Cal Poly Thanks Health Care Workers, Other Essential Employees with ‘Light It Blue to Thank You’ Effort

Through May 31, several buildings and landmarks on campus will be illuminated with blue light to recognize and thank all health care workers who have been providing support, guidance and care for those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The south side of the Cal Poly Recreation Center, Performing Arts Center, and Grand Avenue entrance to campus will be lit, starting at dusk each evening. The lights symbolize appreciation for everyone who helped prepare the county’s Alternate Care Site at the ASI Recreation Center; the more than 600 community medical volunteers who are signed up and trained to run the ACS if it’s ever needed to treat COVID-19 patients; and about 50 additional county personnel who work occasionally at the ACS or perform administrative functions. The lights recognize the many “essential personnel” who continue to keep the university’s campus clean, safe and operational for students and staff during this pandemic challenge, as well as those serving the entire San Luis Obispo County community. The effort is a joint project involving the Facilities Management and Development department, Performing Arts Center San Luis Obispo, and ASI. In addition, the Facilities team painted the Cal Poly “P” blue on May 21. It will remain blue through the light-up effort.

Campus COVID-19 Updates: Share Public Health Messages, Help Housing with Move Out

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Cal Poly Corporation Chief Executive Officer Candidates to Visit Campus Virtually

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— Wednesday, May 27, from 9-10 a.m.
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Resumes will be sent through a MustMail announcement prior to each forum. To join, participants will need to use their Zoom account associated with their @calpoly.edu email address.

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**Employment Opportunities**

For all available job openings and to apply, visit jobs.calpoly.edu. For assistance, call Human Resources at ext. 62236.

**#496771 — Pharmacist Per Diem, Student Affairs — Campus Health and Wellbeing. $19.92-$64.86 per hour. Anticipated hiring range: $52.46-$67.54 per hour. Open until closed.**

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**Cal Poly Corporation Board of Directors Annual Meeting Scheduled for June 12**
The board of directors of the Cal Poly Corporation will hold its annual meeting virtually at 8:30 a.m. Friday, June 12. This is a public meeting. More information will be made available on the Cal Poly Corporation website along with the agenda packets on Friday, June 5. Discussion topics can be added to the agenda at the discretion of the board. Any action on such items requires public notice pursuant to open meeting law. Call Ann Roy at ext. 6-1131 with questions.

**International Center to Hold Language Workshops May 27-28**
The campus community is invited to sign up for mini language lessons from around the world on May 27-28. Each 20-minute session covers basic vocabulary and phrases in different languages. The language sessions and links will be posted at international.calpoly.edu. Anyone with questions can email international@calpoly.edu.

**Need New Lab or Teaching Equipment? Mechanical Engineering Students May Be Able to Help**
For their senior project, mechanical engineering students work in small teams to design, build and test a mechanical system to meet a sponsor’s needs. Project results include a final report and tested prototype. The department waives the course fee for on-campus sponsors, so the only expense is the cost to build/test the final prototype. Projects starting in the fall will finish in June 2021. Learn more at https://me.calpoly.edu/senior-project/sponsor. This fall, the department is looking for over 40 new design challenges for its teams. Anyone with an idea that they’d like to discuss can contact Peter Schuster at pschuste@calpoly.edu.

**International Center to Host ‘Virtual Exchange’ Symposium May 27-29**
The International Center will host an Internationalization Symposium May 27-29. Faculty are invited to join a workshop, “Virtual Exchange: Connecting Cal Poly to the World” from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday, May 29, co-sponsored by the College of Liberal Arts. Mohamed Abdel-Kader, executive director of the Stevens Initiative at the Aspen Institute, and his colleagues will discuss how to design a virtual program and integrate virtual international exchange into current courses, provide a few virtual exchange models, and discuss available grant funding. The 90-minute webinar will be followed by a 30-minute Q&A session. This workshop is limited to 40 participants. Register at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/faculty-workshop-virtual-exchange-design-tickets-105812873152?aff=CalPolyReportlist. Abdel-Kader will also present a webinar to students on “What Students Need to Know about International Virtual Exchange: The Experience and Skills Gained” from 11 a.m. to noon Thursday, May 28. Students can register at https://calpoly.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_i-FyjVvmDRKuKhpiPM8DIYyA.

**American Revolution: The Evolution of Grace Lee Boggs’ Virtual Screening to be Held**
In celebration of Asian, Pacific Islander and Desi American Heritage Month, join Teach ON! and the Kennedy Library for a virtual screening of the documentary “American Revolution: The Evolution of Grace Lee Boggs.” This limited screening is now available to faculty, staff and students until Wednesday, June 3. In conjunction, Kennedy Library and APIFS will host a film discussion during the Teach ON! at 3 p.m. Thursday, May 28. Both can be accessed through the Teach ON! Canvas site at https://canvas.calpoly.edu/courses/25041 (log into your Cal Poly account to access the site). The film dives into Grace Lee Boggs’s lifetime of vital thinking and action, traversing the major U.S. social movements of the last century: from labor to civil rights, to Black Power, feminism, the Asian American and environmental justice movements and beyond. Boggs willingness to re-evaluate and change tactics in relation to the world shifting around her help tell this transformative story, a story that includes comrades Angela Davis, Bill Moyers, Bill Ayers, Ruby Dee and Ossie Davis, Danny Glover, Boggs’s late husband James, and a host of Detroit comrades across three generations.

**Retirements**
Sherrill Flohaug, administrative support coordinator for Information Technology Services (ITS), will retire on June 2 after 20 years at Cal Poly. Flohaug began her career at Cal Poly in the Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering Department before moving to ITS. Prior to her current role on the ITS finance team, Flohaug worked in PolyCard Services where she helped grow the part-time, fledgling program into one of the highest volume identification card offices in the CSU system. Always patient with students, parents and employees, her customer service and teamwork defined PolyCard Services. In retirement, Flohaug looks forward to playing golf and spending time with her husband in their new home in the Las Vegas area.