

## Employment

### **State Employment Opportunities**

For an official vacancies list of staff and management vacancies, visit [www.calpolyjobs.org](http://www.calpolyjobs.org). To apply, go online and complete the application form. For assistance, call Human Resources at ext. 6-2236.

**#105105 — Assistant to Associate Vice President**, Human Resources (Confidential Administrative Support II), AFD — Human Resources. \$4,233-\$9,514 per month. (Anticipated hiring range: \$5,000-\$7,083 per month). Open until filled.

### **ASI Employment Opportunities**

Candidates are asked to visit <http://www.asi.calpoly.edu/jobs> 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.

**Building Service Worker (Recreational Sports)**, \$15/hour with excellent benefits. Position open until filled.

**Assistant Coordinator — Accounting**, \$22.50/hour with excellent benefits. Position open until filled.

**Teacher**, \$15.44/hour with excellent benefits. Position open until filled.

### **Watch NASA's Insight Mission Land on Mars Nov. 26**

All earthlings are invited to watch NASA's live broadcast of the InSight Mission's landing on Mars from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 26, in UU 220. The broadcast will include live commentary from NASA's "mission control" at the NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California, animations of InSight's landing, interviews with NASA scientists and engineers and international partners, and final checkouts by mission team members. InSight is the first mission to study the deep interior of Mars — its crust, mantle and core. Its science investigations include listening for "marsquakes," and to learn about how rocky planets like our own formed. In addition, the twin communications-relay satellites, called Mars Cube One, or MarCO, will enter the history books as the first CubeSats to travel to deep space. Cal Poly helped pioneer the diminutive satellites that were first developed to teach university students about satellites and have evolved in past decade. Today they provide data on everything from shipping routes to environmental changes. The two MarCOs, nicknamed Wall-E and EVE, are each equipped with a folding high-gain antenna to relay data about InSight as it enters the Martian atmosphere and lands. The twins were on campus earlier this year when Cal Poly engineers assisted in inserting, or integrating, the satellites into the deployment boxes that ejected each satellite into space. In addition, Cal Poly students helped by wrapping the deployment boxes in protective gold Kapton tape. The MarCOs won't produce any science of their own, and aren't required for InSight to send its data back home, but they are a crucial first test of CubeSat technology beyond Earth orbit, demonstrating how they could be used to further explore the solar system. The viewing is sponsored by the Physics Department. Learn more about InSight at [mars.nasa.gov/insight](http://mars.nasa.gov/insight) and about MarCO at <https://www.jpl.nasa.gov/cubesat/missions/marco.php>.

### **Preorder Poinsettias by Nov. 23, Sale to Start Soon**

The Cal Poly Poinsettia Student Enterprise is once again selling plants to the campus and the broader community, with official sale dates scheduled to begin soon. The plants make nice additions to graduation receptions, banquets and general office holiday decor. Campus orders are being accepted now. Contact Kelsea Jones at [kjones65@calpoly.edu](mailto:kjones65@calpoly.edu) or Megan Taylor at [mtalor51@calpoly.edu](mailto:mtalor51@calpoly.edu) to preorder by Nov. 23. The sale will be held Nov. 30, Dec. 1 and Dec. 8 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Dec. 4-7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Poly Plant Shop in the Horticulture Unit (No. 48), at the top of Via Carta Road. This year's poinsettia project offers many shades of red, white, pink and other variegated varieties. Sizes range from small plants in two-inch pots to large poinsettias reaching three feet high, in ten-inch pots. Prices range from \$5 to \$55. Questions? Call ext. 6-1106.

### **Nominations Sought for Outstanding Staff Award by Dec. 21**

Staff employees, faculty members and department or division heads are encouraged to submit nominations for the Outstanding Staff Award. The deadline for submissions for the 2018-19 award is Friday, Dec. 21. To be eligible, nominees must be permanent, full-time employees of the university, corporation or ASI, who have completed at least three years of employment as of Dec. 31, 2018 (10-month employees are also eligible). Employees represented by bargaining unit 3 (faculty), former recipients of the award and student assistants are not eligible. The Outstanding Staff Award selection criteria and nomination form can be found at <https://afd.calpoly.edu/hr/employee-resources/osa/>.

