



Employment

Employment Opportunities

For all available job openings, visit jobs.calpoly.edu. To apply, go online and complete the application form. For help, call Human Resources at ext. 6-2236.

There are no new listings this week.

Corporation Employment Opportunities

Cal Poly Corporation is a separate entity operating in concert with the university to provide a diverse range of services and resources to students, faculty and staff. To view all available job postings, visit <https://www.calpolycorporationjobs.org/>. For assistance, contact Human Resources at ext. 6-1121.

There are no new listings at this time.

Faculty Employment Opportunities

Visit jobs.calpoly.edu for current openings, further information and how to apply. For assistance, call Academic Personnel at ext. 6-2844.

There are no new listings at this time.

ASI Employment Opportunities

Candidates are asked to visit <https://www.asi.calpoly.edu/discover-asi/work-for-asi/> to complete an ASI application and apply for open positions. For more information, visit the ASI Business Office in UU 212 or call ext. 6-5800.

There are no new listings at this time.

Grimmway Farms Donates \$5 Million to CAFES to Establish Organic Production, Research Center

Cal Poly will change the landscape of organic agriculture with a \$5 million donation made to the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences by Grimmway Farms, the global leader in organic produce. With this gift, Cal Poly will expand its emphasis on applied research in organic production and soil health by providing a unique, collaborative platform for academia, industry and government from across California and beyond to come together to advance the organic industry. The partnership between CAFES and Grimmway will establish a unique learning model that will enable research and innovation across disciplines, focusing on real-world issues that directly impact the state's \$10 billion organic industry. The Grimmway Farms donation will be used to launch the Center for Organic Production and Research on campus, structured similarly to that of the Cal Poly Strawberry Center, as well as build the Grimmway Farms/Cal-Organic Soil Health and Sustainability Laboratories to provide research and teaching opportunities in topics related to healthy soils, water and air. "Our partnership with Grimmway will facilitate bringing increased science and technology to the production of organic food," said CAFES Dean Andrew Thulin. "Cal Poly is at the forefront of using the power of collaboration to solve real-world problems. This new center will integrate the greatest talents in academia, private industry, government and a wide range of disciplines to benefit the organic industry as a whole."

Mustangs in Space: Look Back on Four Stellar Astronauts

This past weekend, alumnus Victor Glover became the fourth Cal Poly graduate to travel to space with NASA. In a new video from Cal Poly Magazine (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i-ph-xiooNo&feature=youtu.be>), learn more about the three alumni — Robert "Hoot" Gibson, Rick "CJ" Sturckow and Gregory Chamitoff — who helped expand the horizons of crewed spaceflight. They are just a few of the Mustangs who have built Cal Poly's reputation in aerospace and aeronautics over the last century. Read more in the fall issue at <https://magazine.calpoly.edu/fall-2020/taking-flight-timeline/>.

OUDI to Present Agenda, Update and Vision for the Year on Nov. 19

Join the Office of University Diversity and Inclusion for a discussion around OUDI's agenda and vision for the 2020-21 academic year. The discussion will take place from 4-5:15 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, on Zoom (ID: 871 6402 9459). Contact Ryan Adserias (radseria@calpoly.edu) with any questions.

Campus Community Encouraged to Make Appointment for Free COVID-19 Testing This Week and Nov. 23-24

Cal Poly has as many as 10,000 COVID-19 test kits available for use over the next seven days. All campus community members who are asymptomatic are encouraged to schedule a test at the university's ongoing testing program in the Performing Arts Center Lobby before the holiday break. The testing program continues this week through next Tuesday, Nov. 24, including new testing dates from Saturday through Tuesday, Nov. 21-24. Testing is available from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. Before making an appointment, make sure to register with Avellino Labs. Students may also schedule a test through Campus Health and Wellbeing. Visit <https://coronavirus.calpoly.edu/ongoing-testing> for more information and links to make an appointment.

