



Cal Poly Report — August 27, 2014

SUMMER SCHEDULE: Cal Poly Report will return to its regular weekly schedule Sept. 17.

Fall Conference — New Time, New Celebration!

This year's Fall Conference General Session will take place at a new time: 2:30 to 4 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 15. Please join President Armstrong and Mrs. Sharon Armstrong in Harman Hall at the Performing Arts Center for the General Session, followed by a "Celebration of SLO" reception with food and beverages from local purveyors.



If possible, please arrive at the General Session a few minutes early, as it is expected to start promptly at 2:30 p.m. Please make plans to park in structures other than the Performing Arts Center parking lot (Grand Avenue parking structure) and adjoining lots. They are likely to be full due to students moving into the residence halls.

The reception will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center Plaza. It will be a wonderful celebration of our community and a great way to kick off the new academic year!

News

Money Magazine Ranks Cal Poly One of the Best Colleges

A Money magazine survey ranked Cal Poly as one of the Best Colleges for overall value. Recognized for the credo of Learn By Doing, Cal Poly rated in the top 5 percent of 1,500 four-year colleges and universities reviewed by Money as part of its Best Colleges for Your Money list. Cal Poly ranked 11th among California public and private institutions, behind Stanford, four other private colleges, and five University of California campuses. For more on the ranking, see [Money Magazine](#).

Bill Nye 'The Science Guy' Visits Campus For LightSail Launch



Best known as the host of the PBS kids show about science, Bill Nye visited campus as CEO of The Planetary Society (TPS) for a test of TPS's LightSail, a kitelike spacecraft built with three CubeSats and designed to sail by solar power. The test was to include a full simulation, including establishing ground communications with Cal Poly and

deployment of 344 square feet of Mylar sails designed to unfurl in space, making the tiny craft visible from the ground. The test was delayed due to problems with the system's communications. The Cal Poly CubeSat team is also

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responsible for conducting LightSail's environmental testing (vibration and vacuum), launch coordination and integration, and post-launch command and downlink through Cal Poly's ground station. For more on The Science Guy's visit, see the [Tribune](#).

President Armstrong Takes the ALS Challenge — In a Big Way

President Jeffrey D. Armstrong accepted the ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) Ice Bucket Challenge to help fight the motor neuron disorder also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. Committing to the challenge in a big way, President Armstrong didn't get drenched with just one bucket of ice-cold water but with five. He also challenged Cal Poly vice presidents to take the challenge, including Kathleen Enz Finken (provost and executive vice president of academic affairs), Keith Humphrey (vice president of student affairs), Debbie Read (vice president of university advancement), Karen Webb (interim vice president of administration and finance), and Betsy Kinsley (chief of staff). See the footage on [YouTube](#).



Feasibility Study Conducted for On-Campus Activities Center

A feasibility study has been conducted to explore the idea of building an on-campus activities center with an event venue, conference facility and hotel. The center would provide amenities for the local community and the opportunity to develop an interdisciplinary hospitality program. To review the study, visit the [Administration & Finance website](#).

Cal Poly Drives Electric Car Use with Fleet of Charging Stations

Cal Poly will install 12 electric vehicle charging stations by the first of next year, funded by a \$150,000 grant from the California Energy Commission (CEC). The initiative is part of a broad vision of sustainability for the campus, improving what is already considered one of the best alternative transportation programs in the state. Critical factors in the CEC selecting Cal Poly include the campus being a major regional hub; large employer; and near two heavily traveled highways, U.S. Highway 101 and Highway 1. For more information, visit the [Cal Poly News website](#).

Marine Ecologist to Study Central Coast Sea Life

Marine ecologist Jennifer O'Leary has been posted to Cal Poly as part of the California Sea Grant program, an outreach of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The program is designed to research better ways to manage the Central Coast's ocean ecosystems. O'Leary will conduct research, act as a student advisor, and help faculty improve public outreach. For more on the program, see the article in the [Tribune](#).

Campus Climate Survey Update — Save the Date

The Campus Climate Survey will be available to campus Thursday, Oct. 16. Open forums will be held that will include a summary presentation of the report and time for questions. The open forums will be held:

- 11:10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium
- 2:10 to 3:30 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium

The Campus Climate Working Group will set up several focus groups and workshops in November to discuss the main issues that are identified in the report and possible courses of action. The Campus Climate Working Group will collaborate with the Office of Diversity & Inclusivity over winter quarter, to develop one to three assessable action items to implement in 2015-16.

