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News

A Construction Milestone for Center for Science and Mathematics

The Center for Science and Mathematics reached a milestone Sept. 15: placement of the final steel beam completing the framing structure of the six-story building. Gilbane Building Company held a private “Topping Out” ceremony for 200 subcontractors who have brought the project to this point. Also invited were about 100 Cal Poly physics, chemistry and soil science professors who will hold classes in the building. Cal Poly President Jeffrey D. Armstrong and Phil Bailey, dean of the College of Science and Mathematics, spoke to the crowd about how much the center means to the university. Christopher Giese, a Cal Poly alum and Gilbane Building Company Project executive, also spoke. The $132 million, 197,000-square-foot building was made possible by voter-approved state education construction bonds and $20 million in private donations to Cal Poly. The center is set to open in spring 2013.

See photos from the ceremony

Candidates for Provost to Visit Campus Sept. 26-Oct. 7

President Armstrong has approved the recommendations of the Consultative Search Committee, chaired by Rachel Fernflores, to invite the following finalists for the position of provost to visit campus as follows:

- Cheryl B. Schrader, associate vice president, Division of Research, Boise State University
  Sept. 26-27, 2011;

- Andrew J. Grosovsky, dean, College of Science and Mathematics, University of Massachusetts Boston
  Sept. 29-30, 2011;

- Brenda Case Scheer, dean, College of Architecture and Planning, University of Utah
  Oct. 3-4, 2011; and

- Kathleen Enz Finken provost and vice chancellor, Academic Affairs, University of Wisconsin - La Crosse
  Oct. 6-7, 2011.

Faculty, staff, and students are invited to attend the open forum scheduled for each of the four provost finalists to be held in Building 07
DigitalCommons@CalPoly Reaches One Million Mark

Cal Poly’s digital archive, DigitalCommons@CalPoly, recently marked its millionth download since launching three years ago. The archive, a service of the Robert E. Kennedy Library, is highly ranked among similar open-access sites, including No. 1 in the California State University system. “DigitalCommons reached this milestone in just three years, which demonstrates the high value and interest in Cal Poly student and faculty work,” said University Librarian Anna Gold. More than 11,000 items are available, and visitors from more than 160 countries and territories have downloaded material. The millionth download was Cal Poly 2010 graduate Jeffrey Migliore’s Computer Engineering senior project, “RFID Asset Tracking and Digital Check-Out System”. Migliore works for Evoknow, Inc., an open-source web technologies company in Sacramento. The Cal Poly community is invited to contribute completed scholarship and university material to DigitalCommons@CalPoly for long-term preservation and worldwide electronic accessibility.

Find out more about the millionth download

Faculty and Staff

Jack Algeo Inducted into Liquid Feed Hall of Fame

Jack Algeo, professor emeritus and former Animal Science department head, has been inducted into the American Feed Industry Association’s Liquid Feed Hall of Fame. The honor was announced at AFIA’s Liquid Feed Symposium in Kansas City, Mo. Algeo has had a lifetime of industry experience over a distinguished career, including educator, consultant, researcher and Marine. After teaching at Washington State College and Cal Poly from 1948 to 1954, he served as the director of research and resident nutritionist for Sinton & Brown Company in Santa Maria until 1959, when he started a private consulting and research practice. Algeo has consulted for firms nationally and globally, including firms in Jamaica, El Salvador, Sweden, China and Australia. He returned to Cal Poly in 1985, where he served as Animal Science department head until retiring in 1992.

More on Algeo’s honor

Campus Announcements

Open Enrollment Coming Oct. 10

CalPERS has announced the open enrollment dates for the 2012 plan year. This year, making open enrollment changes will be just a few clicks away, as state employees will make their desired changes through the convenience of the Cal Poly portal. The “eBenefits” feature allows employees to view their current benefits and easily make open enrollment elections. Make changes from your home or, if you prefer, there will be a series of opportunities to enroll with benefits staff. And a benefits fair is scheduled for Oct. 19. Watch for details in future emails, and on the Human Resources Benefits website.

