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ASI KINDERGARTEN 2009-10 INFORMATION NIGHT SET FOR TONIGHT
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An informational meeting about the Kindergarten program at the ASI Children’s Center will be held today, Wednesday, April 15, from 6-7:30 p.m. Childcare is available. This private Kindergarten is a non-traditional program which allows children to learn and grow at their own pace. We emphasize the development of competent social skills, as well as guidance and support for each child’s needs. All children are required to have age eligibility (born between Dec. 3, 2003 and Dec. 2, 2004) in order to be considered for enrollment in fall 2009. Contact the ASI Children’s Center for more information at ext. 6-1267. Sign-ups are required to attend this meeting especially if childcare is requested.

STUDENT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR NOMINEES TO BE RECOGNIZED
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Sixty-two nominees for Cal Poly’s Outstanding Student Employee of the Year award will be recognized on Thursday, April 16. A reception is planned from 11 a.m.–noon in the PAC Main Lobby. President Baker will give remarks and congratulate each student nominee. During the reception, Cal Poly’s 2008-09 Outstanding Student Employee of the
Year will be announced. Cal Poly student employees, supervisors and supporters of student employees are welcome to attend. Attendees will celebrate the important achievements, contributions and exceptional service student employees give to the university.

OPEN HOUSE TRAFFIC AND PARKING INFORMATION
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University Police Department announced road and parking closures and local transit information for Open House which begins Friday, April 17 with Admitted Students Day. For more information, visit http://www.calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2009/April/open_house_parking.htm.

STUDENTS AIDING HOMELESS APRIL 19-25
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Cal Poly students will hold a clothing drive, sleep-out and walk through downtown San Luis Obispo as part of the 11th Annual Homelessness Awareness Week set for April 19-25. The week will begin with the Walk to Fight Homelessness on Sunday, April 19. Among other events, a Goodwill van will be parked near Dexter Lawn from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 20-24 for the Goodwill clothing drive. For more information, visit http://www.calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2009/April/Homelessness.html.

UNIVERSITY POLICE BIKE AUCTION SET FOR APRIL 20-21
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University Police Department is holding its annual spring bike auction April 20 and 21 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The auction will take place in front of the University Police Department on North Perimeter Road. For more information about the auction, call ext. 6-6586.

ICEX MALTA 2009 PRESENTATION: APPLICATION OF ROBOTICS IN ARCHEOLOGY
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The ICEX Malta 2009 presentation is set for Tuesday, April 21, from 11 a.m.-noon in the Engineering East Building, Room 128. The presentation will cover the technological, archeological and cultural aspects of the 2009 ICEX trip to Malta. ICEX is the International Computer Engineering eXchange Program coordinated by Professor Chris Clark, Computer Engineering, and Christine Victorino, Center for Teaching and Learning. Computer Engineering students and faculty will be there to present their photos, discuss learning outcomes and provide opportunities to get involved in future trips to Malta and Norway (2010).

For more information, visit http://icexmalta.blogspot.com/, or email cmclark@calpoly.edu or cavictor@calpoly.edu.

PERMANENT RESIDENCY, H-1B WORK AUTHORIZATION SEMINAR
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Immigration Attorney Adam Green will give a free seminar to faculty, staff and students about applying for Lawful Permanent Residence (a “Green Card”), and an H-1B work visa. The lecture is on Thursday, April 23, 4–6 p.m. in the Construction Innovations Center, Room C-302, and is sponsored by International Education and Programs. For more information, visit http://iep.calpoly.edu, scroll down to FREE IMMIGRATION LAW SEMINAR, then click on “press release” and “flier,” or contact Barbara Andre at bandre@calpoly.edu.

FACULTY AND STAFF ONLINE SURVEY NEXT WEEK

All faculty and staff will receive an online survey in an email from CSU Quality Improvement next week. This survey will ask a variety of questions about your understanding of our polytechnic identity, your perception of student learning and your experience of Learn-by-Doing and the Teacher-Scholar Model at Cal Poly. The results will be used as part of Cal Poly's WASC self-study. For more information, visit http://wasc.calpoly.edu/ or call the Academic Programs Office at ext. 6-2246.

