COVID-19 Vaccines Available on Campus through June 4; Watch Webinar on June 8

There is still time to get the COVID-19 vaccine on campus before the end of spring quarter. The Rite Aid vaccination clinic in UU 220 is open to students, faculty, staff and community members through June 4. Appointments are available for free at https://riteaid.reportsonline.com/rsched/program/CASLO2021/Patient/Advisory by searching the ZIP code 93407. Walk-ins are also welcome on weekdays. The clinic provides the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine to anyone 18 and older, as well as first and second doses of the Pfizer vaccine to anyone 12 and older. (Minors must have parental consent.) Off-campus, first and second doses of COVID-19 vaccines are available through the My Turn appointment system at https://myturn.ca.gov/ or at 833-422-4255 or vaccinefinder.org. All three of SLO County Public Health’s mass vaccination sites are open for walk-ins this week; those sites plan to close after June 3. Still have questions? All CSU employees are invited to a webinar from 2-3 p.m. Tuesday, June 8, “Building Confidence: COVID-19 Vaccinations” presented by Kaiser Permanente. Attendees will get tools they need to understand the current landscape of vaccines and information about them. Questions can be submitted in advance to hadmin@calstate.edu. No registration is necessary; closed captioning will be provided. Visit https://www2.calstate.edu/Pages/livestream.aspx to join the live broadcast. Visit https://coronavirus.calpoly.edu/covid-19-vaccine for a spectrum of additional resources, including links to appointment opportunities, transportation resources and information about the available vaccines.

Want to Move More? Cal Poly Seeks Participants for Study on Reducing Screen Time

Researchers at Cal Poly’s Center for Health Research are looking for people to participate in a study on reducing sedentary screen time. Research shows that sedentary screen time — activities such as TV, social media and video games — has increased during the pandemic. On an average day, Americans spend nearly eight hours engaging in recreational sedentary screen time. This lack of movement shortens life expectancy and increases risk for cancer, diabetes and heart disease. Researchers hope a smartphone app will cut that time. “We know that sedentary screen time is bad for health, but there’s very little research on how to actually reduce screen time,” said Sarah Keadle, professor in the Kinesiology and Public Health Department and lead researcher. “We are excited about the technology-based approach that allows us to monitor all aspects of screen time, and we know that apps-based interventions are effective in increasing physical activity.” Participants in the study will receive a Fitbit to keep and use the self-monitoring StandUPTV app to view their daily and weekly sedentary screen time habits. Anyone interested in participating can take a survey at https://redcap.rc.asu.edu/surveys/?s=8HLCL9T3ER to see whether they qualify for the study or read the news release at https://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2021/may/want-to-move-more-cal-poly-study-has-an-app.

EOC Spotlight: Small Finance Section has Oversized Role in Tracking COVID-19 Expenses

The EOC Spotlight continues this week with a look at the fourth of five sections in Cal Poly’s Emergency Operations Center. For more than a year, as the EOC has coordinated the university’s response to COVID-19, a small subsection of the EOC has taken care to track and report on all expenditures related to the pandemic. The five-person Finance section — Dave Marshall, Kathryn Dunham, Elizabeth Baker, Dee Louie and Marc Benadiba — have ensured proper utilization of campus financial resources. The team continuously tracks COVID-19 expenditures and submits for reimbursement from external funding sources such as the Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds (HEERF I, HEERF II, and HEERF III Federal Funding) and FEMA. The team also prepares weekly management reporting, monthly Department of Finance reporting and quarterly HEERF reporting. Additionally, the team has collaborated with the other 22 CSU campuses, Disaster Recovery Consultants, and the Chancellor’s Office via semiweekly meetings to collectively share best practices and navigate the complicated infrastructure of disaster cost recovery. Their work and dedication to the university is greatly appreciated.

