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Architecture program again ranks high in nation

A national poll of practicing architects has once again ranked Cal Poly's architecture program as one of the best in the United States at producing "graduates most prepared for real-world practice."

The survey, conducted for the architecture and engineering journal DesignIntelligence, rated Cal Poly's program No. 3 in the nation among Bachelor of Architecture degree programs and the best bachelor's program west of the Mississippi.

Cal Poly also scored as practically the best value in architecture education in the nation, one point (582 to 583) behind a school that charges no tuition at all, even though the survey was looking at the tuition out-of-state residents pay to attend Cal Poly.

The rankings, released in the November 2003 issue of DesignIntelligence, were the result of a survey mailed last summer to the partners, principals and personnel directors at more than 1,000 firms throughout the United States.

To calculate value, the magazine looked at its survey rankings along with five other criteria. Cal Poly received the highest scores given for survey ranking, selectivity, resources such as technology and studios, and the quality of its dean, faculty and students. Cooper Union of New York City, which edged out Cal Poly for top value, is a private school that gives all of its students full scholarships.

For its ability to prepare architects well for a career in the field, the survey ranked Cal Poly's bachelor's degree program third in the nation behind only the University of Cincinnati and Cornell University.

The magazine also polled within each region, because, it said, it has found that reputations sometimes are better at a distance than near home. Cal Poly topped the Western region bachelor's program rankings as well.

A 2002 poll, combining bachelor's and master's programs, ranked Cal Poly No. 2 in the nation behind Harvard. DesignIntelligence is published by the Design Futures Council.

Proposition 55 includes $35.2 million for campus

Proposition 55, the statewide education bond on the March 2 ballot, would bring $35.2 million to Cal Poly to replace aging buildings, classrooms and equipment.

The measure includes $28.6 million in construction money for a new building for the architecture and construction management programs, $5.4 million to equip the Engineering IV building now under construction, and $1.2 million to design a new Center for Science and Mathematics.

Money to design the new architecture and construction management building was part of Proposition 47 approved in 2002. The college is raising $7.5 million in private contributions to pay for a portion of the 44,000-square-foot building, to be built on the site of the existing Air Conditioning Building.

The architecture building allotment includes money to remodel architecture and industrial technology classrooms in Engineering West.

The multistory 256,000-square-foot Center for Science and Mathematics is planned to replace the 50-year-old Science Building.

If voters reject Proposition 55, the university will have to significantly delay the new architecture facility and Engineering West remodeling and will not have funding for equipment for Engineering IV. Design work for the new Center for Science and Mathematics would also be put on hold.

More details about what Proposition 55 would bring to San Luis Obispo County are available on the Cal Poly News Web site at www.calpolynews.calpoly.edu/prop55.html. 

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More on Proposition 55 and campus projects that it would fund, plus other university news, is online on the Cal Poly News Web site www.calpolynews.calpoly.edu.
**Service Awards lunch tickets on sale Feb. 11**

Tickets to the annual Service Awards Luncheon, set for March 4 in Chumash Auditorium, will go on sale Feb. 11 for $10.

The luncheon recognizes state, Foundation and ASI employees with 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 years of service. Those being honored for 35 or more years of service are Judith Pinkerton (40 years) and Frederick Andoli, Walter Bethel, Ron Christensen, Michael Cirovic, Chuck Jennings, Bonnie Long, Cathy Matthews and John Mc Kinstry for 35.

The “Beach Blanket Bingo” theme menu will include a slow-simmered “Beach Bake” – grilled sausage, chicken breast, baby potatoes, corn cobettes, onions, celery and fresh herbs, green salad, East Coast slaw, fruit kabobs, breads, dessert, coffee and iced tea. A vegetarian version of the entrée will also be available.

Tickets are available until Feb. 24 from Geri Bolivar, ext. 2321; Carol Brizendine, ext. 5751, Carol Leong, ext. 1313; Kristina Peña, ext. 2378; and Colleen Rodriguez, ext. 2606. Make checks payable to Cal Poly Foundation.

**Leave solicitation**

Blanca Torres, a custodian in Housing and Business Services, has qualified for personal catastrophic leave. Eligible state employees may donate vacation credit and sick leave to help her remain in full-pay status during an extended absence.

