President's Community Service Awards Nominations Due May 1
Nominations are currently being accepted for the 23rd annual President's Community Service Awards. Nominate qualified faculty, staff and students for their contributions to the quality of life in San Luis Obispo and their spirit of civic engagement. Visit http://studentlife.calpoly.edu/communitycenter/nominee_form.asp to make a nomination. Deadline to submit a nomination is Friday, May 1. For more information, contact Amanda Stevens at asteve01@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-2176.

Nobel Laureate Carl Wieman to Speak at Cal Poly Sunday
An insightful presentation is in store for community members when Nobel Laureate Carl Wieman takes the stage of Spanos Theatre at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 3. Wieman’s talk, titled "Science Education for the 21st Century, Using the Insights of Science to Teach Science," will focus on how research on student learning, combined with new technology, can help provide relevant and effective science education for all students. He will also address the failures of traditional educational practices, even as used by "very good" teachers, and the successes of newer practices, showing how these results are consistent with findings from cognitive science. For more information on Wieman's presentation or parking, contact the President’s Office at ext. 6-6000 or at presidentsoffice@calpoly.edu.

‘Art History’s Bad Girls’ Lecture Set for May 5
"Art History’s Bad Girls: Courtesans in the Art of China and Europe" is the title of the fifth lecture in the Women’s and Gender Studies speaker series set for Tuesday, May 5, at 6 p.m. in the Community Room of the SLO Public Library, 995 Palm Street. Jean Wetzel will discuss how women of the courtesan class played a surprisingly important role in the visual art of both China and the West. This talk will explore that role, focusing primarily on women in Classical and Renaissance Western art, as well as Ming-Dynasty Chinese painting. The lectures are free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served courtesy of Friends of the Library. For more information, contact Assistant Professor Rachel Fernflores at ext. 6-2330 or rfernflo@calpoly.edu, or visit http://www.cla.calpoly.edu/wqs/pub_lib.html.

Fall Registration Opens May 6
For the first time in the university’s history, Cal Poly will open fall 2009-10 registration two months early to help accommodate student demand for classes and help them finish their undergraduate education on time. Registration begins May 6, and student fees are due July 27. The move comes in light of current California state budget constraints. For more information, visit http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2009/April/fall_reg.html.

Housing Corporation Board Meeting Set for May 8
The Board of Directors of the Cal Poly Housing Corporation (CPHC) will hold its next meeting on Friday, May 8 at 9:30 a.m. in the Corporation Administration Building, Room 124. This is a public meeting. A copy of the agenda will be available for public review at the Corporation Administration Building beginning May 1. For further information about this meeting, contact Jim Reinhart, managing director, Cal Poly Housing Corporation, ext. 6-1131.

Life on International Space Station
What is it like to call the International Space Station home? Just ask astronaut and Cal Poly engineering alumn Greg Chamitoff, who will give a public presentation from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Friday, May 8, in the Christopher Cohan Performing Arts Center at Cal Poly. Everyone is encouraged to attend this free event. Chamitoff will talk about his experiences living on the International Space Station for approximately six months last year. He served on the station with Russian cosmonauts Sergei Volkov and Oleg Kononenko, acting as the station’s flight engineer and science officer. He returned to Earth in November on shuttle mission STS-126, having logged a total of 183 days in space.

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