CHICANA LATINO FACULTY STAFF ASSOCIATION TO HOST DANIEL SOLÓRZANO APRIL 24

Daniel Solórzano, professor of social sciences and comparative education at the UCLA Graduate School of Education and Information Studies, will speak on campus as part of the Colloquium Speaker Series sponsored by the Chicana Latino Faculty Staff Association (CLFSA), and the Division of Student Affairs on Friday, April 24, in Philips Hall from 3:30 to 5 p.m. His talk will focus on Latinos in higher education.

Solórzano is the associate director of the UCLA Chicano Studies Research Center and the associate director of the University of California All Campus Consortium on Research for Diversity (UC ACCORD), an interdisciplinary, multi-campus research center devoted to a more equitable distribution of educational resources and opportunities in California’s public schools and universities. He has published numerous research articles, book chapters and reports. For information about Solórzano’s published works, visit http://www.gseis.ucla.edu/faculty/members/solorzano.

Admission to Solórzano’s talk is free and open to all. For more information about the event and for joining the Chicana Latino Faculty Staff Association, visit http://www.ess.calpoly.edu/clfsa/, or contact José Montelongo at ext. 6-7492 or Patricia Ponce at ext. 6-1380.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR PRESIDENT’S DIVERSITY AWARD

Nominations for the annual President's Diversity Award are due by April 30. The award will be given in two categories, student organization and campus unit, each of which carries a one-time $1,000 augmentation to the winner's budget. All faculty, staff and students are eligible to make nominations in these categories. An organization or unit must have exhibited commitment to the value of cultural diversity to qualify for the
award. To download nomination forms or find more information, including a list of previous winners, visit http://diversity.calpoly.edu/iec/recognitions.html or call Academic Programs at ext.6-2246.

FOUNDATION BOARD MEETING SET FOR MAY 2
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The Cal Poly Foundation Board of Directors will hold its annual and board meetings, which are open to the public, at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, May 2, in the Alumni House. For more information about the meetings or to obtain copies of the agendas, call Sandra Ogren at ext. 6-1445.

NOMINATIONS UNDERWAY FOR OUTSTANDING FACULTY ADVISOR AWARD
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The Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award recognizes a faculty member who has had a positive influence on students through academic advising. The award recipient will receive a $1,200 cash stipend, be recognized at Fall Conference, and have his/her picture and award citation posted in Kennedy Library. One faculty member is recognized annually. Note that the nomination should describe the nominee’s academic advising services, activities and interactions as distinct from the nominee's teaching responsibilities, and should include any special activities that relate to student development.

Faculty, staff and current students are eligible to nominate faculty for this award. At least one letter must come from a current student. No self-nominations will be recognized. Nomination information and the nomination form can be found at http://advising.calpoly.edu/council/award/. The deadline for all submissions is May 5.

STATISTICAL CONSULTING SERVICE FOR SPRING QUARTER 2009
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The Statistics Department provides a statistical consulting service to the entire university community to facilitate research design and data analysis in a wide variety of disciplines. The consulting service is intended to support projects and research of faculty and staff, as well as provide assistance for students working on senior project and graduate research.

Steve Rein and Jeff Sklar will serve as the main consultants. They are available to advise on data collection, experimental design and analysis of research projects. They will be available to lead seminars or tutorials on requested topics and offer advice on various computer packages available at Cal Poly. If there is some special area of statistical inference that is of interest to a group in your department, contact Rein or Sklar to arrange possible lectures on that subject.

