Faculty tenure, promotion awards announced

President Warren Baker has announced the promotion of 33 faculty members and the award of tenure to 20 faculty members effective in the 2002-03 academic year. The promotions include 14 to the academic rank of professor and 19 to associate professor:

• College of Agriculture
  Promoted to associate professor: Jonathon L. Beckett (Animal Science), Samantha J. Gill (Natural Resources Management) and W. Keith Patterson (Horticulture and Crop Science).
  Awarded tenure: W. Keith Patterson (Horticulture and Crop Science).
• College of Architecture and Environmental Design
  Promoted to professor: Karen Lange (Architecture).
  Promoted to associate professor: Abraham C. Lynn (Architectural Engineering).
• College of Engineering
  Promoted to professor: David B. Braun (Electrical Engineering), Fred W. DePiero (Electrical Engineering), Gregg Fiegel (Civil and Environmental Engineering), Rakesh Goel (Civil and Environmental Engineering), Jordi Puig-Suari (Aerospace Engineering), Erika Rogers (Computer Science) and Richard S. Sandige (Electrical Engineering).
  Promoted to associate professor: Katherine C. Chen (Materials Engineering), Dianne J. DeTurris (Aerospace Engineering) and Yarrow M. Nelson (Civil and Environmental Engineering).
  Awarded tenure: David B. Braun (Electrical Engineering), Fred W. DePiero (Electrical Engineering), Lanny V. Griffin (Materials Engineering), Eric P. Kasper (Civil and Environmental Engineering), Jordi Puig-Suari (Aerospace Engineering), Erika Rogers (Computer Science) and Richard S. Sandige (Electrical Engineering).

Housing, Residential Life wins diversity award

The Housing and Residential Life department has won the university’s sixth annual President’s Diversity Award for integrating the concept of diversity into its programs at all levels.

“Housing and Residential Life has made diversity an integral part of its hiring, its employee training, educational programs for students and the publications it produces,” said President Warren Baker in announcing the selection. “Its policies create an environment in which all students and employees – regardless of race, religion, ethnic background, physical abilities, sexual orientation or other factors – are valued, can feel part of our community, and are encouraged to produce their best work.

“Housing and Residential Life deserves recognition for adopting policy, a philosophy and core values that support the many dimensions of diversity,” Baker added.

The Diversity Award selection committee cited a long list of ways the department shows its commitment to diversity. Among those, it noted the department’s effort to attract and retain a staff that reflects the rich diversity of the state’s populace and comprised the unit for sending its student resident advisors to a class in organizational leadership that emphasizes respect, understanding and support for diversity.

The committee also noted the department’s efforts in creating awareness, developing multicultural programs, and maintaining a Resource Center to provide photos and other materials that reinforce diversity. The department’s “Respect” symbol, posted in the residence halls, promotes respect for self, community and differences and encourages “demonstrating respect through serving as an ally.”

The award committee, chaired by Dean of Liberal Arts Harry Hellenbrand, received 13 nominations this year, the most ever. Besides recommending Housing and Residential Life for the President’s Diversity Award, it recommended several special mentions:

• Dean of Science and Mathematics Phil Bailey for his successful effort to diversify hiring in that college and for his work in student recruitment and retention. Bailey “has been one of the most tireless champions of diversity on campus for many years,” the committee said.
• The Cultural Awareness Committee for its programming.
• The Multicultural Agriculture Program and the Latinos in Agriculture for continued achievements in outreach and retention.
• The MESA (Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement) Agricultural Initiative, for involving parents in their students’ projects.

The President’s Diversity Award recognizes campus units that have “exhibited commitment to the value of diversity.”

The award includes $1,000 to augment the winning unit’s budget for one year. More information about diversity at Cal Poly is available on the campus’s diversity Web site: www.academics.calpoly.edu/diversity/index.htm.

Delores Estrada, 51

Delores Estrada, longtime custodian in Facility Services, died June 6. She served as a volunteer usher captain at the Christopher Cohan Center, was active on the university’s Service Awards Committee, and was a member of the Staff Council. She was a 1998-1999 Outstanding Staff member. Estrada had worked for Facility Services since 1982.

Environmental engineers win national recognition

For the second year in a row, the Society of Environmental Engineers, Cal Poly’s environmental engineering club, won the Air & Waste Management Association (A&WMA) Best Student Chapter award for intermediate-size schools.