Honors Teaching Assistant Program Launch Announced

Cal Poly’s Honors Program announces the launch of the Honors Teaching Assistant program. The goal is to capitalize on the power of the diverse student body in the Honors Program by providing an opportunity for honors students well into their degree program to take a leadership role in the educational process of lower-division students. Faculty members and participating honors students will be given freedom in their choice of teaching assistant duties. Possible TA duties should include those that give honors student the direct opportunity to interact with other students in a teaching capacity. Student participants will be eligible to receive honors course credit. Faculty members seeking assistance with their fall courses can obtain more details on the TA program or recruit an honors student for their course by contacting the Honors Program at honors@calpoly.edu or 756-7029.
Seasonal Flu Shot Clinic Announced for Oct. 4
Employment Equity has partnered with Maxim Health Systems to offer the annual Seasonal Flu Shot Clinic for faculty and staff from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4 in UU 220. Only the seasonal influenza shot is being offered at this clinic, for $25. The immunization will be administered by health professionals. Employees are welcome to bring family members. Payment may be made with a check or cash. No appointment is necessary. However, to avoid long lines, you can schedule your immunization in a half-hour window. For additional information or questions about this years clinic, contact Sumi Seacat at seacat@calpoly.edu or 756-7387.

New Website for Biological Sciences Department
The Biological Sciences Department has launched a new web site. Find it at http://bio.calpoly.edu/, and update your bookmarks and favorites tabs. The website was built with Cal Poly’s new Drupal templates.

Chicana Latino Faculty Staff Association to Meet Sept. 30
The Chicana Latino Faculty Staff Association (CLFSA) will have its first meeting of the 2011-12 academic year from noon to 1 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30 at a location to be determined. All current and interested members are welcome. The CLFSA also asks faculty and staff to save the date for its fourth annual Chicana Latino Convocation. This event, open to all, is set for 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6 in UU Plaza. More information will come on that event. To add your name to the email list for future notifications about meetings and events or for more information, contact Debra Valencia-Laver, CLFSA secretary, at divalenc@calpoly.edu.

Human Resources Invites Employees to a Financial Seminar Presented by ING
Human Resources is pleased to invite Cal Poly employees to a financial seminar presented by ING -- one of five CSU Tax Sheltered Annuity (403(b)) fund sponsors. The event will be held at noon Sept. 28 in the left wing of Chumash Auditorium. Human Resources is not specifically endorsing ING or any of the other four fund sponsors (Fidelity Investments, VALIC, MetLife and TIAA-CREF). General tax shelter/deferred compensation program information and fund sponsor contact information is always available on the HR website.

New Short-Term Housing for University Sponsored Guests
The Cal Poly Corporation now offers a fully furnished two-bedroom, one-bathroom unit to visiting and transitioning guests of sponsored university departments. The corporation joins the Orfalea College of Business in providing this service to university departments. For additional details, visit the Corporate Housing website. Contact Ann Roy at the Cal Poly Corporation for details, pricing, and availability at ext. 6-1131 or aroy@calpoly.edu.

Sage Restaurant Unveils New Burger Bar
Sage Restaurant is pleased to introduce the all-new Burger Bar, featuring a unique range of gourmet burgers, fresh salads, crisp-cut fries and homespun milkshakes. Hours are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Enjoy yourself in our warm, casual restaurant. Visit Sage’s website for more details.

All You Care To Eat for As Low As $5? Only with Fast Pass
Cal Poly Dining introduces Fast Pass -- the smart new way to dine on campus. Purchase Lunch Passes to dine at new all-you-care-to-eat restaurant 19 Metro station for as low as $5 for lunch. Get yours today at www.calpolydining.com/fastpass.