Faculty & Staff

Richard Ellison Named AVP of Development

Richard E. Ellison, vice president of university advancement at California State University, Chico,



has been selected as the associate vice president of development. Ellison will be responsible for the university's philanthropic activity and fostering private support from a wide array of constituents, including alumni, private industry, friends of the university and other funding organizations. He brings some 30 years of advancement experience to the position, including seven years at Cal Poly, during which time he served in a leadership position for the Centennial Campaign. For more information, visit the [Cal Poly News website](#).

Jeff Hess Named Interim AVP of Marketing & Communications

Jeff Hess has been appointed to serve as the interim associate vice president of marketing and communications. Hess has been a professor in the Orfalea College of Business for eight years and was named the 2014 Distinguished Faculty of the Year. Hess will be responsible for serving as one of the university's designated spokespersons and developing an integrated marketing program to support recruitment, donor relations, fundraising, and other campus activities and programs. For more information, visit the [Cal Poly News website](#).



Natalie Schaefer Named Assistant Dean of Advancement for CAED



Natalie Schaefer has been named the assistant dean of advancement for the College of Architecture & Environmental Design. Schaefer's responsibilities will include fundraising, marketing and communications, special events, and alumni relations for the college. Schaefer joined Cal Poly in 2013 as director for corporate and foundation partnerships. Before joining Cal Poly, Schaefer helped raise millions of dollars to fund three career facilities for Paso Robles Public Schools and worked in community relations for Pacific Gas and Electric Co., facilitating grant awards and employee engagement. For more, visit the [Cal Poly News](#)

[website](#).

David J. Watts Named Interim Chair for Landscape Architecture Department

David J. Watts was named interim chair for the Landscape Architecture Department. Watts served as an associate professor in the department, integrating an interest in social justice and accessibility within the landscape into his classes. His area of research is children's play environments, their impact on child development, and their role in reconnecting children to nature. He served as one of the university's first service learning fellows and received the President's Community Service Award in 2014. For more information, visit the [Cal Poly News website](#).



Request Fall Course Reserves at Kennedy Library

Course reserves and electronic course reserves are course-specific materials faculty make available to their students at the checkout desk in Kennedy Library or in PolyLearn. To submit reserves, visit Access Services at the checkout desk or complete the [online form](#). Kennedy Library has updated the reserve submission area to minimize wait time. Also new this year, faculty can select from the following loan periods: two hours/overnight, four hours or one

day. For more information or help submitting reserves, contact Sharon Andresen, course reserves coordinator, at ext. 6-2020, or sandrese@calpoly.edu. You can also contact your [college librarian](#) for assistance in finding relevant course materials in collections.

Faculty Workshop Offered Aug. 27 on Engaging the Co-Curricular

A workshop in how to connect courses to co-curricular opportunities will be offered from 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Aug. 27, in the Center for Teaching, Learning & Technology (CTLT). Breakfast will be provided. The workshop will include definitions and examples of Integrative Learning and High-Impact Practices and will use the Cross Cultural Center's fall programming as a launching point to write, revise and connect out-of-class learning experiences with in-class curriculum. Bring ideas, a working syllabus, and an eagerness to collaborate. For more information or to reserve a seat, visit the [CTLT website](#) or contact Robin Parent at raparent@calpoly.edu.

Online Registration for New Faculty Orientation Sept. 12

The annual New Faculty Orientation will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 12, on the second floor of Kennedy Library, next to Julian's Café. The event will include an opportunity to meet Kathleen Enz Finken, provost and executive vice president for academic affairs, and key support staff. Guests can also connect with other new faculty, enjoy a catered lunch, complete important tasks (payroll paperwork, campus identification cards, etc.), and choose from sessions that offer essential information for starting your Cal Poly career. All new faculty (tenure-line and lecturers) hired in 2014 are invited, including those with winter, spring and fall quarter start dates. [Click here](#) to register. For more information, visit the [Center for Teaching, Learning & Technology website](#) or email ctlit@calpoly.edu.

CSU Fee Waiver Benefit Available

The fee waiver program provides eligible faculty, staff and management employees the opportunity to attend classes at CSU campuses at greatly reduced rates. The benefit may also be transferred to eligible dependents. For information regarding eligibility, guidelines, procedures and deadlines, visit the [Administration & Finance website](#). For additional information, contact Terizza Miller at tmiller@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-7354.

Catastrophic Leave

Theresa (Tess) Serna Ramirez, administrative support coordinator in the Journalism Department, has qualified for catastrophic leave. Those wishing to donate leave credits to help her remain in full-pay status during an extended leave of absence should contact catastrophic leave coordinator Joy Sisler at ext. 6-5755 or jsisler@calpoly.edu to request a donation form.

