Get Involved in CSU Chancellor Search in February
The campus community is invited to participate in the search for the ninth chancellor of the CSU system. Three open forums will take place in early February, each with a virtual option. These forums will serve as a chance to speak directly to members of the committees that are guiding a comprehensive and inclusive recruitment. Participants are encouraged to weigh in on the CSU priorities that are most important to them, such as inclusive excellence, workforce preparation, enrollment, educational equity or academic programming. Attendees can Zoom with advance registration or watch the livestreams:
https://www.calstate.edu/Pages/livestream.aspx. The forums will be held:
- Feb. 7, noon to 2 p.m., CSU Chancellor’s Office.
- Feb. 8, noon to 2 p.m., CSU Bakersfield.
- Feb. 9, noon to 2 p.m., San Francisco State University.
Learn more about the forums and register for public comment at https://www.calstate.edu/csu-system/chancellor/chancellor-search/Pages/default.aspx.

Joe Borzellino Appointed Associate Vice President of Strategic Enrollment Management
Joe Borzellino, interim director of Enrollment Planning and Management, has been appointed associate vice president of Strategic Enrollment Management (SEM). In this role, Borzellino will leverage his experience in managing enrollment and course demand to move key SEM initiatives forward, including increasing student body diversity and improving student retention.

Borzellino joined the Mathematics Department in 2001, became a full professor in 2010 and served as chair from 2012-18. He earned his doctorate in mathematics from UCLA and previously held faculty positions at UC Davis, UCLA and Penn State Altoona. His research interests lie in the area of the differential geometry and topology of orbifolds, in which he is a recognized international expert. Borzellino has been an impactful leader universitywide for two decades and looks forward to serving the larger interests and goals of Cal Poly in this new role.

Campus Invited to Black Legacy Cal Poly Events
The Black Faculty and Staff Association, in partnership with other campus entities, will present a variety of in-person and virtual events through Thursday, Feb. 9, to celebrate the second annual Black Legacy Cal Poly. Faculty, staff and students, their families and the broader community are invited to celebrate the Black Cal Poly collective, Black power and unity, and Black culture. Learn more at https://bfsa.calpoly.edu/black-legacy.

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Seventh Annual Social Justice Teach In to be Held Feb. 9

On Thursday, Feb. 9, join the College of Liberal Arts and the Office of University Diversity and Inclusion as they host the seventh annual Social Justice Teach In, a daylong series of talks and workshops centered around equity and social justice, designed to inform and inspire. All are welcome at these virtual and in-person events featuring presentations from students, staff, faculty and community leaders. Over 40 sessions will be available to choose from in five different tracks focused on specific topics to help attendees find sessions to match their interests: pathways to Hispanic-serving institutions; diversity, equity and inclusion in engineering; reproductive justice; pop culture and media; and restorative justice: beyond incarceration. The day will culminate with Stanford University Professor of Psychology Claude M. Steele presenting his keynote address titled “Stereotype Threat and Identity Threat: The Science of a Diverse Community.” Visit https://cla.calpoly.edu/teach-in for the schedule and registration.

Save the Date for Annual Service Awards Ceremony

State, Corporation and ASI employees with milestone service anniversaries in 2022 will be honored at the Annual Service Awards ceremony from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Thursday, March 9, in the Performing Arts Center Miossi Hall. A reception with appetizers will follow in the Performing Arts Center Main Lobby from 4 to 5 p.m. View the program at https://serviceawards.calpoly.edu for a complete listing of awardees. All attendees are required to RSVP (a link will be posted in a future issue of Cal Poly Report). There is no cost to attend the ceremony or reception. All award recipients will receive an email with a link to RSVP to the event in the upcoming weeks, and are required to RSVP to participate. Contact the committee chair at serviceawards@calpoly.edu with questions.

In Memoriam

James Blacklock Guthrie, associate professor emeritus of architectural engineering in the College of Architecture and Environmental Design, passed away Nov. 9, 2022, at 72. Guthrie, born March 25, 1950, in Pittsburgh, attended undergraduate school at UC Davis and graduate school at UC Berkeley before starting his structural engineering career in 1974 in San Francisco. After a six-month introspective interlude in East Africa, he engaged in a multi-decade enterprise with Forell/Elsesser Structural Engineers, where colleagues described him as “a brilliant engineer and an amazing mentor.” He retired from Forell/Elsesser as senior principal before coming to Cal Poly in 2009, where he taught in the Architectural Engineering Department, retiring in 2016. Guthrie met his wife, Terry Wigle, on a weeklong blind date in 1978. After more than 40 years of busy city life, they retired to the small town of Bolinas, California. Beyond his passion for building and construction, Guthrie loved good meals and conversations with family and friends. By all accounts, a humble, caring and disarming man, he was careful, measured, patient, considerate and always generous in sharing his time and the benefit of his experience. A host of family and friends attended a celebration of life in December, including Architectural Engineering Department Head Al Estes. “A theme that ran through everyone’s tribute was that in addition to being a great engineer, Jim was truly a kind man,” Estes said. “That is how I will remember him.” To view and share memories of Guthrie, visit https://www.weremember.com/jim-guthrie/6i0y/memories.