CHINA AND YANGTZE RIVER
April 29-May 11, 2009

CHINA, ONE OF THE WORLD’S most charismatic countries, is the destination for the Cal Poly Alumni Association spring travel program. The 13-day trip includes visits to the Great Wall, Peking’s Temple of Heaven, Xi’an’s Terra Cotta Warriors, and Shanghai’s 400-year old Yu Gardens. Enjoy a cruise down the world’s third-longest river with passage through the beautiful Three Gorges and Lesser Gorges. Also included is a special look at Chinese culture with a Hutong Pedicab Tour and a traditional Peking Opera performance.

TUSCANY-CORTONA
September 16-24, 2009

CELEBRATE AN ANNIVERSARY with us with a return trip to Cortona, where Cal Poly began its first travel program in 2004. The inspiration for Frances Mayes’ book, “Under the Tuscan Sun,” Cortona captures the charm of Italian country living. Visit Assisi, Siena, Florence and Perugia, and enjoy the local wines with a visit to Montalcino.

To find out more about traveling in 2009 or about future travel programs with the Cal Poly Alumni Association, contact Richard LeRoy at rleroy@calpoly.edu, 805-756-5747.
JOHN SWEENEY TO LEAD CAL POLY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

JOHN SWEENEY (CE ’89), a Cal Poly engineering graduate and founder and CEO of Dairy Procurement Group LLC of California, is the new president of the Cal Poly Alumni Association, the voice of more than 140,000 university alumni.

Sweeney earned an MBA from Wharton and is a professional registered engineer in California. He currently serves on the College of Engineering’s Dean Advisory Council and is a former member of the Board of Trustees for the California State University system.

In addition to Sweeney, the following joined the CPAA Board of Directors for 2008-09:

- Bassel Anber (CM ’94), vice president for Northern California
- Mike Cook (LA ’01), vice president for Northern California
- Erica Stewart (HE ’97), vice president for Central Coast
- Mary LaVenture (JOUR ’77), vice president for special interest chapters
- Patrick DeLong (BUS ’90), director for Orfalea College of Business
- Kayla DeMonte (BUS), student director
- Ricardo Echeverria (AGM ’90), director at large
- Tom Lebens (EE ’89), director at large
- Nancy Procuñier (HE ’86), director at large
- Andrew Miroglio (ME), student rep

HOMECOMING 2008

MAKE SURE TO MARK your calendar and make your reservations for Homecoming 2008, set for Nov. 7-8. Homecoming is a great opportunity to revisit the Central Coast, see what’s new on campus, reconnect with classmates and meet other alumni, current students and Cal Poly families.

This year, the Mustangs will face North Carolina Central in Spanos Stadium. Before the game, sample Central Coast wines at the popular Cal Poly Alumni Association wine tasting, try delicious Cal Poly chocolates, and enjoy the tri-tip at the tailgate barbecue. Other 2008 Homecoming weekend activities include the Grand Reunion, which honors the Class of 1958 and all earlier graduates, and the Honored Alumni Banquet.

FRIDAY, NOV 7 - CAMPUS HOMECOMING EVENTS
Grand Reunion Activities
Honored Alumni and Grand Reunion Banquet

SATURDAY, NOV 8 - HOMECOMING FOOTBALL
CPAA Wine Tasting / Mustang Corral Tailgate BBQ
Cal Poly Football vs. North Carolina Central

Pre-game events sell out in advance, so tickets should be purchased early. Lodging reservations in the area book up quickly, as well. Check the Homecoming Web site for more details at www.homecoming.calpoly.edu.