Deadline Approaching for Extramural Funding Initiative (EFI) Proposals
The Extramural Funding Initiative provides support to assist faculty in submitting competitive proposals for extramural funding. The deadline to submit proposals for awards of mini-grants, assigned time and additional compensation for 2012 is 4:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7. For full application and submission instructions, visit the Research and Graduate Programs website or call the RGP office at ext. 6-1508.
Bella Montana Faculty and Staff Housing Community Has Homes for Sale

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

Catastrophic Leave

Kevin Bright

Kevin Bright, accountant in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences, has qualified for catastrophic leave. If you wish to donate time, contact Lisa Hensley at lhensley@calpoly.edu or at 6-5702. Faculty and staff may donate up to 40 hours of sick or vacation, any combination of one hour or more increments, per fiscal year.

Events

Fluor Corp. Vice President to Speak on Business Ethics Sept. 22 at Cal Poly

Wendy Hallgren, vice president of Corporate Compliance for Fluor Inc., will speak at Cal Poly on Thursday, Sept. 22, as part of the Orfalea College of Business Distinguished Speaker Series. Hallgren will present “Business Ethics: Doing the Right Thing Can Be a Competitive Advantage,” from 2:10 to 3:10 p.m. in the Spanos Theater. The event is free and open to the public. Prior to moving to Corporate Compliance, Hallgren was a member of Fluor’s Legal Department from 2002 to 2004. She earned her undergraduate degree from Georgetown University and her law degree from the University of Michigan Law School. Fluor is a Fortune 500 company specializing in international engineering, procurement, construction, maintenance and project management.

More on Hallgren's talk

Music Department Announces 2011-12 Event Season

Cal Poly Music Department's new event season, titled "2011-12: Make a Musical Wish!" starts with four vocal events in October. Soprano Patricia Caicedo will present a vocal master class Tuesday, Oct. 11, with Cal Poly students, followed by a recital Thursday, Oct. 13, at which she will sing a collection of folkloric and contemporary art songs from Latin America and Spain. Caicedo is considered one of the world’s leading authorities on Latin American art song. She founded Mundo Arts, a company that publishes and distributes Latin American art song, and she runs the Barcelona Festival of Song. Tenor Christopher M. Cock will present a recital Thursday, Oct. 20, and a master class Tuesday, Oct. 25. For the recital, he will sing Franz Schubert’s "Winterreise," Op. 89. Cock is director of choral and vocal activities at Valparaiso University (Indiana), holds the Phyllis and Richard Duesenberg Chair in Lutheran Music and is director of the Bach Institute.

At least a dozen more events -- including several free ones -- will follow in the fall. For more information and a complete list of events for the 2011-12 season, visit http://music.calpoly.edu/calendar/, send email to music@calpoly.edu, or call 805-756-2406. Printed versions of the event brochure are available upon request. Tickets can be purchased at the Performing Arts Ticket Office from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays. To order by phone, call SLO-ARTS (805-756-2787). A 10 percent discount is given to patrons who buy season tickets to four events; a 15 percent discount is offered for five or more events.

Prize-Winning Author, Playwright Caryl Phillips to Speak Oct. 6

Caryl Phillips, prize-winning author and playwright, will speak at 7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6 in Room 220 in the University Union. His talk,
titled “Growing Pains,” is based on his latest book, "Color Me English: Migration and Belonging Before and After 9/11." The presentation will explore Phillips’ encounter with racism at a very early age and will include a reading from the book. Phillips’ appearance at Cal Poly is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Ethnic Studies Department, 805-756-1707 or ethnicstudies@calpoly.edu.

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.


#102401 – Physician, Student Affairs - Health Services. One full-time 10/12 pay plan range: $8,731 - $14,396 per month, hiring range: $8,731 - $9,110 per month. One temp, (.60 time base) through June 30, 2012, position range: $6,286-$10,365 per month, hiring range: $6,286 - $7,000 per month. Open until filled. Review begins Sept. 30, 2011.

Faculty Employment Opportunities

Candidates are asked to visit the online employment web site at http://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.

There are no new job opportunities 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. To view job postings and/or apply for any regular-benefited position at Cal Poly Corporation, visit our web site. For assistance contact Human Resources at ext. 6-1121.

There are no new job opportunities at this time.

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, Room 212 or call ext. 6-5800.

There are no new job opportunities at this time.