Retirements

Nancy Reid will retire from the Biological Sciences Department in September. Reid has been a longtime cornerstone and technical bastion whose help, humor and wisdom will be sorely missed. Beginning as a student in the department and staying on as instructional support staff, she rose to operations supervisor. If someone wanted to get something new or innovative going in the classroom, she was the one to ask. She is moving on to a life of travel and adventure. There will be an ice cream social in her honor from 1 to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 3, in Fisher Science (Building 33), Room 285.

Student Successes

Senior Receives Scholarship for Women Studying Information Security

Senior computer science major Jessica (Jessie) Pease has been selected as one of 11 students who will receive the Scholarship for Women Studying Information Security, funded with \$250,000 from Hewlett Packard. Nationally, only 18 percent of computer science degrees are awarded to women, and in the field of cybersecurity, the number is even lower. Pease is the president of the Women in Software and Hardware club at Cal Poly and participates in the

Lean In circle, a group of women who discuss how to tackle the gender gap in computer science. For more, see the article in [Fast Company](#).

Current and Future Cal Poly Students Energized by Relationship with PG&E

Electrical engineering major Dion Celebrado was featured in Pacific Gas and Electric Company's internal newsletter for his internship at their hydroelectric plant in the Northern California mountain town of Burney. Celebrado interned with the company over the summer to gain firsthand experience with this type of sustainable energy. To read about Celebrado's experience, visit [Currents newsletter](#). To read about Bernice Lie and Kimberly Lamar, incoming freshmen who received the Bright Minds scholarships from the company, see the article in [Currents](#).

Campus Announcements

HR to Present Risk Management Financial Seminar on Aug. 28

Human Resources will hold a seminar on risk management Thursday, Aug. 28, in UU 218. The one-hour seminar will be offered three times during the day: from 11 a.m. to noon, noon to 1 p.m. and 4 to 5 p.m. The seminar will focus on how to protect your most important assets against catastrophic loss. Topics to be covered will include auto, health, home, disability, life, longevity and long-term care. Resources will include a worksheet that can be used to determine the amount of life insurance coverage an individual might need. The seminar will be offered by Michael Barragan, financial advisor with VALIC Advisors. To register, visit the [VALIC website](#) and use the code 4116SAN11AA.

SLO HotHouse Accelerator Teams to Present New Companies on Sept. 4

Participants in Cal Poly's Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship's SLO HotHouse Accelerator program will present their nine new companies from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 4, at the Performing Arts Center Pavilion. Demo Day is the culmination of a three-month intensive business development program called the Accelerator, designed to help current students and recent grads launch successful businesses. The teams received \$7,500 in seed funding, collaborative office space at the SLO HotHouse, hands-on mentoring, and weekly workshops to turn their ideas into reality. For more information, visit the [Cal Poly News website](#).

Overnight Service Interruption for Data Center Firewall Upgrade Sept. 7-8

ITS will upgrade its data center firewall from midnight Sunday, Sept. 7, to 8 a.m. Monday, Sept. 8. The upgrade is required to handle current and increasing demand to protect against unauthorized digital access to data center computing equipment. On-campus Internet access should not be interrupted, though most centralized services will be unavailable during the upgrade, including email and the Cal Poly Portal. All services are expected to be restored by 8 a.m. Sept. 8. If additional time is required to complete the upgrade, it will be completed between midnight Sunday, Sept. 14, and 8 a.m. Monday, Sept. 15.

AFD Business Connection to Hold Training Summit Sept. 9-10

The Administration & Finance Division (AFD) Business Connection (ABC) will host the first Fall ABC Summit Sept. 9-10. The two-day event will provide training and networking opportunities for staff and management who support and/or approve critical finance and human resource functions. The ABC Summit will provide a high-level overview of topics that employees will encounter during their tenure at Cal Poly and specific tracks and classes that support budget and human resource job functions. Sessions will include Fiscal Policies & Procedures Overview, Funds – Sources and Uses, Approvals Overview, Hospitality Overview, and other AFD business topics. A sign-up survey has been emailed to prospective attendees with a list of session descriptions and recommended sessions by function. Due to limited space, sign-up will be required for attendance. For more information, email abc-afd@calpoly.edu or call Karen Weller at ext. 6-7668 or Dawn Rudder at ext. 6-5871.

Public Invited to Sept. 13 Panel Discussion at Cuesta College; Event to Include Cal Poly President and ASI President

Cal Poly President Jeffrey D. Armstrong and Joi Sullivan, president of Associated Students, Inc., will join Cuesta College President Gil Stork and Student Body President Scott Chedester on Sept. 13 for a panel discussion on "Can Our Kids Afford College? Accessibility and Affordability of Higher Education." The event is free and open to the public and will begin at 11 a.m. in the Associated Student Auditorium at Cuesta College. Free pizza will be provided by the Associated Student Body of Cuesta College. The event is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of San Luis Obispo County. For information, call 805-782-4040 or email info@lwvslo.org.

