Cal Poly Float Wins Animation Award at 2022 Rose Parade®

Cal Poly universities’ Stargazers float, which brings to life a scene from the classic Mother Goose rhyme “Hey Diddle, Diddle,” received the Animation Award at the 133rd Rose Parade®, held New Year’s Day. The honor recognizes the most outstanding use of animation, said Regina Chapuis, the Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, team president. It’s the first time that the schools earned the designation since the award names were changed in 1984. The entry aimed to exemplify the parade’s 2022 theme of “Dream. Believe. Achieve.” The theme celebrates education’s ability to open doors, open minds and change lives. Stargazers mixed the whimsy of the nursery rhyme with the hardworking atmosphere of a polytechnical university campus. As the float traveled the 5½-mile-long parade route, the audience learned how “the cow jumped over the moon” — by jet propulsion. More than 80 students, equally split from Cal Poly and Cal Poly Pomona, worked to finish the float during the COVID-19 pandemic and last year’s parade hiatus. Read more at https://www.calpoly.edu/news.

Cal Poly Names Terrance Harris Vice President for Strategic Enrollment Management

Terrance Harris, currently serving as interim vice president for Strategic Enrollment Management, has been selected to fill the position permanently following a nationwide search. “Terrance has been an incredible member of our community as a student, an advisor, a mentor and a leader. He truly embodies Cal Poly’s Learn by Doing philosophy,” President Armstrong said. “His leadership will be crucial in our continued efforts to make sure we are bringing students to Cal Poly and supporting them throughout their college career so they can be Ready Day One.” Harris has served as interim vice president since June 2021. In this role, he sets the strategic vision for the division, collaborates with university partners on short- and long-term enrollment goals, and leads the development of strategies and practices that leverage financial aid awards. He also leads the creation of marketing and communication campaigns designed to attract and yield prospective students. Read more: calpolynews.calpoly.edu.

COVID-19 and Flu Vaccine Available on Campus

Rite Aid is on campus to offer the Moderna and Pfizer COVID-19 vaccines, including booster shots and the flu vaccine in the Recreation Center Main Gym lobby (No. 43, Room 101). The clinic will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 7, 14, 21, 25 and 28, and additional dates in February. The Rite Aid clinic will be able to offer first and second doses of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 5 to 11 years old. Second doses are available to children who received a first dose at least 21 days prior. Visit https://coronavirus.calpoly.edu/covid-19-vaccine for updated information on vaccine and booster eligibility, what to bring to an appointment and more.

Look Back on 2021 with Cal Poly News

Before 2022 kicks into high gear, take a moment to reflect on the year that was 2021. The Cal Poly News team rounded up its five favorite articles from the past year, plus another five that readers might have missed, at https://www.calpoly.edu/news/5-top-stories-2021-and-5-you-may-have-missed. From Space Station shoutouts to another corpse flower in bloom, there was no shortage of excitement around campus. If you’re in the mood to see Learn by Doing in action, check out the university’s top photos of the year, selected by campus photographer Joe Johnston, at https://www.calpoly.edu/news/heres-a-collection-of-our-top-photos-of-2021. Students show off their expertise while casting metal, launching quarter horses, launching startups, and peering into the heavens at the Cal Poly Observatory. Looking for more Cal Poly news? Subscribe to the Cal Poly News Recap email for a monthly digest of top stories from around campus at https://request.calpoly.edu/news-recap.
University Housing Senior Director Juliette Duke Recognized by ACPA

Juliette Duke, who serves as University Housing’s senior director and director of residential student experience, was recently recognized by the American College Personnel Association (ACPA) with the Distinguished Service to the ACPA Senior-Level Community of Practice Award. The award is given to ACPA members who have served a minimum of three years on ACPA’s Senior-Level Community of Practice Directorate Body and managed a variety of leadership responsibilities. Duke has served in a variety of roles in University Housing for the past 17 years and has been a member of ACPA since 2002. She’ll be recognized at ACPA’s annual convention in St. Louis in March.

Give Feedback on Potential Faculty and Staff Housing Project

Access to affordable housing is consistently cited as a major hurdle in hiring and retaining new faculty and staff members. The Cal Poly Corporation, alongside the university, is assessing the potential development of additional housing that would be available to campus community members. A survey has been created to gather insight and feedback from the university community for the planned project at Slack Street and Grand Avenue as well as potential future projects. This feedback will help further understand their current housing situation, preferences and overall interest in a potential faculty and staff housing project. The survey is open to all employees, including ASI and CPC, and should take nine-10 minutes. Respondents will be entered into a drawing for an Apple Watch Series 6 GPS. The survey is open until midnight Jan. 10 at https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6643487/Cal-Poly-Housing-Survey.

New Report Highlights A&F Accomplishments

Throughout the 2020-21 academic year, staff from across campus collaborated in new and unprecedented ways to ensure Cal Poly continued to advance its mission. A new Administration and Finance Annual Report has been created and features a timeline, interactive highlights, a slideshow and details documenting staff accomplishments throughout that time. The report helps to tell a visual story of the outstanding work that was completed to keep campus moving forward. View the report at https://afd.calpoly.edu/annual-report/.

McPhee University Union Sprinkler System Installation Underway

A new fire sprinkler system is being installed at the McPhee University Union, which may impact access and lead to intermittent closures for certain areas of the facility. The first phase of the installation is expected to be complete within five months. During this time, the ASI Business Office will be accessible through Chandler Lounge (UU 208). Elevators will be periodically closed throughout the project. Alternate accessible entrance way-finding signage will be available at all entrances and exits. To learn more, visit https://www.asi.calpoly.edu/facilities/facility-projects/.

Retirements

Peter Schlosser, assistant professor of graphic communication, will retire at the end of December. Schlosser has been an invaluable asset to a department with seemingly 1 million moving parts. His knowledge of graphic communication and industry experience enabled him to set up incredible Learn by Doing spaces by securing much-needed equipment and contributing to the curriculum. Student success is closely tied to Schlosser's work, as evidenced by his 2018 Advisor of the Year Award for Clubs and Organizations. Schlosser’s favorite part about working in the department is the variety of students and hands-on work with equipment and materials. His passion is photography, and the biggest highlight of his career has been traveling with students and presenting internationally. He has also worked with the California Cyber Security Institute and law enforcement agencies on projects with students. The Wisconsin native is married to a native of the Black Forest of Germany, and they both enjoy living on the Central Coast. They are looking forward to an exciting future, likely with their feet in several locales. The Graphic Communication Department wishes Schlosser and his wife, Annette, the best of luck in this next chapter of adventure!

Alexandra Kohler, director of operations and administration for Campus Health and Wellbeing, will retire Dec. 23 after 13 years of service. During these years, she has helped lead multiple, successful Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care (AAAHC) reaccreditations and free student vaccination clinics. She has also ensured compliance with complex and ever-changing healthcare regulations and implemented the new health services fee. She began her Cal Poly career as administrative support coordinator and worked her way to her current director position. Kohler is an accomplished manager who is valued and trusted by her team. In 2016, her hard work and commitment were recognized with the Cal Poly Outstanding Staff award. Kohler’s contributions to Campus Health and Wellbeing are numerous. As a retiree, Kohler is looking forward to spending more time with family, taking long walks on the beach, volunteering, learning how to cook and traveling. A retirement reception will be held for her in January 2022.