



# CAL POLY

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**Teacher Candidates Around the State.** There are currently 15 teacher candidates completing their student teaching. Thank you to the following high schools for their assistance with placements: Bakersfield Highland, Bakersfield Mira Monte, Ferndale, Greenfield, Hilmar (2), Nipomo, Patterson, Pioneer Valley, Righetti, Santa Maria (2), Santa Ynez, Shandon and Templeton.

**State Ag Ambassador Conference.** The Cal Poly CAFES Ambassadors welcomed industry representatives and ambassadors from across the state to take part in the State Ag Ambassador Conference January 24 & 25. The event brought together nearly 80 participants and faculty for training and fellowship.

**Masters Degree Program.** Would you like to move up on the pay scale or fill upcoming openings at the community college or in state staff? Start planning NOW! Call our department office (805.756.2803) to discuss plans to complete a Masters 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. Those who desire to complete their degrees during the Winter 2021 quarter, and who have not previously applied, must apply to Cal Poly through <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply> by April 1. Graduate students currently within their leaves of absence need to notify their advisors and call the Cal Poly Registrar's Office to be readmitted. Those graduate students currently past their leaves of absence (8 consecutive quarters without being enrolled) must complete the paper application found here: <https://www.calpoly.edu/admissions/returning-students> and submit it by July 1.

**Important Changes.** ALL Masters candidates must be matriculated students prior to completing their first summer classes, in order to get credit for the full 12 units of postbac work from a previous institution. Masters students must also have been matriculated for two quarters throughout the program. Contact your chair or Ann De Lay ([adelay@calpoly.edu](mailto:adelay@calpoly.edu)) for more information.

**Learn by Doing** continues in the late spring coursework line up! We are pleased to offer four, three-week late spring courses for teachers seeking a Masters of Agricultural Education degree, an Agricultural Specialist teaching credential, units for pay scale advancement, or looking to refresh their knowledge and skills. Courses will run Monday through Friday, June 15 to July 3. Teachers may enroll in up to TWO courses, with each class meeting two hours daily. A registration link will soon be live at: <https://aged.calpoly.edu/content/masterdegree> and students who have applied to Spring 2020 must enroll by April 5. Course offerings include:

AGED 523. Laboratory Organization and Management in Agricultural Education (Swan) \*\*\* Program Requirement \*\*\*  
AGED 530. Developing FFA and Supervised Agricultural Experience Programs in Secondary Education (De Lay) \*\*\*  
Requirement for Ag Specialist \*\*\*  
AGED 570. Teaching Food Science in High Schools (Amin)  
AGED 570. Teaching Methods in Agricultural Robotics (Liu)

**Cal Poly Open House.** Open House will be held April 17 & 18 with New Student Day on April 17. Conditionally admitted students should follow their email instructions for reservations. A Professional Bull Riding (PBR) event will be held in the Alex G. Spanos Stadium April 17 and the Poly Royal Rodeo on April 18. There will also be an Alumni Beer and Wine Garden in the Engineering Plaza, old favorites like the Ag Pavilion and the Tractor Pull will all draw big crowds on April 18. For more information: <https://orientation.calpoly.edu/open-house/featured-events>

**State FFA Finals.** The student planning committee has been identified and preparations are well underway to welcome our California FFA family back to campus for the State FFA Judging Finals on May 2. We have a talented leadership team who has already started planning the massive effort! See you soon!

**Present at AgriSkills.** Want to share some expertise with your colleagues? Propose a workshop for AgriSkills here: <https://forms.gle/ZBGwV41EJwF3AfHC6>. Know of someone who should share their expertise? Encourage them to propose an idea.

**CATA AgriSkills Workshops.** Every year, CATA hosts a professional development series following closing ceremonies for summer conference. This year, AgriSkills will hold two sessions on Sunday, June 21 (from 8am to noon and from 1pm to 5pm) and one session on Thursday, June 25 from 1pm to 5pm. To receive 1 semester unit of credit, you must attend three, four-hour sessions. Workshops are offered for every pathway and many management challenges. A list of offerings will be posted soon to:

<http://www.calagteachers.org/Conference.html>. Do yourself and your program a favor by signing up and attending this year!

**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, email: [cafesambassadors@calpoly.edu](mailto:cafesambassadors@calpoly.edu)

**Ag Circle Magazine.** Check out the latest issue: <https://brockcenter.calpoly.edu/agcircle>.



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