Women's Club Annual Reception Sept. 14

The Cal Poly Women's Club (CPWC) will hold its fall reception from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 14. The reception will be held on the patio of President and Mrs. Armstrong's residence and hosted by Sharon Armstrong. New women faculty and staff and wives or partners of new faculty and staff are invited to meet current club members and learn more about the club's purpose, activities and benefits. The CPWC was established in 1924 to provide social and cultural activities for its members, promote the welfare of students, and be of service to the university. Reservations are requested by Sept. 5. To RSVP, email presidentsoffice@calpoly.edu or call ext. 6-6000.

Volunteers Sought to Greet New Students for Sept. 14-15 Move-In

Faculty and Staff are invited to help welcome new students who will be living on campus for the 2014-15 academic year. Move-in is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 14, through Tuesday, Sept. 16. The Mustang Way Welcome Team will greet new students and their families, answer questions, provide directions and move boxes. Shifts will run from 7:45 to 11:30 a.m. each day. Volunteers will get a T-shirt and be asked to attend an orientation meeting at the Housing office on the day of their shift. Volunteer registration is requested by Thursday, Sept. 11. To register, [click here](#).

Calling All Entrepreneurs: TechPitch Competition Deadline is Sept. 15

Cal Poly and partners Softec and the Economic Vitality Corp. invite startups from the Cal Poly community to apply to the fourth annual TechPitch competition. The competition seeks early-stage startups ready for angel or venture capital funding. Those who qualify as finalists must be available for pitch coaching with the TechPitch committee during the three weeks prior to the event, set for Oct. 22. Those wanting to participate must apply at techpitch.org and submit an executive summary of their business plan by midnight Monday, Sept. 15.

Grand Avenue Visitor Center to be Closed Sept. 15

Due to the closure of Grand Avenue to vehicular traffic during new student move-in, the Grand Avenue Visitor Information Center will be closed Monday, Sept. 15. Any guest parking permit needs for that day must be coordinated prior to Sept. 15. For more information, email visitorcenter@calpoly.edu or call ext. 6-6699.

Diversity & Inclusivity Welcome Reception to be Held Sept. 30

Faculty and staff are invited to the Diversity & Inclusivity Welcome Reception for all new students from 4 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30, in the UU Plaza. Hosted by the Office of University Diversity & Inclusivity (OUDI), the networking reception will be an opportunity for students to interact with faculty, staff and administrators who demonstrate a commitment to student success by creating a welcoming and inclusive campus community. Bring business cards or contact information, and be prepared to meet new students. Light refreshments will be served. To view the video invitation that was sent to new students, visit the [OUDI website](#).

New List of Approved Off-Campus Caterers Available

Contracts & Procurement/Risk & Real Estate Management has revised the selection of off-campus caterers that are available to cater on-campus events. To view the list of approved caterers, visit the [eMarketplace website](#). Additional

information and instructions can be found under the catering category. For more information, contact Melissa Swanson at ext. 6-6755.

Conference Rooms Available on Campus

There are three conference rooms available that can be scheduled through the Zimbra calendar. The rooms include Building 10, Room 241 (capacity: 24); Building 47, Room 24B (capacity: 20); and Building 180, Room 110 (capacity: 18). 10-241 and 180-110 are smart rooms that have a screen and projector. To add the conference rooms to your Zimbra calendar, add the following addresses: rl-10-241-erhart-ag@calpoly.edu, rl-47-24b-fac-ofc@calpoly.edu, and rl-180-110-bakersci@calpoly.edu. For questions about the rooms or help scheduling a room, contact University Scheduling at events@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-5550.

Fee to be Implemented for International Students

Beginning in fall 2014, a new fee of \$300 per quarter will be implemented for all degree-seeking international students. The International Student Fee will provide funding to enhance and improve existing services and to support immigration-related requirements. Currently enrolled and newly admitted international students will receive a waiver of one-half of the fee for each quarter during the 2014-15 academic year. For more information, visit the [International Center website](#).

Campus Administrative Policies Update

Cal Poly is continuing a comprehensive review of Campus Administrative Policies (CAP), replacing the Campus Administrative Manual (CAM). For more information on CAP, CAM and proposed draft policies, go to the [CAP Web page](#).

