Kiplinger's Personal Finance Names Cal Poly a 'Best Value in Public Colleges'

Washington, D.C.-based business publication Kiplinger’s Personal Finance names Cal Poly as one of its “100 Best Values in Public Colleges 2009-10” in its February magazine. Cal Poly comes in at No. 50 on the list of 100 public universities from around the U.S. for in-state students and No. 47 for out-of-state students. It joins seven University of California campuses (including San Diego, UCLA, Berkeley, Irvine, Santa Barbara, Davis and Santa Cruz). Cal Poly is the only California State University campus on the list.

More on Kiplinger’s ranking for Cal Poly

Cal Poly Offers Free Tax Prep Help Starting Jan. 30

Beginning Jan. 30, Cal Poly’s Orfalea College of Business will again provide free help with tax return preparation for individuals and families with incomes less than $50,000 year. The effort is part of the annual Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program sanctioned and coordinated by the IRS. All returns are prepared by trained accounting seniors and are reviewed by certified tax preparers. Spanish-speaking preparers will be available. Help will be available on campus from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. every Saturday from Jan. 30 to March 13.

Details on tax prep help

Cal Poly Open House Announces Theme for 2010 Weekend, Set for April 15-17

Prospective students, alumni and the community are invited “To Cal Poly and Beyond” during the 2010 edition of the university’s annual Open House celebration April 15-17. Open House gives admitted students, their families, current students, alumni and university friends the opportunity to experience Cal Poly and San Luis Obispo.

More on Open House 2010

Cal Poly Gets LEED Green Nod for Latest Student Housing

Cal Poly’s latest student housing project, Poly Canyon Village, has earned a LEED Gold certification for meeting required standards in sustainable building. The certification came from the U.S. Green Building Council. Standards for the designation included low volatile organic compounds material, energy-efficient buildings, reduction of water use, water-efficient landscaping, use of recycled content, and 90 percent diversion from the landfill of construction waste. The LEED gold designation for Poly Canyon Village means 25 percent of Cal Poly’s facilities are
International Printing Week Workshops Coming Jan. 19-22

Cal Poly will host its annual International Printing Week workshops Jan. 19-22. The program covers trends and developments in graphic communication technology, management, design, printed electronics, packaging, hardware, software and printing processes. It is one of the largest printing events in the nation. This year, workshops will outline practical and intellectual twists shaping the future of the industry. The event dates commemorate the birthday of Benjamin Franklin, an early leader in printing technology. Printing Week serves as an intensive training for students. Industry members participate through lectures, product support and career networking.

More on International Printing Week

Faculty and Staff

Deadline for State Faculty Support Grant Proposals

The State Faculty Support Grant program supports research, scholarship and creative activities that help faculty remain current in their disciplines and contribute new knowledge, with the intent of strengthening California socially, culturally and economically. The deadline to submit proposals for awards of mini-grants and assigned time for 2010-11 is Jan. 22. For guidelines and an application form, visit the Research and Graduate Programs Web site, or call the RGP office at 6-1508.

Date Change: Service Awards Luncheon Will Be Held March 10

State, Corporation, and ASI employees with milestone service anniversaries in 2009 will be honored at the Service Awards Luncheon on Wednesday, March 10 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium. The theme for this year’s event will be “Cal Poly Through the Years – Appreciating the Past.” Master of Ceremonies will be Phil Bailey.

The main entrée selections are old-fashioned meatloaf or the vegetarian option of black bean meatloaf. Side dishes include: iceberg lettuce salad with thousand island dressing, creamy macaroni and cheese, home-style green bean casserole, dinner rolls with butter, apple crisp, coffee, iced tea and water

Tickets are $10 and will be sold Feb. 1-26. IMPORTANT NOTE: Tickets will be taken at the door to ensure seating for all ticket holders. Watch for more information in an upcoming issue of Cal Poly Report, including where you can purchase tickets.