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Staff and Faculty Winter Parking Update

Winter parking permits will be available for purchase online beginning Monday, Dec. 21, and will be valid starting Monday, Jan. 4, 2021. Fall quarter parking permits will expire Friday, Dec. 4. Employees can purchase permits online and update their vehicle information using their parking account at <https://calpoly.t2hosted.com/Account/Portal>. Parking permits are required for parking on campus during the winter academic break. Visit Transportation and Parking Services staff page at <https://afd.calpoly.edu/parking/parkingoncampus/permits/staff.php> for more information on staff parking.

Retirements

Debra Valencia-Laver, associate dean for operations in the College of Liberal Arts, will retire at the end of December after 29.5 years of service at the university, including 1.5 years as an interim associate dean and another 13.5 years as an associate dean. Throughout her career at Cal Poly, her university service has included work on the Academic Senate, General Education, WASC, and more. She served as the interim chair of the Ethnic Studies Department from fall 2002 to spring 2004. She is proud of being a founding and continuing member of the Chicana Latinx Faculty Staff Association, serving most recently as the CLFSA liaison for Chicana Latinx Commencement. Notable achievements as associate dean include the development of majors in ethnic studies and liberal arts and engineering studies, and the recent conversion of the modern languages and literatures major to a Spanish major. A professor in the Psychology and Child Development Department with a specialization in cognition and aging, she hopes to return to teaching as a rehired annuitant in the fall. She deeply appreciates the many connections she has made with staff, faculty and students from across the university and over the years. She will very much miss being a part of the day-to-day operations of the college and university. Join us in signing a virtual card for her here (<https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/so57dr7P>), where you can write comments and upload photos or video messages.

After being a part of the Cal Poly community for almost 25 years, **Maria Bettencourt** will retire from the campus custodial team. She landed on the Central Coast nearly 30 years ago after leaving her home in San José, Costa Rica. She and her husband, a fourth-generation San Luis Obispo native, settled in and started a family together here. During her time at Cal Poly, Bettencourt primarily worked in the late hours of the night. Because of this, she was able to attend classes and eventually graduate from Cuesta College. Though she worked at night when the campus was quiet, Bettencourt was motivated by the fact that Cal Poly employees would show up in the morning to a clean and fresh-smelling work environment. Her passion and grit stems from a message from her mother that she holds dear to her heart. Her mother always told her to do her job to the best of her abilities, no matter what it may be, or go home because someone else will do it better. Bettencourt is very thankful for the community she found in her Cal Poly family. She is proud and honored to have worked at the university for as long as she did and only has glowing memories. She will retire from her custodial position as well as her teaching aide position at Pacheco Elementary School and spend more time enjoying her family and discovering new hobbies.

Druci Reese, Music Department administrative support coordinator, is retiring from Cal Poly at the end of December after almost 35 years of stellar service. She first came to Cal Poly in 1972-75 as a student double majoring in ornamental horticulture and recreation administration. During that time, she worked in the Registrar's Office until leaving for the Bay Area. She and her family returned to San Luis Obispo in 1985, and she began working in the Music Department in 1986 while she also held a temporary half-time position in the Soil Sciences Department. Reese has served on several university committees, including as the College of Liberal Arts (CLA) representative for the Staff Council formed in 1993, and the staff representative for a CLA dean search. She has served as the staff employment equity facilitator for the Music Department, PAC, Spanos Theatre, Theatre and Dance Department and University Scheduling. She is the recipient of two CLA Staff Recognition Awards: Continuing Excellence (1999) and Outstanding Career Achievement (2019), and the University Outstanding Staff Award (1999-00). She is a font of information and a bastion of support to students, faculty and staff. After retiring, Reese plans to spend more time with friends and family, in particular her grandchildren. She and husband, Ralph, hope to spend more time at their cabin in the Sierra Nevada and travel. More about Reese is on the Music Department website at <https://music.calpoly.edu/newsletter/20fall/retirements.html>. Sign a virtual card at <https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/9LTODEW3>.