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Agricultural Education and Communication
Fall Update - 2017



Happy Trails To YOU! Donetta Dunnigan (drosson@calpoly.edu) retired from Cal Poly on Tuesday, October 31. Donetta joined the Cal Poly community in 1979 as a member of the Agribusiness Department. She made several shifts while on campus, serving as the adult treasurer of the FHA-HERO organization and was later a member of the Liberal Studies Department. In 2006, Donetta joined the Agricultural Education and Communication Department as the Administrative Support Coordinator. Donetta has served Cal Poly, California FFA, and CATA with professionalism and warmth and will be missed.

New Face. As we say "Goodbye" to Donetta, we say "Hello!" to Kari Roose (kroose@calpoly.edu). Many met Kari at CATA Conference during registration. She also served as a Job Interview judge for the South Coast FFA Region. At Cal Poly, Kari worked in Campus Catering before joining the CAFES Dean's Office. Kari came on board November 1. Make her feel welcome!

Hiring. The Department is beginning preliminary interviews for the tenure track Agricultural Communication search. The Agricultural Communication program continues to grow and this hire will help the department expand opportunities. We will share the outcome at a future meeting.

New Minor. The College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences (CAFES) will soon offer a new minor. Dr. Robert Flores worked hard to develop the proposal for a cross-curricular Agricultural Leadership minor. This minor has been decades in the making and the department is excited to welcome new students.

A New Crew. A hearty congratulations is extended to Emma Morris (Etna), Chloe Fowler (Igo), Felipe Vallejo (Chowchilla), Elise Regusci (Modesto), Nate Brickman (Moraga) and Scott Middlecamp (San Luis Obispo) for their appointments as Brock Center Associates. They are responsible for the content, editing, and publishing of *Ag Circle Magazine*, the Brock Center Blog, Brock Center for Agricultural Communications social media presence and video content development.

A New Name. The club formerly known as *CFFA* is now sporting a new name, a new logo and a renewed purpose. The *Agricultural Leadership Society* (@calpolyagls) will still maintain a *CFFA* subcommittee but the club will explore opportunities for students related to personal development and leadership in industry. To learn more or to lend your support, contact the club advisor, Megan Silcott (msilcott@calpoly.edu).

Cal Poly Master Plan. The University is working to develop a new master plan. Review the proposal at <http://masterplan.calpoly.edu/> and share your thoughts through open public comment by Dec. 15.

Teacher Candidates Around the State. There are currently nine teacher candidates completing their full-time student teaching experiences. Thank you to the following high schools for their assistance with placements: Atascadero, Atwater, Buhach Colony (Atwater), Coast Union, Hilmar, Nipomo, Pioneer Valley, Ripon, and Santa Maria. At this time, we expect to place sixteen full-time teacher candidates in Spring, 2018.

Undergraduate Application for Fall, 2018. Students interested in applying to Cal Poly are encouraged to complete the application process at www2.calstate.edu/apply. Applications must be completed by November 30th. Cal Poly is especially interested in admitting more transfer students. Encourage those students looking to complete two years at a community college to consider Cal Poly!

Masters Degree Program. Would you like to move up on the pay scale or fill future openings at the community college or on state staff? Start planning NOW! Call our department office (805.756.2803) to discuss plans to complete a Master of Agricultural Education (MAE) degree! This learn by doing program will help you grow your knowledge and skills while developing relationships with your colleagues. Information

about the Masters program may also be found at: <http://www.aged.calpoly.edu/> and click on the *Master of Agricultural Education Degree* link in the menu at right. Professionals currently working on their program requirements should periodically visit with their advisors to stay on-track. **The deadline for all new CP students for a Fall 2018 completion is Feb 1.** Apply to Spring 2018 at www2.calstate.edu/apply. As this is a new application system, direct any challenges with the process to the Cal Poly Admissions Office or to the application site's help function for a timely response.

Important Change. ALL Masters candidates must be matriculated students for two quarters. Contact your chair or Ann De Lay (adelay@calpoly.edu) for more information.

Teach Ag. Cal Poly is ACTIVELY engaged in a variety of Teach Ag recruitment efforts. We need more teachers and we need your help! Identify students in your programs who would make GREAT agriculture teachers and send us their names and contact information. If you have students on our campus in other majors who would make great teachers, let us know! We look forward to connecting with them.

Leave your legacy. Want to make the financial hardship of the student teaching experience easier for future Ag Teachers? If you or someone you know would like to support agricultural education by creating an endowment, contact our department for details.

Ag Circle Magazine Inserts. Megan Silcott (msilcott@calpoly.edu) and the Brock Center Team have developed instructional worksheets to accompany each issue of Ag Circle Magazine (See QR Code below). These sheets are great activities to encourage your learners to read about the agricultural industry. They also make planning a breeze for those particularly busy days or when you need a quick sub plan.

Come for a visit. The Cal Poly Agriculture Ambassadors welcome you to schedule college and campus tours for your classes and officer teams. To make an appointment, submit an email to: agambassadors@calpoly.edu

Save the Date. Ag Showcase - January 18 – 19, 2018
Western Bonanza - February 16 – 18, 2018 (Entries open Nov 1)
Open House - April 12 – 14, 2018
State FFA Finals - May 5, 2018



Fall 2017 Teacher Candidates: Julie Schellhase, Samara Guerra, Cody Davis, Nathan Kesser, Matt Vierra, Meagan Dunlap, Nicole Jorgenson, Aubree Atwood, and Kayla Manning.



September 2017 meeting of the Cal Poly Latinos in Agriculture club. @cpslLatinosinag



Cal Poly ACT wins "CAFES Small Club of the Year" for the fourth consecutive year!
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