Welcome, Ms. Kacey Cadwell! Kacey is serving as the department’s graduate assistant. Her responsibilities include co-advising the State FFA Finals steering committee and co-teaching Ag Ed 220. Kacey is from Mission Viejo and she recently completed her student teaching at Templeton High School.

Teacher Candidates Around the State. There are currently nine teacher candidates completing their student teaching. Thank you to the following high schools for their assistance with placements: Exeter, Greenfield, Hilmar (2), King City, Los Banos, Pioneer Valley, San Luis Obispo, and Santa Maria.

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 26 & 27. The event brought together nearly 180 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 2020 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 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) 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 June 17-22, June 24-29, and July 1-3. 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 2019 must enroll by April 5. Course offerings include:

- AGED 537. Enhancing Instruction in Agricultural Biology (De Lay)
- AGED 570. Agricultural Mechanics Curriculum Development (Swan)
- AGED 570. Mastering High School Ag Economic Principles (Hurley)
- AGED 570. Teaching Methods in Agricultural Robotics (Liu)

Cal Poly Open House. Open House will be held April 12 & 13 with New Student Day on April 12. 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 4. 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 23 (from 8am to noon and from 1pm to 5pm) and one session on Thursday, June 27 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 to: http://calagteachers.org/Conference.html soon. 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: agambassadors@calpoly.edu.

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

Spring Teacher Candidates. (L to R) Trey Johnston, Riley Nilsen, Christiana Ferro, Rachel Drisdelle, Rachel Andrade, Mickey Guerra, Nicole Booten, Hannah Carney, Emily Dale, and Karl Montague.

Congratulations to our students on their success in the Western Region MANRRS Job Interview Contest: David Gurrola (3rd), Gissel Neri Corcoles (1st) and Samantha Santos (2nd). They will represent Cal Poly at the national conference in April.

Ag Comm students engaged in their first Photography Boot Camp. This #LearnByDoing helped students engage with industry leaders to refine their visual communication skills.

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Need resources to share with your students about the different Cal Poly majors leading to careers in agriculture? Use the QR Code Reader app on your smart phone to access information from the nine departments in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences.