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State Employment Opportunities
For available job openings, visit jobs.calpoly.edu. New positions are listed below. To apply, go online and complete the application form. For help, call HR at (805) 756-2236.

Administrative Support Assistant – Animal Science (Administrative Support Assistant II) - Academic Affairs – Provost – College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences. $42,780 - $61,104 per year. Anticipated hiring range: $42,780 - $51,120 per year. Open until filled. #563878.

Rodeo and Stadium Events Coordinator – College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences (Event and Conference Planner I) - Academic Affairs – Provost – CAFES. $50,376 - $73,380 per year. Anticipated hiring range: $52,404 - $65,160 per year. Open until filled. #563359.

Accountant II – University Accounting and Reporting - Administration and Finance – University Financial Services. $62,136 - $90,516 per year. Anticipated hiring range: $74,256 - $87,000 per year. Open until filled. #562975.

Software Engineer, AI Systems and GPU Workloads - Information Technology Services (Software Developer III) - Administration and Finance – ITS - AVP & CTO. $87,408 - $127,332 per year. Anticipated hiring range: $110,844 - $127,332 per year. Open until filled. #560460.

Research Computing Facilitator Lead - Information Technology Services (Technology Strategist) - Administration and Finance – ITS - AVP & CTO. $87,408 - $127,332 per year. Anticipated hiring range: $100,404 - $117,636 per year. Open until filled. #560458.

Academic and Research Systems Administrator - Information Technology Services (Systems Administrator III) - Administration and Finance – ITS - AVP & CTO. $87,408 - $127,332 per year. Anticipated hiring range: $100,404 - $115,332 per year. Open until filled. #560459.

Emergency Hire - Sports Information Professional I - Athletics - Administration and Finance – Sports Information. $26.37 - $38.41 per hour. Anticipated hiring range: $26.37 per hour. Open until filled. #563673.

Emergency Hire - Social Media Production Assistant (Media Production Specialist I) - University Personnel – Human Resources – Talent Acquisition. $26.37 - $38.41 per hour. Anticipated hiring range: $26.37 per hour. Open until filled. #563848.

Cal Poly Reaches NAGPRA Repatriation Milestone
Cal Poly reached an important milestone as the first CSU to meet legal and ethical responsibilities under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), CalNAGPRA and CSU NAGPRA policies by fully repatriating our known NAGPRA collection. This accomplishment reflects the cooperation and commitment of many colleagues and the guidance and partnership of tribal nations and representatives. We will continue efforts to identify and appropriately address any Native American human remains or cultural items in the university's possession as we honor our obligations and maintain respectful relationships with tribal partners. Thank you to everyone involved in this important work.

UCM Wins Six Regional CASE Awards for Outstanding Publications
Cal Poly University Communications and Marketing (UCM) recently won six awards for outstanding work in university communications and publications from the western regional district of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). The awards included commendations for the Cal Poly Magazine Space Issue and illustrations of alumni astronauts; a video and storytelling campaign highlighting the scientific diving class; a photo of students documenting one of the world's largest juniper trees; and a story about students leading a first-ever prescribed burn on campus. Including these, UCM has earned 41 regional CASE Awards and eight national awards since 2014.

College of Engineering Stories Earn Two Best of CASE Awards
Two Cal Poly College of Engineering feature stories have earned Best of CASE District VII Awards from the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). Written by communications specialist Emily Slater, the stories were recognized in news and feature writing categories. "Harnessing the Wind: How Cal Poly Sailing Finds Its Edge on the Water" explores how engineering principles help Cal Poly's sailing team gain a competitive edge, while "They Built a Roller Coaster in a Week" follows a student who helped construct a roller coaster for YouTube creator Mark Rober. Both stories highlight Cal Poly's Learn by Doing approach.

Nov. 18 Only: 25% Off at Mustang Shop and Maritime Shop
Get a head start on holiday shopping today with 25% off at the Mustang Shop and the Maritime Shop, including Adidas merchandise. That's up from the usual 10% discount for faculty and staff. Find gifts for everyone on your list, from Cal Poly apparel to gifts and keepsakes. Don't miss this one-day opportunity to save on holiday shopping!

