CAFES Dean Andrew Thulin to Retire in December
Andrew J. Thulin, dean of the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences (CAFES), has announced his plans to retire in December. Thulin, a Cal Poly alumnus, joined CAFES in 1998 as head of its Animal Science Department and has led the college for the last 10 years. Provost Cynthia Jackson-Elmoore will work with Thulin to ensure a smooth transition of the many critical projects underway in the college. During Thulin’s 25-year tenure, more than $230 million was raised for numerous new laboratories and buildings, including the recently completed JUSTIN and J. LOHR Center for Wine and Viticulture. As dean, he hired nearly 100 new faculty and his focus on expanding student and faculty success led the way for faculty to grow research grant funding to $21 million in 2022. “It has been my great pleasure to serve as dean for the past 10 years, focusing on developing solutions to food security, environmental sustainability and climate smart agriculture,” Thulin said. “My love for Cal Poly runs deep and I am honored to have spent the last 25 years alongside those who work tirelessly to prepare our graduates to address these global issues.”

Campus Community Talks Equity, Inclusion in Range of Topics At Teach In
Students, faculty, staff and community members gathered for a day of learning, discussion and deep thinking on equity and social justice topics at the seventh annual Teach In on Feb. 9. This year, the Teach In was separated into five different tracks focused on specific topics, including Pop Culture and Media, Pathways to Hispanic-Serving Institutions, and Reproductive Justice. “It’s a good opportunity to see that diversity, equity and inclusion touches every field in some way,” said Jennifer Teramoto Pedrotti, interim associate vice president for academic initiatives and associate dean for diversity and curriculum in the College of Liberal Arts. Learn more: https://www.calpoly.edu/news/campus-community-talks-equity-inclusion-range-topics-teach.

MLK Legacy Award Winners Discuss Leadership and Community
In January, psychology student Nailah DuBose and biomedical engineering Professor Michael Whitt co-accepted the MLK Legacy Award at the 7th annual MLK Jr. Legacy Event. DuBose, co-president of the Black Student Union, spoke to Cal Poly News about her leadership and community on campus, what drives her studies and her dream of becoming a sports medicine orthopedic surgeon. Whitt also sat down with Cal Poly News to discuss his career, campus culture and how he’s supporting the next generation of Black leaders. Read Q&As with the awardees on Cal Poly News at https://www.calpoly.edu/news.

Give Feedback in A&F Survey and Enter to Win Prizes
On Feb. 28, Administration and Finance launched its annual customer satisfaction survey. The survey asks the campus community for feedback on the division’s performance over the past year. This information will help A&F leadership learn from customers’ knowledge, values and experiences pertaining to each unit and department. The Focus Forward survey will be open through March 24. While the survey covers every unit and department within A&F, campus community members are only being asked to complete the sections relevant to them. For every section that participants complete they will be entered into a drawing for a 36-inch Blackstone Griddle, a Ninja DualBrew Pro coffee system, Beats Studio Wireless Buds, a Spike Ball Set or one of 30 local business gift cards. More information on the survey, prizes and a link to participate are available at afd.calpoly.edu/survey.
Support Experience Industry Management Students at March 11 Fundraiser
The Experience Industry Management Department is hosting its annual student-run fundraiser from 4-8 p.m. Saturday, March 11, at the Higuera Ranch in San Luis Obispo. This year’s theme is “New Take, Old Traditions.” A variety of activities, such as horseback riding, wine tasting and a beekeeping experience, will be auctioned off. Attendees will also be offered wine, beer, cider, kombucha tastings, heavy hors d’oeuvres, live music, activities and many additional auction items filled with unique experiences. Event tickets are $55. All funds from the event go to the Experience Industry Management Department to support student success, including professional conferences and immersive learning opportunities. The department plays an integral role in developing future industry leaders in hospitality, event planning, and sports and recreation experiences. Learn more and buy tickets at https://events.handbid.com/lp/eim-auction-2023.

Cal Poly Named a Top Producer of 2022-23 U.S. Fulbright Scholars
Cal Poly has again been named a top producer of U.S. Fulbright scholars by the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs. The distinction was in the Master’s Colleges and Universities category for the 2022-23 academic year. Three Cal Poly faculty were awarded grants for the 2022-23 academic year: Greg Domber, lecturer in the History Department, and Mira Rosenthal, associate professor of English, are teaching and conducting research at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland. Nishanta ‘Nishi’ Rajakaruna, professor of biology, is teaching and conducting research at North-West University in Potchefstroom, South Africa. Read more about the faculty and their accomplishments at https://calpolynews.calpoly.edu.

Celebrate International Women’s Day on March 8
Join the International Center in celebrating International Women’s Day from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday, March 8, in the UU Plaza. Cal Poly honors International Women’s Day by celebrating the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women with various events during the month of March. Activities on March 8 will include a photo booth, trivia questions and prizes, information on how the day is celebrated in other countries, books by female authors sponsored by Mustang Shop and more. Do you want to improve equity for women in technology, elevate the visibility of women creatives, build a workplace where women thrive, empower women’s choices in health, and applaud equity for women in sports? The campus community can join the movement by using #EmbraceEquity or #IWD2023 on their social posts and answer a question: How will you forge a world built on gender equity? Visit the International Women’s Day Linktree at https://linktr.ee/calpoly_intlwd for a list of women-run businesses, podcasts, authors and a special Spotify playlist.

Change the Status Quo Event Rescheduled to March 15
Steven Canals’ visit — which was postponed from its original Feb. 23 date due to speaker illness — is now scheduled for 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 15, in the Performing Arts Center’s Miossi Hall. Canals, an Emmy-nominated and Peabody Award-winning co-creator, executive producer, director and writer of the FX drama series “Pose,” is the keynote speaker of the 21st annual Change the Status Quo Social Justice and Service Lecture Series. A groundbreaking queer, Afro Latinx creator, Canals recently signed his first deal with 20th Century TV and is developing projects that represent diverse and inclusive voices and stories of historically marginalized communities. The Center for Service in Action hosts the annual event, which 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. Learn more and get tickets at serviceinaction.calpoly.edu/CSQ.

Apply by March 10 for 2022-23 Learn by Doing Scholar Awards
Kennedy Library has announced the call for applications from faculty for the 2022-23 Learn by Doing Scholar Awards. These awards, which will be presented at the 2023 Fall Convocation, recognize faculty contributions that demonstrate the impact of Cal Poly’s educational approach, translate conventional learning into practice and make a difference locally, nationally and internationally. Two awards, each accompanied by a cash prize of $2,000, will be given this year. Faculty from all disciplines are welcome to apply, and team applications are welcome and may include staff and students. Faculty can self-nominate and directly submit applications online by 5 p.m. Friday, March 10. All applications are reviewed by a faculty committee with representatives from each college and the library. For more information and to apply, visit https://lib.calpoly.edu/faculty/learn-by-doing/.