Campus Announcements

Search Under Way to Find Successor to President Baker

A request was received from the Chancellor's Office for the name of one elected staff representative to serve on the Presidential Search Advisory Committee. The Board of Trustees policy for the selection of presidents specifies that one university staff member be elected by the staff to serve on the Presidential Search Advisory Committee, known as the Advisory Committee to the Trustees Committee for the Selection of the President (ACTCSP). For this assignment, a staff member is defined as a represented or confidential employee.

Voting Information
Only represented and confidential employees are eligible to vote.

Employees will have two ways to cast their votes; through the link via an e-mail or by visiting the Administration & Finance Division (AFD) Training Room, Building 36, Room 105.

All eligible employees will receive an e-mail that contains a link to the secure voting Web site and candidates' statements. You may go directly to candidates' statements by clicking on or pasting the following URL into your Web browser http://www.afd.calpoly.edu/hr/advisory.asp

The voting period is Wednesday, Jan. 13 from 7 a.m. to midnight.

The AFD Training Room will be available from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and 10:30 p.m. to midnight on Wednesday, Jan. 13. EMPLOYEES WILL NEED TO BRING PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION IN ORDER TO VOTE.

Important Note: Eligible staff will only be able to vote once.

Notification of the elected candidate will be announced in the Cal Poly Report on Wednesday, Jan. 20.

State Travel Reimbursement Rate Has Changed
Effective Jan. 1, the mileage rate for official university business travel has decreased from 55 cents per mile to 50 cents per mile. For questions, contact John Sullivan at ext. 6-1717.

Corporation Travel Reimbursement Rate Has Changed
Based on IRS guidelines, the Cal Poly Corporation and Cal Poly Foundation mileage reimbursement rate has decreased to 50 cents per mile. This rate is effective for travel on or after Jan. 1. New forms, updated forms and guidelines and new requirements for CPC and CPF travel are now available. Please refer to the Web site for the current forms and information.

Cal Poly U-Pick Runs Through February
The Cal Poly Citrus, Avocado and Deciduous Farm Enterprise invites the public to come pick fresh and delicious Cal Poly mandarins every Wednesday and Saturday through February. Every Wednesday, the U-pick and fruit sale takes place from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Saturday U-Picks are from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. U-Picks are cancelled in the event of rain. Other fruits are also available for purchase, including persimmons, walnuts and kiwis. To find us, follow U-Pick signs from the intersection of Santa Rosa Street and Highland Drive. The U-Pick and fruit sales are held on the south side of Highland Drive. For more information about future U-Picks, call the U-Pick hotline at ext. 6-2224 and dial 2, or e-mail questions to cpcitrusandavo@yahoo.com

Results of Innovative Surveys Made Available to Campus
Last winter and spring, Cal Poly administered two innovative campus surveys, one to students and the other to faculty and staff. The surveys were part of the ongoing WASC process of re-affirming the university’s accreditation. The results formed the backbone of the self-study, which was submitted to WASC on Dec. 3. The results are now available at http://wasc.calpoly.edu/engagement/survey_results.html.
Library Special Closures, Jan. 15 and Feb. 12

Because of staff furloughs, the Kennedy Library will observe two special closure days during Winter Quarter 2010: Friday, Jan. 15, and Friday, Feb. 12. The main library will be closed Jan. 15. The library's 24-Hour Study Room will remain open, and Pony Prints will observe normal open hours (8 a.m. to 8 p.m.). The main library will re-open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, and will be open noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17, and from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday Jan. 18.

On Presidents Day weekend, the main library will be closed Friday, Feb. 12. The library's 24-Hour Study Room will remain open, and Pony Prints will observe normal open hours (8 a.m to 8 p.m.). The main library will re-open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 13, and will be open noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 14, and from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday Feb. 15. The main library and the 24-Hour Study Room will also be closed Monday, March 22, during the Spring Quarter break. Contact Anna Gold, associate dean for public services, at the Library's Administrative Office ext. 6-2345 with any questions or comments.

