faculty and staff recruitment process. Those planning to attend should contact Sumi Seacat at sseacat@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-7387.

Foundation Board to Meet Aug. 4

The Cal Poly Foundation Board of Directors will hold its board meeting, which is open to the public, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, August 4, at Poly Canyon Village. For more information about the meeting, or to obtain a copy of the agenda, call the Cal Poly Foundation office at extension 6-1445.

Save 20 Percent All Summer with Campus Express at 19 Metro Station

Customers can save 20 percent on walk-in meal prices at 19 Metro station, located in Building 19. 19 Metro station is an all-you-care-to-eat restaurant with a variety of entrées and fresh options. It will be open for breakfast, lunch and dinner this summer from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday. Add Campus Express value online at any time at www.calpolydining.com/campusexpress or through your Cal Poly Portal (on the Money Matters tab).

Campus Dining Summer Hours Announced

Campus Dining summer hours are:
- 19 Metro station: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. M-F; special events on weekends
- Campus Market: 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. M-F; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays; closed Sundays
- Einstein Bros. Bagels: 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. M-F; closed weekends
- Julian's Patisserie: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. M-Th; closed Friday and weekends; closed Aug. 16-Sept. 9
- Starbucks: 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. M-F; closed weekends
- The Avenue: 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. M-F; closed weekends
To view the hours of operations online, visit the Campus Dining website.

Canyon Post Announces Summer Hours

Canyon Post is open during summer quarter and welcomes all faculty, staff, and students to visit in Poly Canyon Village. Canyon Post is pleased to offer: dry cleaning, stamps, boxes, notary service, and self-service shipping kiosk for USPS, UPS, and FedEx. Drop by to take advantage of monthly dry cleaning specials. Summer hours are noon to 5:45 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information regarding services, visit Canyon Post online.

Statistical Consulting Service Available

The Statistics Department is providing a statistical consulting service to the university community to facilitate research design and data analysis in a wide variety of disciplines. The service is intended to support projects and research by Cal Poly faculty and staff and provide assistance for students working on senior projects and graduate research. Dr. John Walker is serving as the consultant. He is available to advise on data collection, experimental design, and analysis of research projects. In addition, he is available to lead seminars or tutorials on requested topics and offer advice on various computer packages currently available at Cal Poly. If there is some special area of statistical inference of interest to a group in your department, contact Walker to arrange possible lectures on the subject. He can be reached at ext. 6-7128 or jwalker@calpoly.edu. Consulting walk-in hours are 2:10-4 p.m. Tuesdays/Thursdays and 3:10-4 p.m. Wednesdays. Appointments outside those hours can be made by contacting Walker. Faculty, staff and students interested in utilizing the consulting service are encouraged to access the Statistics Department website at www.stat.cs.university.edu for additional information — including what you should bring to a consulting session.

Cal Poly Women's Club Holds Luncheon

Congratulations to the four Cal Poly Women's Club scholarship award recipients - Noah Connely, Thomas Tolley, Nicholas Mikulsky, and Christopher Hurley - who were honored at the club's May Luncheon. It was a pleasure to host them or their family members at the luncheon. Other honored guests included Sharon Armstrong and Mary Kennedy. The club thanks Armstrong and Kennedy and the university at large for their continued support. The club also offers a special thanks to everyone who helped with the fashion show at the luncheon. To learn more about the club, to become a member and to find a link to the club's new Facebook page, visit www.cpwomen.org. Or send email to calpolywomen@calpoly.edu for more specific questions about philanthropy and other club activities.

Bella Montana Faculty and Staff Housing Community Has Homes for Sale

Visit the Bella Montana Homes website for available homes for sale.

Events

JumpBrush: Pacific Coast Dance Convergence Returns to the PAC Aug. 8-11

This three day/four night festival, running Aug. 8-11, is filled with dynamic classes, workshops and performances for intermediate and advanced dancers ages 12 and up. Classes include ballet, contemporary, yoga and hip-hop. More on the festival.

