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Welcome, Ms. Kayla Manning! Kayla is serving as the department's graduate assistant. Her responsibilities include assisting with co-advising the State FFA Finals steering committee, writing the department newsletter, co-teaching Ag Ed 220 and working on a branding project. Kayla is from Bakersfield where she was an active member of the Frontier FFA. Kayla recently completed her student teaching at Nipomo High School where she also completed a long term substitute position for the months of January and February.

Teacher Candidates Around the State. There are currently sixteen teacher candidates completing their student teaching. Thank you to the following high schools for their assistance with placements: Atascadero, Bakersfield Frontier, Chowchilla, Coast Union, Exeter, Firebaugh, Gustine, Hollister, King City, Nipomo, San Luis Obispo, Santa Maria, Santa Ynez, Shafter, and Shandon.

A New Minor. The Department will offer a new minor in Agricultural Leadership beginning Fall, 2018. The program brings together content and experiences from across the college, giving students an opportunity to dive more deeply into the discipline of leadership and personal development. This minor is in addition to minors in Agricultural Education and Agricultural Communication currently offered.

State Ag Ambassador Conference. The Cal Poly Ag Ambassadors welcomed industry representatives and ambassadors from across the state to take part in the State Ag Ambassador Conference January 27 & 28. The event brought together nearly 130 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 2019 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://admissions.calpoly.edu/applicants/returning/> and submit it by July 1.

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.

Learn by Doing continues in the late spring coursework line up! We are pleased to offer four, two-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 June 18-23, June 29-30, and July 2-3. The program now permits students to enroll in up to three courses, with each class meeting three hours daily. Classes will not be held during CATA Conference or during the AgriSkills session. Registration will soon be live at: <http://aged.calpoly.edu/content/masterdegree>. Course offerings include:

- AGED 523. Laboratory Organization and Management Agricultural Education (Swan)
- AGED 530. Developing FFA and SAE Programs in Secondary Education (De Lay)
- AGED 570. Teaching Natural Resources (Freeman)
- *****570. Special Topics in Food Science (Amin)

Cal Poly Open House. Open House will be held April 13 & 14 with *New Student Day* on April 13. Provisionally admitted students should follow their email instructions for reservations. Poly Royal Rodeo will again be held in the Alex G. Spanos Stadium and there will be an Alumni Beer and Wine Garden in the Engineering Plaza. Old favorites like the Ag Pavilion and the Tractor Pull will draw big crowds. For more information: <http://orientation.calpoly.edu/open-house>.

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 Finals on May 5. We have a talented leadership team who has already started planning the massive effort! See you soon!

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 24 (from 8am to noon and from 1pm to 5pm) and one session on Thursday, June 28 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. Check out the listing and do yourself and your program a favor by signing up and attending this year! Visit: <http://calagteachers.org/Conference.html>.

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



Spring Teacher Candidates. Front: Jamie Williams, Ruth Collinot, Yessica Hernandez, Yvonne Staffler, Veronica Lemus, Jacqueline Higa, and Kenna Sandberg. Back: Clayton Carlson, Denise Jameson, Savannah Rhine, Caitlyn Madrid, Dominique DeMoss, Kelly Carter, Jana Colombini, Paige Garner and Russell Zimmerman.



Samara conducts a home visit with parents of students at Pioneer Valley High School as part of her student teaching requirements.



Ag Ed 404 students apply principles of professionalism by greeting industry leaders. This course is a requirement for the new Ag Leadership minor.



Ag Comm students engaged in their very own trade show, representing commodities and agricultural businesses in a booth experience. #LearnByDoing

Join us!