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• College of Liberal Arts
Promoted to professor: William Martinez, Jr. (Modern Languages and Literatures), Steven T. McDermott (Speech Communication), Alyson McLamore (Music) and Jay Thompson (Modern Languages and Literatures).
Promoted to associate professor: Simon I. Evnine (Philosophy), D. Craig Harlan (History), Lynn M. Hudson (History), Gary D. Laver (Psychology and Child Development), Michael B. Miller (Art and Design) and Paul E. Rinzler (Music).
Awarded tenure: Simon J. Evnine (Philosophy), D. Craig Harlan (History), Lynn M. Hudson (History), Gary D. Laver (Psychology and Child Development), Michael B. Miller (Art and Design), Paul E. Rinzler (Music) and Jay Thompson (Modern Languages and Literatures).
• College of Science and Mathematics
Promoted to professor: Linda J. Patton (Mathematics).
Promoted to associate professor: Beth L. Chance (Statistics), Kevin B. Kingsbury (Chemistry and Biochemistry), Mark A. Moline (Biological Sciences), Margaret S. Rice (Chemistry and Biochemistry) and Nanine A. Van Draanen (Chemistry and Biochemistry).
Awarded tenure: Kevin B. Kingsbury (Chemistry and Biochemistry), Margaret S. Rice (Chemistry and Biochemistry) and Nanine A. Van Draanen (Chemistry and Biochemistry).
• Orfalea College of Business
Awarded tenure: Patricia A. McQuaid.
• University Center for Teacher Education
Promoted to professor: Patricia E. Davidman.
Promoted to associate professor: Roberta J. Herter.

Student Arts Award winners announced
Cal Poly Arts announced the winners of its annual Student Arts Awards at a recent reception hosted by the College of Liberal Arts.
Art and design student James Wylie Roberts received the Service in the Arts Award. Art and design students Cassandra Ellen Chambers and Andy Paiko received the Achievement in the Arts Award.
Each year, Cal Poly Arts' board of directors recognizes students who have maintained high levels of involvement in the arts while attending Cal Poly. Each recipient receives a cash award and a framed certificate. In addition, their names are engraved on a plaque displayed in the lobby of the Christopher Cohen Center.
In addition, students nominated but not selected are considered for a Cal Poly Arts Commendation Certificate given by individual departments at their respective end-of-the-year functions. This year's recipients of Commendation Certificates include art and design student Joseph Hsu, English students Erin Martin and Amber Whelchel, music student Jessica Getman and theatre student Jarrod Bray.

'Skatewalker' proposal wins competition
Two industrial technology seniors' proposal for a product that would transform inline skates into safe walking shoes won first place and $4,000 in Cal Poly's second annual Ray Scherr Business Plan Competition.
Jason Kaltenbach and Brandon Carey also won a trip to participate in the Central Coast Venture Forum June 14 in Santa Barbara with their plan for "Skatewalker," a device that would fasten to the bottom of inline skates to allow people to walk safely. Theirs was one of 22 business plans submitted in the competition, sponsored by the Orfalea College of Business and organized by the Cal Poly Entrepreneurship Club.
MBA student Trent Mueller won the second-place prize of $2,000 with his plan for Turbo Photo, an online photo business to provide high-resolution "stock" photography for graphic designers and art directors on a CD-ROM set.
Angelo Alcid, a computer engineering senior, won the third-place award of $1,000 for his plan for No Dice, a network gaming center.

Position Vacancies
STATE: The official listing of staff and management vacancies is posted at least two weeks prior to closing dates on Cal Poly's Web site at www.calpoly.edu. Vacancies also are published in the Cal Poly Report. Job applications must be received in Human Resources, Adm. 110, by 5 p.m. on the closing date.
#383-Police Dispatcher I, University Police, $2,749-$4,126. Closing date: Monday (June 24).
#384-Administrative Support Coordinator II, Art and Design, College of Liberal Arts, only on-campus employees may apply. Closing date: Monday (June 24).
#365-Temporary Emergency Administrative Support Pool, various Administrative Support Assistant I & II and Administrative Support Coordinator I & II positions. All applicants from the previous emergency pools must re-apply with an updated application. Continuous hiring through June 30, 2003.
#386-Equipment Systems Specialist-Career, ITS, Communications and Computing Services, $2,988-$4,933. Closing date: July 2.

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Candidates are asked to contact the appropriate department office at the phone number listed for more information or to request an application. Additional information and qualifications for each position may also be obtained online at http://www.academic-personnel.calpoly.edu. Please submit all application materials to the department head/chair unless otherwise specified in the ad. Rank and salary are commensurate with qualifications and experience (and time base where applicable), unless otherwise stated.
#435: Psychologist, Student Services Professional, Counseling Services Department (ext. 6-2511). Closing date: July 22.
#4235: Psychologist, Student Services Professional, Counseling Services Department (ext. 6-2511). Closing date: July 22.
#4239: Tenure-Track, Assistant Professor, Marketing Department (ext. 6-1413). Closing date: Aug. 30.

Engineers win . . .
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"We've had another outstanding year," said the group's faculty advisor, Hal Cota.
"Among other things, we sent two teams to the Wastewater Treatment Competition and placed first and second."
The Best Student Chapter award will be presented June 26 at A&WMA's 95th Annual Conference and Exhibition to be held in Baltimore.