Employees Invited to Complete the COVID-19 Virtual Transition Survey

The university is conducting the Cal Poly COVID-19 Transition Survey to understand how employees have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic and the university’s transition to virtual instruction and telework. This survey is a collaboration between Student Affairs, Academic Affairs and Human Resources that seeks to gather key insights, including how Cal Poly faculty and staff are responding to the crisis; provide the best resources available to support employee success; and gather employee perceptions on how the virtual transition has impacted course design, work productivity and more. All employees were invited to participate in the survey in an email from President Armstrong last week. Check your inbox. The survey is anonymous, takes approximately 15 minutes to complete, and will be open through June 23. For more information about the Cal Poly COVID-19 Transition Survey, visit https://coronavirus.calpoly.edu/transition-survey.

Cal Poly Corporation Names New CEO

Following a nationwide search facilitated by the executive search firm of Isaacson Miller, Cody VanDorn has been named the next chief executive officer of the Cal Poly Corporation, effective Aug. 1. VanDorn has served as the executive director of Strategic Business Services at Cal Poly for the last five years. During that time, he has led teams at Cal Poly and across the CSU, creating innovative strategies to engage in strategic sourcing, streamlining operations, driving cost savings and developing impactful revenue partnerships. In addition, he serves in a leadership role with the CSU 23C Strategic Sourcing Plan, which has been acknowledged for generating more than $100 million in benefits since 2018. VanDorn succeeds Lorlie Leetham, who is retiring after six years leading CPC and a total of 24 years working on campus.

Campus COVID-19 Updates: Fall Registration Moved to June 29

Fall registration will now begin on Monday, June 29. The university hopes to have the finalized fall schedule of classes approved by the CSU Chancellor’s Office and then released next week. By moving the registration date to June 29, students will have an opportunity to create their class schedules before registration begins. In addition, moving the registration date to June 29 will provide the opportunity to confirm class modalities with the CSU and protect against any further delays in having our fall schedule approved. Next week, the Office of the Registrar will be offering virtual drop-in sessions to assist all students—both undergraduates and graduate students—as they become more familiar with Schedule Builder, Cal Poly’s new class scheduling tool (https://registrar.calpoly.edu/schedulebuilder). Students are welcome to drop in at any time during each session to ask the experts Schedule Builder-related questions. Registration is not required. Note: These drop-in sessions are not designed to provide registration or advising assistance. The sessions will take place on the following dates:

— Wednesday, June 17, 1–2 p.m. Join the Zoom meeting at: https://calpoly.zoom.us/j/3842828338.
— Thursday, June 18, 11 a.m.-noon. Join the Zoom meeting at: https://calpoly.zoom.us/j/3842828338.

For updates and information about the university’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic, continue to visit coronavirus.calpoly.edu.

Data Cookbook Coming to Cal Poly

The Office of Data Management has recently implemented the Data Cookbook to provide a central, automated process for all data access requests. Starting June 1, all requests for data from the Cal Poly community must be made via the Data Cookbook. The Data Cookbook will automate the data access process and provide consistency, streamlining data requests for all members of the campus community. For more information on the Data Cookbook, detailed instructions and a link to login, visit ir.calpoly.edu/data-cookbook.
CAFES Announces 2019-20 Staff and Faculty Award Recipients
The College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences held its annual Staff and Faculty Awards on June 9. The 2019-20 award recipients are as follows: Outstanding Faculty Award: Stuart Styles, Irrigation Training and Research Center; Outstanding Staff Award: Haley Marconett, Dean’s Office; Dean’s Special Recognition Award: Shereen Langrana, Dean’s Office; Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Award: Bob Flores, Agricultural Education and Communication; Sustained Excellence in Teaching Award: Matt Burd, Animal Science; Outstanding Lecturer Award: Jenn Prentice, Experience Industry Management; New Teaching Award: Jean Dodson Peterson, Wine and Viticulture; Early Career Staff Award: Kyle Blauer, Strawberry Center; Sustained Excellence in Scholarship Award: Greg Brown, Natural Resources Management and Environmental Sciences; New Scholar Award: Ike Kang, Animal Science.

CASE Recognizes Cal Poly for Brand Update
Last week the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) awarded Cal Poly its Circle of Excellence Gold Award for the development and rollout of the updated university brand (https://universitymarketing.calpoly.edu/the-cal-poly-brand/). The project was a two-year effort in partnership between University Marketing and the firm Simpson-Scarborough, leading to a comprehensive set of tools to help university communicators represent Cal Poly in a more unified and appealing way. “This is a comprehensive rebrand that maintains the historically important elements of the existing brand, yet embraces a refresh across all of the elements of the institution’s visual identity,” the CASE judges said in their report. They cited in particular the rigorous research and feedback Cal Poly and Simpson-Scarborough used throughout the process to gauge the effectiveness of the brand elements. This is University Marketing’s 20th award from CASE and its fifth at the international level.

Subway to Reopen Wednesday
Subway is planning to open its doors for service starting Wednesday, June 17. The sandwich shop, located in the courtyard of the Dexter Building (No. 34), will be open weekdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and will be closed on the weekends. For updates on hours of operation for Subway and all Campus Dining venues, visit https://www.calpolydining.com/hours/.

Submit a Nomination for Student Health Advisory Committee
The Student Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) is accepting nominations for SHAC members for the 2020-21 school year. SHAC serves as a universitywide standing committee and meets monthly to make recommendations to the assistant vice president for student affairs — Health and Wellbeing and the senior management team of Campus Health and Wellbeing. Members consult with and provide feedback on accessibility, health care programs, services and emerging student needs. It is a great opportunity for leadership and working with students from other areas of campus. Anyone wanting to nominate a student to serve on SHAC can send the student’s name and email address to James Ramirez at jjramire@calpoly.edu.

Get Involved in New Virtual Book and Learning Circles for Summer
Employee and Organization Development invites employees to participate in summer 2020 Book and Learning Circles.
— Book Circles involve discussing a book over the course of three to five sessions. The first book is "Crucial Conversations" by Patterson, Grenny, McMillan and Switzler, which has revolutionized the way millions of people communicate when the stakes are high. The second book is "Tiny Habits: The Small Changes That Change Everything" by B.J. Fogg. The third book, "Driven by Difference: How Great Companies Fuel Innovation Through Diversity," takes a look at the importance of leveraging differences in perspectives and ideas in order for an organization to reap the benefits of a variety of viewpoints. The fourth book is "Emotional Intelligence 2.0" by Travis Bradberry and Jean Greaves. Skills related to emotional intelligence (EQ) are consistently identified as top indicators of success and the most imperative during times of crisis and change such as this COVID-19 pandemic.
— Learning Circles involve watching a video or reading an article, and participating in a discussion during a single session. The first learning circle is "The Happy Secret to Better Work" with psychologist Shawn Achor. In this fast-moving and funny talk, Achor argues that happiness actually inspires us to be more productive. The second learning circle comes from Julia Middleton who focuses on developing future leaders in working in a more interconnected world in "Cultural Intelligence: The Competitive Edge for Leaders." In the third learning circle, "How Science Can Fix Remote Work," Adam Grant takes participants inside the minds of some of the world’s most unusual professionals to discover the keys to a better work life. To register to attend, visit https://afd.calpoly.edu/learn-and-grow/.