COVID-19: Confirmed Cases by ZIP Code

There are still 19 COVID-19 cases reported in the SLO County Public Health's mass vaccination sites — 19 Vaccines Available on Campus through June 4; Watch Webinar on June 8
Meet the Student Determined to Spread Vaccine Awareness
When COVID-19 struck, Caleb Armendariz leaped at the chance to help others. The fourth-year biological sciences major, who volunteers in the emergency room of Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center, signed up to help administer COVID-19 tests when they were in demand. Then, about a month ago, he volunteered to help hospital staff when they started administering vaccines. “It really was a fun opportunity to be part of the whole process,” he said. “Getting the community vaccinated was awesome.” But two conversations with friends helped him realize that there was work that could be done within the campus community too. Those experiences spurred Armendariz to set up a vaccine awareness campaign on campus. With the help of microbiology and immunology Professor Candace Winstead, he connected with organizations, including Campus Health and Wellbeing and the Department of Emergency Management, to develop a plan and put it in motion. Read the full story at https://www.calpoly.edu/news/we-cant-stop-yet-meet-student-determined-spread-vaccine-awareness.

Spots Still Open for Orfalea Family and ASI Children’s Center Poly Trekkers Program
The annual summer Poly Trekkers program at the ASI Children’s Center still has available spots remaining. This program is open to children who have completed kindergarten through fourth grade (6 to 10 years old). The program includes crafts, field trips, sports activities and a good deal of fun, all while taking advantage of the experiences offered on campus. Registration is available for sessions 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 and 8. Registration ends June 18. For more information, visit https://www.asi.calpoly.edu/childrens-center/programs/poly-trekkers/ or contact Children’s Center Administrative Assistant Lauren Mosley at ext. 6-1267 or mosley@calpoly.edu.

Sign up for CTLT Summer Accessibility Workshops
The Center for Teaching, Learning and Technology is offering two separate four-week online workshops for faculty members. Each workshop will last seven to 10 hours per week for a total of 28-40 hours, depending on skill level and experience. A $500 stipend is available for eligible participants for each workshop.

- Creating Accessible Course Materials, offered July 6-Aug. 1, will provide faculty an opportunity to develop skills and best practices to make course materials technically accessible for all students, with a focus on students with disabilities. This workshop covers Canvas accessibility, accessible documents and video captioning. Learn more and register: https://ctlt.calpoly.edu/creating-accessible-course-materials-summer-2021.

- In the Inclusive Course Design Workshop, Aug. 2-29, faculty will learn to apply the principles of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) to course materials, activities and assessments. UDL increases access, reduces barriers and improves learning experiences for all students. Learn more and register: https://ctlt.calpoly.edu/inclusive-course-design-implementing-udl-guidelines-summer-2021.

Two Bella Montaña Homes Listed For Sale
Two Bella Montaña units are on the market: 555-A and 555-B each come equipped with all the amenities that Bella Montana offers. Both have 1,029 square feet of living space in with two comfortable bedrooms and two and one-half bathrooms. These homes come equipped with a spacious one-car garage, a lovely deck and an indoor laundry unit. Living in Bella Montaña means convenient access to Cal Poly’s campus, nearby restaurants and retail, and beautiful hiking terrain. Visit https://bellamontanahomes.com/available-homes for more information.

Retirements
Following 18 years with the Cal Poly Corporation, Ann Roy, executive assistant to the chief executive officer, will retire on June 4, 2021. During her time on campus, Roy steadfastly worked with five chief executive officers serving as the liaison between the Corporation board and senior staff. She started her Cal Poly career in 2003 as a supervisor at Campus Dining helping to run The Ave and Building 19. It only took two years before she moved up to executive assistant. Throughout her 16 years as executive assistant she has been charged with managing Bella Montana, executing contracts, administrating three board committees, planning board and senior staff retreats, and generally keeping the Corporation running. More recently Roy helped to create, staff, and manage the COVID-19 Help Center in support of students and the university. While at Cal Poly, she has developed many irreplaceable connections and special relationships that she will genuinely miss. She was an active committee member serving on the Corporation Culture Committee, AOA Conference Planning Committee, Annual Service Awards Committee, University-wide Professional Development Committee and the Administrative Professionals Event Committee. In retirement she looks forward to traveling the world and spending time with her husband, three kids and their families.