Open Forums for Provost Finalist to be Held Virtually
On behalf of the Provost Consultative Search Committee, co-chairs Amy Fleischer, College of Engineering dean and Dustin Stegner, Academic Senate chair, announce that finalist Cynthia Jackson-Elmoore, Ph.D., will virtually visit Cal Poly from April 16-17. Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to attend the finalist virtual open forum from 11:10 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Thursday, April 16, at: http://calpoly.zoom.us/j/174347953?pwd=aGRIK2dpSkVzRE9zRTHVBNmczakFiQT09. To join the forum, use the Zoom account associated with your @calpoly.edu email address. The third finalist withdrew from the process and his virtual campus visit was canceled.

Virtual Open House to be Held April 17-24
While the university is disappointed that it cannot offer admitted students and their families an on-campus experience, Cal Poly has announced that it will offer Open House virtually from April 17-24. This weekend event will kick off with the traditional University Welcome from campus leadership, including President Armstrong, and include individual information sessions (via Zoom) from each college, Athletics, Cross Cultural Centers, Student Life, Housing, Parents and Family Programs, clubs/organizations and more. Designed specifically for admitted student and their families, the university’s goal is to offer a highly informative collection of sessions that will engage and excite the class of 2024. Learn more at https://www.calpoly.edu/virtual-open-house.

Cal Poly Food Distribution Site to be Held on Campus April 28
Campus Health and Wellbeing (CH&W) is continuing its Basic Needs services for the campus community. Any student, staff or faculty member can stop by the lower level of the Health Center (No. 27), from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday to receive a grocery bag of food. In addition, the Food Bank Coalition of SLO County’s on-campus food distribution sites will continue to be held on campus. On Tuesday, April 28 from 3:30-5 p.m., the Food Bank and CH&W volunteers will be on Mott Lawn to distribute grocery bags. The Food Bank Coalition administers TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program) once a month at no cost to low-income families and individuals to help with nutrition assistance. This service is being provided to ensure that all students, faculty and staff have access to nutritious foods. Campus Health and Wellbeing will continue to support this food distribution site every fourth Tuesday of the month. For more information, contact wellbeing@calpoly.edu.

Student Employees Recognized Online
Each year during National Student Employment Week — held April 12-18 — Cal Poly hosts an award ceremony that recognizes the contributions student employees make to the university. The ceremony invites the nominees and their staff/faculty supervisors to gather in a beautiful setting, be treated to a delicious Campus Dining-catered lunch, and be personally recognized by President Armstrong and their peers. This year the event was unfortunately canceled. In lieu of the event, the campus community is asked to reflect on the amazing work our student employees provide every day, and to reach out to their present or past student employees and let them know how much their contributions are appreciated. Especially during this time, their presence and efforts are dearly missed. For more information and a list of the 2019-20 nominees, go to https://afd.calpoly.edu/payroll/students/student-employee-of-the-year.

Campuswide Policy on Data Management Now Available
The interim campuswide policy on data management (CAP 152) is now available and online. As everyone on campus works with data in some form, this policy applies to all. CAP 152 outlines what is defined as Cal Poly’s data, how it is managed, how it can be accessed and how it should be properly distributed and handled. The full campuswide policy on data management can be read at https://policy.calpoly.edu/cap/100/cap-150#cap-152.
Cal Poly Corporation Hires New Director of Campus Dining
Jess Dozier joined the Cal Poly Corporation as the director of Campus Dining on April 13. Dozier brings more than 20 years of higher education food management to the role. While working for Sodexo, a global food services and facilities management company, he directed Whitworth University's and Gonzaga University’s culinary programs, and most recently served as director of culinary and brand management and district manager, where he oversaw the operation of 11 campus dining programs. Prior to his career in higher education, Dozier held various culinary leadership roles with Starwood Hotels and Resorts. Dozier will be responsible for leading the Campus Dining operation and strategic planning.

Cal Poly Corporation Names Interim IT Director
Following nearly three decades of service at the Cal Poly Corporation, Eumi Sprague will retire from her role as director of IT at the end of July. David Bains, CPC application development manager, has accepted the appointment of interim IT director. Bains joined the Corporation in 1997 as an intermittent computer operator. Over the past 23 years, he has assisted in the implementation of PeopleSoft, and more recently he helped with the implementation of OneSolution. During his tenure, he moved to roles of increasing responsibility, culminating in the promotion to his current role.

New Book and Learning Circles to be Offered Virtually in Spring
Employee and Organization Development invites employees to participate in the spring 2020 Book and Learning Circles. The circles will be offered via Zoom and books will be sent electronically to participants.
— Book Circles involve reading a book over the course of three to five sessions. The first book, "Crucial Conversations" by Patterson, Grenny, McMillan and Switzler, has revolutionized the way millions of people communicate when the stakes are high. The second book, "Tiny Habits" by B.J. Fogg, the world's leading expert on habit formation, shows how you can have a happier, healthier life.
— Learning Circles involve watching a video or reading an article and participating in a discussion during a single session. In the first learning circle, "Crucial Conversations: Master My Stories," Cricket Buchler explores how cognitive biases can lead us to misplace blame resulting in confrontations that go badly. She goes on to offer a framework of six sources that influence human behavior and strategies to rethink our conclusions for healthier and more positive outcomes to our crucial conversations. The second learning circle is "How Frustration Can Make Us More Creative," with Tim Harford, and shows us that challenges and problems can derail your creative process — or they can make you more creative than ever. In the third learning circle, "How to Create Meaningful Connections While Apart," Priya Parker highlights the value of gathering despite distance, and shares tools for creating meaningful connections. To view a full description and register to attend, visit learnandgrow.calpoly.edu.

‘Disability Tapas' Presentations to be Held Every Wednesday Through Spring Quarter
Disabilities come in many different forms and can vary greatly. Join the Disability Resource Center (DRC) for some snack-size information and interactive discussions on a variety of disability-related topics. Presentations are geared toward faculty and staff (students are welcome), and offered from 11:10 a.m. to noon every Wednesday via Zoom: https://calpoly.zoom.us/j/491400215. Past presentations are viewable at https://drc.calpoly.edu/disability-tapas.
— April 15: Supporting Students with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD)
— April 22: Accessible Events and Programs: Tips for Inclusive Experiences
— April 29: Understanding Chronic Invisible Illness
— May 6: Supporting Students with Traumatic Brain Injury and Post-Concussive Symptoms
— May 13: How to be a Disability Ally — Strategies for Identifying and Addressing Ableism
— May 20: Social Media: Guidance for Posting Accessible Content and Positive Disability Messages
— May 27: Supporting Students with Autism
— June 3: Supporting Students with Psychological Disabilities Part II
The presentations are provided by the Disability Resource Center, which can be reached at drc@calpoly.edu or ext. 6-1395.

Lease a Home Within Walking Distance of Campus
A beautiful Bella Montana home is available for lease. This two-bedroom, one-bath home has a contemporary kitchen, elegant living area, attractive bath and energy-saving appliances. The nearby location offers easy access to hiking trails, shops and restaurants. Located within walking distance of campus, Bella Montana encompasses 69 individually owned homes on Highland Drive near iconic Highway 1. For more information visit bellamontanahomes.com/resales.