Joe Goode Performance Group Arrives Aug. 9

For more than 26 years, the acclaimed choreographer has been recognized internationally as an innovator in contemporary dance theatre, exhibiting an unflagging commitment to visual experimentation. The company's performance will be a highlight of Cal Poly Arts' August JumpBrush Pacific Coast Dance Convergence festival. See the performance Aug. 9 at 8 p.m. in the Cohan Center. More on Goode.
U.S. Air Force Band Concert Set for Aug. 14
The United States Air Force Band of the Golden West Concert Band is soaring into San Luis Obispo for a free concert at the Performing Arts Center. The band performs a variety of music – from standard concert band literature and military marches to jazz and pop arrangements, Broadway standards and patriotic music complete with instrumental soloists and featured vocalists. See the concert Aug. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cohan Center. More on the concert.

Confessions of a Love Junkie Plays Aug. 17, 18
"Confessions of a Love Junkie" has it all – dance, comedy, poignancy and a whole lot of heart. "Confessions of a Love Junkie" plays for one weekend only at the Spanos Theater - Friday, Aug. 17 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 18th at 2 and 7 p.m. The Core Dance team of dedicated talent is guaranteed to bring the house down every night. The show is recommended for ages 16 and up with some mature themes and costumes. More on "Confessions of a Love Junkie."

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.


#102603 – Administrative Assistant II - 10/12 Pay Plan, College of Liberal Arts – English. $2,088-$3,132 per month (anticipated hiring range: $2,088-$2,297 per month). Open until filled. Review begins: July 13.

#102605 – Temp Emergency Clerical Pool, Temp clerical positions (90-day max.), ASA 1: $12.05-$18.08 per hour; ASA II: $14.45-$21.68 per hour; ASC I: $16.20-$24.30 per hour; ASC II: $17.73-$26.63 per hour. Continuous hiring through Dec. 31.

#102606 - Administrative Support Coordinator I, CLA - Political Science. $2,808-$4,212 per month (anticipated hiring range: $2,808-$3,089 per month). Open until filled. Review begins: July 23.


#102610 – Prospect Research Specialist (Administrative Analyst/Specialist-Non-Exempt), University Advancement. $3,245-$5,193 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: July 23.


***THIS INTERNAL RECRUITMENT IS OPEN TO CAL POLY EMPLOYEES ONLY (State, Corporation, and ASI)*** #102599 - ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST/SPECIALIST - NON-EXEMPT. College of Engineering - Computer Science Department, $3,245-$5,193 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: July 20.

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.

PART-TIME LECTURER POOLS – Pools are open in all departments for the 2012-13 academic year. Please visit the online employment Web site to search your department of interest.

#102589, Tenure Track Position - Chemistry & Biochemistry, Chemistry &
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/EO.

Sous Chef, Campus Dining, $15.18-$18.62/hour, requires High school degree or equivalent with five years cooking experience, including three years supervisory experience; culinary degree preferred. Must be able to lift/carry 50 pounds and be able to work various shifts.

Assistant Supervisor, Chick-fil-A, 10-month position, Campus Dining, $10.54-$12.91/hour, requires high school degree or equivalent with one year food service experience; two years preferred. Must be able to lift/carry 50 pounds and be able to work various shifts. Fast food experience desirable.

Assistant supervisor, Campus Market (Starbucks), 10-month position, Campus Dining, $10.54 - $12.91/hour, requires high school degree or equivalent with one year food service experience; two years preferred. Must be able to lift/carry 50 pounds and be able to work various shifts. Coffee experience desirable.

Research assistant, Kinesiology Department, $15.18-$22.05 per hour. Requires bachelor's degree, ideally in psychology, nutrition, kinesiology or related field; clinical research experience desirable. Must be bilingual English/Spanish and be proficient in Word, Excel and PowerPoint. Requires excellent oral and written communication skills. Must have valid driver's license and reliable transportation; some travel required.

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.

Rose Float Construction Instructor, 10-month salary $39,251.30, open until filled. Review begins July 16.