Faculty and Academic Mngmnt Employment Opportunities
Candidates are asked to visit jobs.calpoly.edu to complete an application and apply for any of the positions shown below. Submit all requested application materials as attachments to your online application by the review begin date for full consideration. For help, email academicpersonnel@calpoly.edu.

Full-Time Lecturer, Foodservice and Nutrition Systems Management, CAFES-Food Science & Nutrition - #563357

Full-Time Lecturer AY - Philosophy - Technology Ethics (27/28), CLA-Philosophy - #563305

PART-TIME LECTURER POOLS – Pools are open for 2026-27 academic year. Please visit jobs.calpoly.edu and search department of interest.

Students Help Connect Emergency Radio Network Across 3 Counties
Cal Poly students and amateur radio volunteers have reached a major milestone in regional emergency communications, linking Monterey, San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties through radio links that do not rely on commercial internet service. The connection, completed Oct. 3, expands the Amateur Radio Emergency Data Network (AREDN), which uses radio equipment installed on hills and mountaintops to transmit email and voice calls between connected locations. With adequate backup power, the network could allow emergency volunteers to exchange critical information when wildfires, earthquakes or other disasters disrupt conventional communications infrastructure.

Cal Poly Research Reveals Five Human Skills Most Desired in the Workplace in the AI Era
As artificial intelligence automates many routine, time-consuming workplace tasks, human skills will actually become more essential on the job, and humanities courses like public speaking can help students prepare for the AI era, recent research at Cal Poly indicates. To get a sense of what human skills will be in demand as AI continues to evolve, a team at the Orfalea College of Business conducted a survey of 90 working professionals, many of them managers, across various industries. The findings identified five human strengths that will be essential in the AI future: critical thinking, judgment, adaptability, communication and collaboration.

In Memoriam: Joseph E. (Joe) Sabol
Joe Sabol, longtime professor and College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences (CAFES) administrator, passed away Oct. 8. He is remembered as being a “teacher of teachers” throughout his career as a faculty member and department head of the Agricultural Education and Communication Department. He later served as interim dean and concluded his tenure in 2002 as an associate dean. He helped students organize the Ag Ambassadors program, now known as the CAFES Ambassadors. He also served as Cal Poly’s core faculty member for the California Agricultural Leadership Program. A celebration of life is being planned for 2027.

Silvia Marijuan Receives Mellon Foundation Scholarship for Leadership Program
Silvia Marijuan, chair of the World Languages and Cultures Department, has been awarded a Mellon Foundation Scholarship to participate in the Enlace Mid-Level Leadership Program of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU). This six-month leadership program for mid-level college and university professionals aims to increase the number, variety and quality of talent in leadership positions at Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) and across higher education. The program concludes at HACU’s National Capitol Forum in Washington, D.C., in April 2027. Marijuan will apply this training to continue supporting students at Cal Poly.

Paul Neel Watercolor Exhibition Opening Reception is Set for Nov. 20
The College of Architecture and Environmental Design (CAED) invites the campus community to an opening reception celebrating the watercolor paintings of Paul Neel, FAIA, distinguished architect, artist, educator and former CAED dean. During more than three decades at Cal Poly, Neel helped establish the Landscape Architecture Department and championed interdisciplinary education. The reception will be held Friday, Nov. 20, at 5:30 p.m., in the Paul and Verla Neel Resource Center (05-101). Neel will be in attendance, and light refreshments will be served. Students, faculty, staff, alumni and community members are welcome.

Celebrate the Season with Us Tomorrow, Nov. 19
Please join President Jeffrey D. Armstrong and Mrs. Sharon D. Armstrong, along with fellow Cal Poly Maritime Academy colleagues, for our annual holiday reception. It’s an opportunity to connect with coworkers, give back to the community and kick off the holiday season.

- Cal Poly Maritime Academy Holiday Reception
- Thursday, Nov. 19
- 3 to 5 p.m. in the Compass Room

During this special event, guests are invited to provide donations to the Solano County Meals on Wheels Winter Drive for Seniors. Help keep seniors warm by donating new and unused hand warmers, socks, hats and gloves. Every item makes a difference in bringing warmth and comfort this season.

Athletics Schedule
Saturday, Nov. 21

- Men’s basketball vs. Northern Arizona, Mott Athletics Center, 4 p.m.