Deadline to Nominate Faculty for the Distinguished Scholarship Award is Jan. 15

Students, faculty and alumni are encouraged to nominate Cal Poly faculty for the Distinguished Scholarship Awards. These awards recognize the scholarship and creative activity of both junior and senior faculty across all disciplines represented at Cal Poly. Visit the Distinguished Scholarship Award Web site for more information. Nominations are due by Jan. 15.

Deadline to Nominate Top Staff is Jan. 19

The deadline to submit nominations for the 2009-10 Outstanding Staff Employee Award is Jan. 19. Nominees must be full-time or part-time employees of the university, Corporation, or ASI who are in their third year of employment as of Dec. 31 and are not represented by bargaining unit 3 (faculty). Former recipients of the award are not eligible. The Outstanding Staff Nomination Form can be found at: http://outstandingstaff.calpoly.edu

Student Financial Aid and Scholarship Deadline is March 2

The Financial Aid Office asks faculty and staff to remind students that the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) deadline is March 2. To apply for federal aid, state aid and Cal Poly Scholarships, students must complete the FAFSA every year. For questions, dial ext. 6-2927.

Events

See Story of Baseball's Jackie Robinson on Stage Jan. 15

Cal Poly Arts presents a family series event Jan. 15. In celebration of the indomitable human spirit, we proudly present Dallas Children's Theater on Tour's real-life dramatic story of Jackie Robinson, live on stage in an inspiring event for the whole family. The beloved baseball legend is brilliantly depicted in this stage bio-drama that is a heartfelt testament to courage, stamina and the triumph in one man's life.

More on the Jackie Robinson tribute

Hear Forbes Pipe Organ Concert Jan. 17

Cal Poly Arts presents former Crystal Cathedral organist Frederick Swann in
concert Jan. 17. Swann’s programs are well-known for providing a wide range of works for every interest. His afternoon recital on the Forbes Pipe Organ will feature a varied program of old and new organ literature, highlighted with major works of J.S. Bach and César Franck.

More on Swann's concert

English Professor to Give Poetry Reading from New Book

English professor and Cal Poly Distinguished Teaching Award Winner Kevin Clark will give a special poetry reading from his book Self-Portrait with Expletives on Thursday, Jan. 21, at 7 p.m. in Philips Hall in the Christopher Cohan Performing Arts Center.

Job Vacancies

State Employment Opportunities

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. ***REVIEW DATE EXTENDED TO Jan. 22, 2010***

#101921- Physician, Student Affairs, Health Services, $8,731-$14,396 per month. Anticipated hiring range: $8,731-$9,110 per month. Open until filled. Review begins: Jan. 22, 2010.

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. For an application, visit Human Resources in the Corporation Administration Building, check the Web site at http://www.calpolycorporation.org or call ext. 6-1121.

Computer Support Specialist, Campus Dining, $17.16 - $24.90 per hour. Requirements: High School degree or equivalent and three years experience providing tech support for users of PC hardware and software on a LAN or equivalent combination of education and experience. Associates degree with courses in IT or related specialized training preferred. Knowledge of POS systems, institutional food services, accounting and business practices preferred. This is a 10-month position; must be willing to work irregular hours, including weekends and nights. See Web site for a complete position announcement. Excellent benefits provided, including medical, dental, vision, life insurance, retirement program, paid sick leave/vacation and holidays.

Senior Dairy Ingredients Applications Specialist, Dairy Products Technology Center, $45,604-$66,170 per year. Requirements: Doctorate in Dairy/Food/Culinary Science and one year of related work experience or master of science and three years related work experience or bachelor of science and five years related work experience. See Web site for a complete position announcement. Excellent benefits provided, including medical, dental, vision, life insurance, retirement program, paid sick leave/vacation and holidays.

Operations Manager, Campus Dining, $48,568 - $59,514 per year. Requirements: High School degree or equivalent and five years food service experience, including two years as a manager. Will supervise up to 100 student assistants and 50 regular, full-time employees. Excellent benefits provided, including medical, dental, vision, life insurance, retirement program, paid sick leave/vacation and holidays.