Summer Hours for Commercial Services

Various commercial services are available during the summer break. To see their respective operating hours, visit the websites for [Campus Dining](#), the [University Store and Cal Poly Downtown](#) or [Cal Poly Print & Copy](#).

New Dining Options Coming in Fall

Campus Dining will introduce new restaurant options fall quarter. Market Sushi will offer fresh sushi and be located inside Campus Market; Red Radish will offer salads featuring fresh, local ingredients and be located inside Ciao!; and Ciao! will refresh their offerings with new recipes and fresh, new flavors.

Savings on Apple Products at the University Store

Save up to \$270 on select Apple computers and up to \$60 on iPads at the University Store. The sale ends Saturday, Sept. 27, or while supplies last. The offer is available in-store only.

Bella Montana Faculty and Staff Housing Community

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

Events

Cal Poly SLOcavore to Host Heritage Poultry Weekend Sept. 5-7

Cal Poly SLOcavore will host three heritage poultry events Friday through Sunday, Sept. 5-7. The three-day event will begin with a dinner from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, Sept. 5, featuring sustainably raised, locally grown heritage poultry prepared by chef Steve Pope, who specializes in cooking with heirloom breeds. Cal Poly SLOcavore allows people to experience the Central Coast through its foods, wines, lifestyle and stewardship of the land. Offerings focus on experiential education that deepen the understanding of what people see, taste and explore. For more information, visit the [Cal Poly News website](#).

Swanton Pacific Railroad to Host Cal Poly Day on Sept. 28

Swanton Pacific's annual Cal Poly Railroad Day will be Sunday, Sept. 28, at the Swanton Pacific Ranch in Davenport, Calif., 10 miles north of Santa Cruz. Ride

the historic one-third scale, steam-powered trains from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Rides will stop briefly for a barbecue lunch at noon. The open house will include displays, demonstrations by Cal Poly's Logging Team, facility tours, updates on activities and future plans for the railroad and ranch, a live band, and the chance to connect with alumni and friends. Tickets include the barbecue lunch and unlimited train rides and sell out every year. Tickets purchased by Sept. 17 are \$25 for adults; \$15 for youth (4 to 10 years); children 3 and under are free. After Sept. 17, tickets are \$35 for adults; \$20 for youth. For a schedule of events and the registration form, go to the [Swanton Pacific Railroad Society website](#). For more information, contact Ed Carnegie at 805-995-3659 or ecarnegi@calpoly.edu.

Cal Poly Arts Announces 2014-15 Season

Cal Poly Arts announced the 2014-15 season line-up that includes showcase events such as the Blue Man Group and "Rain: A Tribute to the Beatles," the Broadway musical "Chicago," literary classics including "King Lear," the music from 2Cellos and Roberta Flack, dance groups including The StepCrew and Paul Taylor Dance Company, the comedy of Kathleen Madigan and The Second City, and family shows including "Schoolhouse Rock Live!" and "Sing-a-Long-A Sound-of-Music." Season subscriptions are available now, with savings up to 15 percent and advance priority seating. For the season schedule, visit the [Cal Poly Arts website](#).

Athletics

For an overview of up-to-date sports information, photos and videos, visit www.gopoly.com.

Job Vacancies

State Employment Opportunities

The complete listing of staff and management vacancies is posted on the [Cal Poly Jobs website](#). To apply, go online and complete the application form. For assistance, call Human Resources at ext. 6-2236.

#103386 - Program Support Coordinator (Administrative Support Coordinator I), Extended Education, \$2,846-\$4,268 per month. Up to two positions available. Open until filled. Review begins Sept. 3.

Faculty Employment Opportunities

Candidates are asked to visit the online [employment website](#) 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 openings 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. All positions have excellent benefits, including medical, dental, vision, life insurance, retirement, paid sick leave/vacation and holidays. To view job postings and/or apply, visit the [Corporation website](#). For assistance, contact Human Resources at ext. 6-1121.

Software Systems Analyst, Information Technology, \$51,558-\$74,698 annually.

IT Support Specialist, Information Technology, \$19.39-\$28.10 per hour.

Post-Doctoral Collaborator: Mathematics Education, Center for Sustainability in Engineering, \$54,912-\$79,539 annually.

Baker, Campus Dining, \$11.90-\$14.57 per hour.

Benefits Specialist, Human Resources, \$41,002-\$64,220 annually.

ASI Employment Opportunities

Candidates are asked to visit the [ASI website](#) to complete an application and apply for positions listed below. For more information, visit the ASI Business Office in UU 212 or call ext. 6-5800.

Intermittent Food Program Assistant (Children's Programs). Position requires 15 hours per week. \$12.29 per hour. Open until filled.



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