

# **Cal Poly Report**

### **Employment**

**Employment Opportunities** For all available job openings, visit jobs.calpoly.edu. All new positions opened this week are listed below. To apply, go online and complete the application form. For assistance, call Human Resources at ext. 6-2236.

**#511225** — Administrative Coordinator (Administrative Support Coordinator I) — Student Affairs — Career Services. \$39,312-\$61,776 per year. Anticipated hiring range: \$39,000-\$48,000 per year. Open until filled.

**#512784**— Vice President for University Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Chief Diversity Officer (Administrator IV) — Diversity and Inclusivity Office. Salary commensurate with the background and experience of the individual selected. Open until filled.

### Corporation Employment Opportunities

Cal Poly Corporation is a separate entity operating in concert with the university to provide a diverse range of services and resources to students, faculty and staff. To view all available job postings or apply, visit https://www.calpolycorporationj obs.org. For assistance, contact

Human Resources at ext. 6-1121.

**#201000616 — Coffee Operations Supervisor —** Campus Dining — \$19.47-\$29.21 per hour. Full time. Open until filled. **Cal Poly Awards Over \$108,000 in Grants for Student Research Projects** Cal Poly has awarded more than \$108,000 to support 33 student research

projects through the university's Baker/Koob endowments, which support hands-on, project-based learning opportunities for individual students and groups. Student projects will be focused on issues including space exploration, machine learning and climate change. Students from four colleges were awarded funding and will work with faculty advisors to complete their projects. For many, the projects will serve as part of senior projects or master's theses. Colby Scanlon, a student in the blended civil and environmental engineering program, is using his funding to further test designs for his master's thesis on creating origami-inspired deployable disaster relief shelters and to present his findings at the Cal Poly Pomona Civil Engineering Conference. "It's exciting to get support for this project as we look for new ways to create shelter when people need it most," said Scanlon, who will earn both bachelor's and master's degrees. Learn more at https://calpolynews.calpoly.edu .

### Amanda Lathrop to Assume Role as Interim Dean for Graduate Education

Amanda Lathrop, professor in the Food Science and Nutrition Department, will serve as an administrative faculty fellow for Graduate Education effective March 28, overlapping with Elizabeth Lowham through the end of the quarter. She will assume the interim dean role on June 13 and will continue in the role through August 2023 or until a permanent dean is appointed. Lathrop joined Cal Poly in 2009. Her research interests include produce safety focused on leafy greens, citrus fruits, and the use of biofumigation for the control of food pathogens in agricultural soils. She is actively involved in a multidisciplinary project assisting underrepresented small farmers with on-farm food safety practices. Lathrop has also served as an advisor to numerous graduate students and as graduate coordinator for the Food Science master's and blended master's programs.

### Victor Glover Returns to Cal Poly

After a historic mission to the International Space Station, alumnus and astronaut Victor Glover made his way back to Earth — and 1 Grand Ave. This time, he brought Cal Poly banners that flew on the ISS and a fresh perspective he was eager to share with the campus community. "All of the richness of life is right here," he said of his home planet, "and that was made really evident when I left this place for six months." While on campus, Glover delivered opening remarks at PolyCultural Weekend, met with student-athletes, toured the Aerospace Engineering Hangar and explored the CubeSat lab. The trip to 1 Grand Ave. had special significance to the Glovers. Victor and his wife, Dionna Odom Glover, met while pursuing their undergraduate degrees at Cal Poly, and their eldest daughter is now a Mustang. "This is truly my original launchpad. Cal Poly is the reason that I've been able to do some amazing things," Glover said. Read the article at https://www.calpoly.edu/news.

### Professor Aydin Nazmi Explains Lessons Learned from Omicron

As the omicron wave of the COVID-19 pandemic recedes, public health protocols are easing, and many seem ready to return to normal. But is it time to declare victory against COVID-19? Aydin Nazmi, who studies public health and epidemiology and serves as Cal Poly's presidential faculty fellow for COVID-19 response, weighs in on what we've learned and what might be coming next. "We know that COVID is now endemic, but it has also exhibited several significant epidemic phases," Nazmi said. He thinks what comes next depends in part on human behavior and waning immunity. Read more: <u>calpoly.edu/news</u>.

