Poet, Activist Sonya Renee Taylor to Headline 19th Annual Change the Status Quo Conference

Award-winning performance poet and activist Sonya Renee Taylor will deliver the keynote address for the 19th annual Change the Status Quo (CSQ) Social Justice Leadership Conference to be held virtually from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27. The annual event, hosted by Cal Poly’s Center for Service in Action, is free for all community members and aims to empower students to use the Learn by Doing spirit to challenge social norms, ask critical questions, demand solutions and make lasting social change. This year’s event will focus on the theme “Action over Apathy” and will be headlined by Taylor, a former national and international poetry slam champion and founder and radical executive officer of digital media and education company The Body is Not An Apology. For additional information and to register, visit https://serviceinaction.calpoly.edu/csq.

Wellbeing Toolkit Provides Crucial Resources to Support Employees

The Employee and Organization Development department is proud to announce a new Wellbeing Toolkit. This is one of 21 toolkits custom curated for faculty, staff and student employees to provide on-demand resources to meet the personal and professional development needs of employees and managers. Workplace well-being relates to all aspects of working life — from the quality and safety of the physical environment, to how employees feel about their work and working environment. Well-being is a key factor in both an employee’s health as well as the organization’s long-term effectiveness. Many studies show a direct link between productivity levels and the general health and well-being of the workforce. Check out this toolkit at https://afd.calpoly.edu/learn-and-grow/employee-development/toolkits/wellbeing with practical information on resources available to you addressing six key aspects of Well-being: community, financial, physical, social, emotional and career.

Campus Community Invited to Provide Feedback for CSU Review of President Armstrong

Per a CSU board of trustees’ policy requiring campus presidents to be reviewed every three years, the university community can submit comments that provide feedback to the board of trustees and the chancellor about President Armstrong’s leadership and the current state of affairs at Cal Poly. Comments should also provide information that will further the university’s progress and assist Armstrong in the leadership of Cal Poly. The criteria for feedback are posted on the CSU website: https://www2.calstate.edu/csu-system/about-the-csu/leadership/presidents/Documents/csu-presidential-review-criteria.pdf. The written responses will be summarized into a confidential report that will be discussed with Armstrong and presented to the board of trustees. None of the commentators will be identified by name and responses will be treated in confidence to the extent permitted by the law. Unsigned letters and petitions will not be accepted. Submit letters or emails by March 22 to presidentreview@calstate.edu or Chancellor Joseph I. Castro, The California State University, 401 Golden Shore, Suite 641, Long Beach, California 90802-4210. Read Chancellor Castro’s letter to the Cal Poly community at https://president.calpoly.edu/campus-community-invited-provide-feedback-csu-review-president-armstrong.
Reflect Back, Look Ahead with Cal Poly Magazine
The winter issue of Cal Poly Magazine offers readers a chance to look back on an unprecedented year and envision what hope and progress are on the horizon in 2021. Dive into stories of staff leading the wildfire recovery effort at Swanton Pacific Ranch, researchers persevering through the pandemic, a student making the most of his second chance, and athletes hustling through a season like no other. Readers will also meet several new faculty members championing social justice, rank Cal Poly's most memorable Rose Parade floats, and go behind the scenes of a student startup. Read the new issue at magazine.calpoly.edu.

An Evening With DeRay Mckesson to be Held Feb. 23
The Men and Masculinities Program and ASI events invite the campus community to an evening with DeRay Mckesson from 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 23. Mckesson is a powerful educator, author, civil rights activist and one of the leading voices in the Black Lives Matter movement. Titled, "Let Us Cry: Black Persistence and Masculinity," this conversation will explore the intersections of Blackness, masculinity, and advocacy. The Zoom webinar link is https://calpoly.zoom.us/j/85138638389 and the Zoom webinar ID is 851 3863 8389. Questions? Contact Nick Bilich at nbilich@calpoly.edu.

Nominate a Faculty Advisor for the 2020-21 Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award by Feb. 22
The Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award recognizes a faculty member who has had a positive influence on students through academic advising. The award recipient will receive a $2,000 cash stipend and be recognized by President Armstrong at Fall Conference in addition to having their picture and award citation posted in the Kennedy Library. One faculty member will be recognized annually. The nomination should describe the nominee's academic advising services, activities and interactions as distinct from the nominee's teaching responsibilities, as well as include any special activities that relate to student development. Faculty, staff and current students are eligible to nominate faculty for this award. However, at least one submission must come from a current student and no self-nominations will be recognized. Nominations are now open and will close on Monday, Feb. 22. Find more information and a link to the nomination form at https://advising.calpoly.edu/content/nominate-faculty-advisor.

Duo 'Remember Me' Extended to 30 Days
On Feb. 4, the Duo multifactor authentication (MFA) “remember me” period was extended to a more convenient 30 days instead of 12 hours. Users who you log in to Cal Poly resources and authenticate with Duo should select “remember me,” and they won’t be prompted to authenticate again for 30 days. Anyone needing help enabling “remember me” on their device can find step-by-step instructions in the Information Technology Services (ITS) Knowledge Base at https://calpoly.atlassian.net/wiki/spaces/CPKB/pages/708215005/Enable+Remember+Me+for+a+Duo+Device. The Knowledge Base also offers helpful “how to” articles for other common Duo MFA challenges and concerns, like a lost mobile device or authenticating without a WiFi or cell signal. The ITS Service Desk is available to answer questions. Support is available by email at servicedesk@calpoly.edu or by calling ext. 6-7000.

New User Software Planon to Launch in February
Facilities Management and Development (FMD) will implement Planon, a new work order management system, this month. Planon will serve as FMD’s new project management platform and will enable facility projects and maintenance operations, along with space and finance teams, to effectively and efficiently manage facilities throughout the entire building lifecycle. Planon will also be the new spot for projects, service and maintenance requests, in addition to storing all space information and details for the campus. Planon will provide users with an improved, updated and more efficient experience. It will provide an intuitive interface for Facilities’ customers, making it easier to check work statuses, see financial information, and receive automated updates on their project. Once it is up and running, Planon will create a simple, seamless user experience for campus community members who need something fixed. Planon is set to launch on Feb. 16. FMD will host open lab sessions from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, Feb. 22, and from 1:30-2:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 26, for campus users interested in learning more about the use of Planon. Visit FMD’s Planon webpage at https://afd.calpoly.edu/facilities/requests/planon for more information.