Those interested in donating leave may request a Catastrophic Leave Donation form from solicitation coordinator Janis Eto in Housing and Business Services at ext. 5479 or by e-mail.

State employees, depending on their unit, may donate either 40 hours or 16 hours total of sick leave and vacation credits per fiscal year in increments of one hour or more. See the donation form for details.

**Position Vacancies**

**FOUNDATION** (Foundation Adm. Building, job line at ext. 7107.) All Foundation applications must be received (not just postmarked) by 5 p.m. of the closing date. (No faxes.)


**Nominations due Feb. 6 for four scholarships**

The deadline is Feb. 6 to nominate students for these four fall scholarships administered by the Women’s Studies Program:

- James M. Duenow Scholarship: a $300 award to a student, preferably a liberal arts major, who has demonstrated a commitment to the rights of women and is considering a career as a feminist attorney.
- Robert S. Harmon Scholarship: a $300 award to a student considering a career as an investigative reporter. Preference is given to students with Mustang Daily experience reporting corruption, cover-up or crime against women.
- L. Diane Ryan Scholarship: a $400 award to a student who has demonstrated a commitment to the rights of women and has been identified by a faculty or staff member as an individual of principle with the potential to provide moral leadership in the workforce of the future.
- Nell E. Spradlin Scholarship: a $1,500 award to a liberal arts student identified by a faculty or staff member as an individual of exceptional outlook, insight and spirit.

Nominations should be by letter to the Women’s Studies Program or e-mail to womst@polymail.calpoly.edu. A nominee’s major should be indicated in the letter. Only students who will be enrolled fall 2004 are eligible. For full eligibility criteria and other information, contact Andrea Nash at ext. 1525 or anash@calpoly.edu.

**Accounting students offer help with tax returns**

Accounting students are offering a free tax-return preparation service for low-income taxpayers.

Trained, qualified accounting seniors will prepare the necessary forms for individuals whose gross annual income is under $35,000. The returns are reviewed by local certificated tax preparers.

Students will be available 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturdays from this Saturday (Jan. 31) through March 13. Those interested in the service should bring their 2002 tax returns and all 2003 tax-related documents to the third-floor Orfalea College of Business Computer Lab in the Business Building.

The free program is sponsored by the IRS, the California Franchise Tax Board and Cal Poly’s Accounting Department. For more information, call ext. 2667.

**Spring fee-waiver dates**

Human Resources reminds employees of these spring quarter fee-waiver deadlines:

- Feb. 5: POWER/CAPTURE scheduled registration begins (see the “Priority/Graduate Students” category in the class schedule).
- March 1: Last day to submit CSU admission application (undecided/non-matriculated status only).
- March 4: Last day to pay fees to avoid $25 late fee.
- April 13: Last day to submit fee-waiver form to Human Resources, Adm. 110.

Fee-waiver guidelines, procedures and forms are available on the Human Resources Web site, http://www.qfd.calpoly.edu/hree/index.html (see Professional Development), Call Darcy Adams at ext. 2472 for more information.

Beginning with spring quarter, fees charged to CSEA employees will change. The change will be in effect through summer quarter 2005. Fee information is at www.fees.calpoly.edu/feewaiver.htm.

**Students available for part-time work**

More students than ever are seeking part-time work to help pay education expenses and are available to help with a variety of jobs, according to Career Services.

Faculty and staff members can request student help with homework tutoring, yard work, fence construction, furniture moving, data entry, child care and transportation, mural painting, Web-site design, and other tasks by calling Career Services at ext. 5976 or completing an online job request form at http://www.careerservices.calpoly.edu/employers/pt_jobs.htm.

The jobs are posted in the Career Services Student Employment office within 24 hours and stay on the bulletin boards for two weeks or until they are filled. The same service is used to post student assistant and Federal Work Study ads. To post on-campus jobs, use the job request form at http://www.careerservices.calpoly.edu/faculty_staff/facstaff.htm.

For more information, call ext. 5970 or visit www.careerservices.calpoly.edu.

**Cal Poly Report deadline**

Articles for the Cal Poly Report should be e-mailed to polynews@calpoly.edu by 4 p.m. the Friday before publication. For more information, call ext. 1511.