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### Bid Farewell to Elizabeth Lowham on April 22

Join Research, Economic Development and Graduate Education for a farewell reception for Elizabeth Lowham from 3-5 p.m. Friday, April 22, on the patio between the Science Building (No. 52) and Baker Center for Science and Mathematics (No. 180), near the Einstein statue. Light appetizers and refreshments will be served. Lowham joined the Political Science Department faculty in 2007 and was department chair from 2015-19. She has also overseen the creation of the Interdisciplinary Studies in Liberal Arts department; the Science, Technology and Society Minors program; the Master of Public Policy (MPP) program. She served as the founding director of the Center for Expressive Technologies, has led Graduate Education as interim dean since 2019, and has served as the administrator in charge for R-EDGE since April 2021. Help say goodbye as she imparts on an exciting new career opportunity as dean of the College of Social Sciences at Fresno State, and join us in thanking her for all she has done for Cal Poly students, faculty and staff. Questions? Contact Kim Infante at kinfante@calpoly.edu.

#### Faculty and Staff Invited to Give Feedback, Win Prizes

Administration and Finance (A&F) has launched the next iteration of its annual customer satisfaction survey. The survey asks A&F constituents for feedback on the division's performance over the past year. This information will help A&F leadership learn from customers' knowledge, values and experiences pertaining to each unit and department. Available to all faculty, staff and students, the Focus Forward survey has been extended through April 22. While the survey covers every unit and department within A&F, campus community members are only being asked to complete the sections relevant to them. For every section that participants complete they will be entered into a drawing for an iPad Mini Pro or more than 60 other prizes. The information gathered from the survey will be used to assess offerings and deliverables. More information is available at <u>afd.calpoly.edu/survey</u>.

### Building 19 Dining Complex Renamed 1901 Marketplace; Renovation Underway

The new 1901 Marketplace is the next phase in the renovation and update of the Cal Poly dining experience. Following months of campus feedback, the re-imagined Building 19 will be named 1901 Marketplace, a nod to the university's founding. 1901 Marketplace will be home to nine separate food venues ranging from Campus Dining originals to national favorites like The Habit Burger Grill, Chick-fil-A, Jamba and Panda Express. A variety of new inhouse concepts will include Mediterranean, Mexican and sandwiches. The marketplace will also be home to a large community space featuring pop-ups with local shops, vendors and Cal Poly groups. Built to LEED Gold certification standards, the new facility is expected to open in fall 2023. Learn more at <a href="https://1901.calpolycorporation.org/">https://1901.calpolycorporation.org/</a>.

### **Retirements**

**Ann Wilenius**, administrative specialist in the Office of the Provost, has announced her retirement after 20 years at Cal Poly. Several areas across campus have benefited from her institutional knowledge, assistance and kindness. Wilenius started her career in the College of Engineering, Computer Engineering Program office, then joined the newly formed Center for Teaching and Learning and worked there through its reorganization to Center for Teaching, Learning and Technology. She then transferred to Information Technology Services, working her way to executive assistant to the vice president/CIO, and finally to her current role as administrative specialist in the Office of the Provost. Wilenius leaves with a grateful heart and many fond memories and states it has truly been a privilege to work with Cal Poly's amazing campus leaders, faculty and staff members. Wilenius is looking forward to playing golf, volunteering, spending more time with family and friends, and traveling to visit relatives in Dubai and in her native Canada. Her last day working on campus will be April 15. In lieu of a party, celebrate Wilenius with well wishes at https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/PFh7omi6.

Join the College of Science and Mathematics for a retirement celebration for **Sharon Arnold** from 3-5 p.m. Friday, April 15, at the Leaning Pine Arboretum, located at the Environmental Horticultural Science Unit at the end of Via Carta. Light appetizers and refreshments will be served. Arnold retired from Cal Poly after 33 years of dedicated service to the university. She came to Cal Poly in 1988 as a clerical assistant II in the English Department. After a series of promotions, she joined the College of Science and Mathematics Dean's Office in 1999 and worked there for 19 years. Arnold was an indispensable part of the college family and an essential member of the leadership team. She always provided excellent advice with kindness and sensitivity and was instrumental in building and supporting a talented and efficient staff. The College of Science and Mathematics and Cal Poly have benefited tremendously by having her as a member of the university community.