**San Luis Obispo County Expands COVID-19 Vaccine Eligibility, Campus Planning Continues**

San Luis Obispo County’s Public Health Department is or will soon begin offering COVID-19 vaccine appointments to child care workers, farm workers, emergency services personnel, K-12 educators, and some higher education employees. Individuals in these sectors receive direct notifications from their employer about how to access vaccination appointments. A limited number of Cal Poly employees will receive notifications via email about appointments available to them based on their roles. The county continues to offer vaccines to county residents 65 and older and health care workers. Visit [https://www.recoversl.org/en/covid-19-vaccines-in-slo-county.aspx](https://www.recoversl.org/en/covid-19-vaccines-in-slo-county.aspx) for more information about vaccine distribution, and additional information and facts about vaccine safety and efficacy is available at [https://www.recoversl.org/en/vaccine-faqs.aspx](https://www.recoversl.org/en/vaccine-faqs.aspx).

Getting vaccinated through the county’s Public Health Department is free, it does not involve health insurance, and it does not require information about the recipient’s immigration status. Cal Poly is working closely with SLO County to help end this pandemic. University leaders continue to advocate for faculty, staff and students through the county’s Vaccine Task Force. On campus, Cal Poly’s vaccine task force developed a plan that was approved by President Armstrong and county public health and is forming the operational plan to act swiftly and equitably as vaccines become available to members of our campus community. Cal Poly will reach out to specific groups of employees and students via email with more information as the university finalizes its implementation plans and responds to evolving county, state and federal public health guidance. As we make progress, continue to do your part by wearing a face covering, practicing physical distancing and getting tested when needed. For information and resources, visit [https://coronavirus.calpoly.edu/covid-19-vaccine](https://coronavirus.calpoly.edu/covid-19-vaccine).

**COVID Vaccine Fact Check: Will the Vaccine Give me COVID-19?**

Welcome to the COVID-19 Vaccine Fact Check, weekly insight on the COVID-19 vaccines presented by Campus Health and Wellbeing. These posts aim to help staff and faculty understand the facts and spot misinformation. This week’s fact check addresses concerns that the vaccines can give you COVID-19. Here are the facts: You cannot get COVID-19 from the vaccine. None of the vaccines currently in use in the U.S. contain the live SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus that causes COVID-19. The immune response generated by the vaccine can cause symptoms or side effects in the process of building immunity. These side effects can include feeling tired, body aches and sometimes fever. This is normal and a sign that the immune system is working to build protections against the virus. Not all people will develop these side effects after vaccination, but the vaccine is still working. Visit [https://coronavirus.calpoly.edu/covid-19-vaccine](https://coronavirus.calpoly.edu/covid-19-vaccine) and the RecoverSLO.org website’s frequently asked questions page at [https://www.recoversl.org/en/vaccine-faqs.aspx](https://www.recoversl.org/en/vaccine-faqs.aspx).
Save the Date: Celebrate Cal Poly Virtual Spring Commencement on June 12
Save the date for Cal Poly’s Virtual Spring Commencement 2021 celebration on Saturday, June 12, featuring six academic college ceremonies. These virtual ceremonies will feature messages from campus leaders and alumni, the conferral of degrees and graduate name reading. If public health conditions allow, a special in-person event will be held for graduates only (no guests or spectators allowed on campus) on June 12-13. Decisions about holding this event will be made in May, and if it is held, it will be live streamed for families and supporters to view from their locations outside of San Luis Obispo. All academic college, department, cultural, club and organization celebrations will remain virtual. Faculty and staff are invited to sign up to receive Spring Commencement 2021 emails at https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6172203/Spring-Commencement-2021-Communication-Sign-Up. Questions? Contact the Commencement Office at commencement@calpoly.edu. Learn more at https://commencement.calpoly.edu.

Additional Open Lab Training Available for Planon on March 4
Facilities Management and Development (FMD) will host an additional training opportunity for Planon from 10-11 a.m. Thursday, March 4. This lab session is open to all campus users interested in learning more about the use of Planon, FMD’s new work order management system that launched in February. Planon serves as FMD’s new project management platform and enables facility projects and maintenance operations along with space and finance teams to effectively and efficiently manage facilities throughout the entire building lifecycle. Call the FMD Help Center at ext. 6-5555 with any questions, and visit afd.calpoly.edu/facilities/requests/planon for more information.

International Women’s Day Activities Include Virtual Panel on March 8
On March 8-13, Cal Poly will honor International Women’s Day by celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. From 11:10 a.m. to noon Monday, March 8, the Cal Poly International Center will host a virtual panel presentation, “Choose to Challenge Gender Inequity,” discussing cross-cultural frameworks for understanding gender, equality and equity. Panelists include Joni Roberts, assistant professor, Kinesiology and Public Health Department; Dawn Neill, associate professor, Interdisciplinary Studies in Liberal Arts; Ning Zhang, professor, Political Science Department; and Olivia Bao-Khanh Trần, coordinator, womxn and gender equity initiatives, Student Diversity and Belonging. The panel will cover gender-related issues from cross-cultural and international perspectives, including how gender norms have shaped and influenced the career paths and academic achievements faculty and staff. To find out more, visit https://international.calpoly.edu/.

Equity-Focused Faculty Make Waves through New Classes, Mentorship and More
While they study different topics, 20 faculty members hired in recent years have one thing in common: they use their scholarship, teaching and service to illuminate the ways that diversity and inclusion intersect with their field of study. The educators came to the Central Coast through two cluster hire programs focused on welcoming educators who look at their disciplines through a lens of diversity, equity and inclusion. The first universitywide effort happened in 2019, following one specific to the College of Liberal Arts in 2017. Learn about how these faculty members explore meaningful research, lead critical discussions through events like the Social Justice Teach In, develop new curriculum, and inspire a new generation of Mustangs through the BEACoN Mentors program. Read more: https://www.calpoly.edu/news/equity-focused-faculty-make-waves-through-new-classes-mentorship-and-more.

Retirements
Professor W. Terrence “Terry” Spiller will retire at the end of winter quarter after nearly 30 years of making — and teaching — beautiful music in the Music Department. He served as department chair from 2004-19. He earned his doctorate from USC in 1991, the same year he began teaching at Cal Poly during its first year offering the new music major degree program. It was also then that he met newly hired colleague Alyson McLamore, who had just completed her doctorate at UCLA. Despite their collegiate rivalry, they were married in 1994. During Spiller’s years of teaching, administrating and concertizing, he had many notable experiences. He performed with vibrant and talented students of Cal Poly’s ensembles and his colleagues in some extraordinary halls: the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, Washington, D.C., with the Cal Poly Symphony conducted by David Arrivée; the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles with the Cal Poly Wind Ensemble conducted by Christopher J. Woodruff; and Smetana Hall in Prague with the Wind Ensemble conducted by William V. Johnson. In 2010 he was honored with the College of Liberal Arts Richard Keller Simon Faculty Recognition Award for Outstanding Service. Spiller will continue to teach piano part time in the department for a while. He is grateful for the central role that Cal Poly has played — and continues to play — in his life. Sign Spiller's virtual card at https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/3pNOL9ot.