Faculty, staff, and students interested in utilizing the consulting service, or for additional information, including what you should bring to a consulting session, visit www.calpoly.edu/~stat. Appointments outside the hours listed may be scheduled by phone or by email.
COMING SOON: NEW FACULTY/STAFF MULTI-YEAR PARKING PERMITS
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Faculty/staff who currently have a parking permit that is paid via payroll deduction will receive their new multi-year parking permit with their May 29 paycheck. Old multi-year parking permits will be invalid as of June 8. If you have questions, e-mail parking@calpoly.edu.

STUDENT-RUN PUBLIC RELATIONS FIRM LOOKING FOR CLIENTS
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Central Coast PRspectives, the Journalism Department’s student-run PR firm, is looking for clients for fall quarter. CCPR does pro bono public relations work on behalf of non-profit organizations and small businesses in the San Luis Obispo area. Service is provided by students in the Journalism Department’s public relations concentration.

CCPR students provide more than 300 hours of free services each academic quarter for clients who need PR help, but can’t get it from one of the local agencies. “The clients we work with either have projects that are too small to be developed by an agency, or don’t have the budget to pay for professional services,” said Doug Swanson, CCPR’s faculty advisor. “Our students need training, and the clients need PR help, so it’s a win-win situation for everyone.”

For examples of CCPR’s previous work for local clients and a description of the services offered, visit http://www.calpoly.edu/~prspectives/. Organizations interested in working with CCPR should contact Swanson at ext. 6-6705 or at dswanson@calpoly.edu.

TIPS FOR FACULTY DRAFTING RESEARCH ASSIGNMENTS
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In today's online world, students often have difficulty differentiating between high- and low-quality online sources. It's tempting to instruct them to ignore online (Web) resources altogether. Did you know, however, that many of the library's high-quality peer-reviewed journals are now available exclusively on the Web? You can help students find peer-reviewed articles by encouraging them to use the Library's research guides at http://lib.calpoly.edu/research/, or by suggesting review of the Library's explanation of where to find peer-reviewed articles at http://lib.calpoly.edu/research/guides/peer.html.

Cal Poly's librarians work with dozens of faculty every quarter to create research assignments that help students learn critical information skills. Want to learn more? Contact your College librarian at http://lib.calpoly.edu/research/librarians/ or Navjit Brar at nbrar@calpoly.edu.

CAMPUS DINING RECEIVES 2009 NACUFS “BEST IN BUSINESS” AWARD OF EXCELLENCE
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Village Market (www.calpolycorporation.org/campusdining/villagemarket.asp) received the top award from the National Association of College and University Food Services
(NACUFS) within the “Big Idea” category. Village Market will receive a commemorative plaque recognizing its achievement and will be recognized at the awards ceremony on July 8 in Milwaukee, Wisc. Village Market will be featured in a short film with other award-winning campuses this spring.

CATASTROPHIC LEAVE DRIVE FOR SHELLEY BRIGHT
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Shelley Bright, administrative support assistant in Advancement Services, has qualified for personal catastrophic leave. To donate vacation and/or sick leave to help Bright remain in full pay status during an extended leave of absence, contact Mariam Emyan in University Advancement at memyan@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-1439 to request a donation form.

STATE EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
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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.

#101891–On-Call Custodian, Pool Position, University Housing, Housing and Business Services. Up to 50 positions available, temporary on-call from June 1 through Sept. 30, $13.20-$19.81/hour. Open until filled. Review begins: April 7.

#101905–Administrative Analyst/Specialist, Exempt I, Student Affairs, Health Services, $3,845-$5,770/month. Closes: April 27.


FACULTY EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
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Candidates are asked to visit our online employment Web site at http://calpolyjobs.org to complete an application and apply for any of the positions shown below. Please submit all requested application materials as attachments to your online application, unless otherwise specified in the ad.


#101898–Part-Time Lecturer Pool, Aerospace Engineering, Aerospace Engineering Department, College of Engineering, ext. 6-6345. Review begins: May 18.

ASI EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
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Candidates are asked to visit 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.

Human Resources Technician, $18/hour, plus full benefits. Open until filled. Review begins: April 27.

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