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## Retirements

**Karen Aguilar**, accountant in the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences, will retire in December after 31 years of service. She joined the university in 1987 as an agricultural clerk and cashier supervisor with the Cal Poly Corporation. Two years later, she moved to University Fiscal Services — quickly transitioning from an accounting technician to an accountant. She stayed there until joining the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences in 2012. Aguilar is known for her dedication, willingness to help, and as the go-to person to get things done. Those who work with her value her upbeat personality, energetic enthusiasm, sense of humor and positive presence. Join in celebrating her achievements and wishing her well in retirement from 2 to 4 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 29, at the Cal Poly Alumni and Conference Center (No. 28).

**Cindy Holton**, administrative support coordinator for the Biomedical Engineering Department in the College of Engineering, will retire Nov. 30 after 18 years of service. Prior to joining Cal Poly, Holton worked as the secretary to the city manager and deputy city clerk for the city of Atascadero for almost 15 years, bringing her total years in government service to 33. Holton has been an incredible source of institutional knowledge, and has helped the Biomedical Engineering Department grow from a startup operation into the established organization it is today. She will be missed greatly by everyone she interacted with as the face of Cal Poly biomedical engineering, as well as her many friends from across campus. A retirement reception will be held from 2 to 4 p.m., Friday, Nov. 30, in the courtyard of the Engineering Building (No. 13). Come wish Holton well as she departs for her next series of adventures.

**Ben Vahedy**, analyst/programmer for Academic Affairs, will retire in December after 25 years of service at Cal Poly. Vahedy has been an integral part of the report writing staff since 1994, originally writing FOCUS reports to support the Records Office on the IBM Mainframe SIS system. Vahedy played an important role in setting up Cal Poly's "Capture" process, which was the university's first automated class registration system. He later moved to the Financial Aid Office where he supported Student Awards, Grants, Scholarships and the automation of Award Letter printing. Vahedy also had a large role in the migration and implementation of today's PeopleSoft system. He currently supports the daily functions of the Admissions office, Financial Aid Office and the Office of the Registrar. Vahedy plans to travel and spend more time with his family. His humor and hard driving work ethic will be sorely missed. There will be a gathering with light refreshments from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7, in the Administration Building (No. 1), Room 301.

**Kurt O. Brown**, the Art and Design Department's beloved, award-winning instructional support technician III for photography and video — a dear friend, mentor and confidant to so many — will retire at the end of December. Brown began his career in November 1984 as a temporary equipment technician for the department. He was subsequently hired full-time as an instructional support technician I in February 1985, and has been an invaluable colleague ever since. Over the years Brown has fostered relationships with hundreds of students who have gone through the program, from art and design majors to those taking photography and video classes as either GEs or electives. He helped bridge lasting relationships with many others throughout the campus community and always enhanced the Learn by Doing philosophy at Cal Poly with his generous assistance and support to students, faculty and staff. For the department's photography and video concentration, Brown has implemented systems and protocols for seamless lab operations that are widely used by alumni in their own practice. He has also been influential in generating thousands of dollars in equipment donations, as well as funding for equipment through his alumni connections. As a testimony to his unparalleled skills, uncompromising work ethic and overall congeniality, Brown received the staff award in 2000 for Continuing Excellence from the College of Liberal Arts; and in 2017 the college recognized him again with the Career Achievement Award. Brown is retiring to focus on his health and his family. His ubiquitous smile and compassionate heart will be greatly missed. The department wishes him the happiest of retirements. A reception will be held from 3-5 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 11, at the University Art Gallery, located on the first floor in the Dexter Building (No. 34).

## Catastrophic Leave

**Courtney de Blicck**, student services professional in Campus Health and Wellbeing — Counseling Services, has qualified for catastrophic leave. Those wishing to donate leave credits to help her remain in full-pay status during an extended leave of absence should contact catastrophic leave coordinator Karen Woods at ext. 6-5935 or [kwoods04@calpoly.edu](mailto:kwoods04@calpoly.edu) to request a donation form.