Cal Poly Collaborative Seeks Pandemic Stories from Underrepresented Community Members
A group of faculty and staff members have established the Central Coast Public Humanities Collaborative to support storytelling projects that cultivate greater understanding of communities on the Central Coast, especially from those whose voices have not been heard historically. The team includes Farah Al-Nakib of the History Department; Padma Maitland of the Architecture Department; Steven Ruszczycky of the English Department and the Women’s, Gender and Queer Studies Department; Tom Trice of the History Department; and Grace Yeh of the Ethnic Studies Department. Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the collaborative focused on gathering and sharing Central Coast residents’ stories during the outbreak through its Central Coast COVID-19 Snapshots project. The team is inviting community members to share their experiences through interviews, online submissions or a collective journaling project to help create a space for communities to process such a significant and world-altering period. Additionally, the team offers community workshops in which they can learn about resources and receive guidance on ways to document their experiences. Community members can sign up for the journaling project, submit stories and learn more at centralcoastsnapshots.online.

Cal Poly Corporation Board of Directors to Meet Oct. 30
The board of directors of the Cal Poly Corporation will hold a regular meeting virtually using Zoom at 8:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 30. This is a public meeting. The agenda will be posted by Oct. 23. To join the meeting, request the Zoom webinar link and call-in information, or obtain a copy of the agenda, email cpcadmin@calpoly.edu or visit https://www.calpolycorporation.org/organization-profile/governance/meeting- agendas-minutes/. Public comments for this meeting must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 29, via email to cpcadmin@calpoly.edu.

OUDI Announces Campus Conversation Series in Partnership with Student Affairs
The Office of University Diversity and Inclusion (OUDI), in partnership with Student Affairs, is launching a yearlong conversation series, “Campus Conversations: Social Justice, Social Change and Building Community.” This new series responds to the campus’ call for more opportunities to engage around critical issues and the need to create more spaces for the campus to gather, learn, discuss and find ways to move forward as a living, learning, equity-minded community. Each quarter, the series will provide opportunities to come together to discuss current topics, and it will highlight other events and opportunities from around the university. For fall quarter, the Campus Conversations series will include a panel discussion (part of a pair of events from the campus’ Elections Working Group) on Oct. 22 about election fears and social-engaged responses (see Events section). The second conversation in the series, on Nov. 19, will be an update and discussion on OUDI’s agenda and vision for the year. Additional opportunities to engage in conversation include an election discussion and processing space for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and people of color) students on Wednesday, Oct. 28, and the “State of Indigeneity” on Thursday, Nov. 12. Learn more at https://diversity.calpoly.edu/campus-conversations. Questions? Contact Ryan Adserias (radseria@calpoly.edu).
Applications Accepted Through Oct. 21 for Early Exit Program
As a mitigation strategy to offset the university’s budget deficit and to potentially minimize future cuts, Cal Poly is implementing an Early Exit Program (EEP) and accepting applications from Oct. 1-21. Employees must separate on or before Dec. 30, 2020. The EEP provides the opportunity for employees who are CalPERS-retirement eligible with five years of service at Cal Poly to voluntarily resign and collect a severance package from the university. Employees may, but are not required to, retire upon separation. More information about the EEP is available at https://afd.calpoly.edu/hr/employee-resources/early-exit/. This is a one-time, non-precedent setting program.

Vote By Mail Ballot Dropoff Available at Kennedy Library
The book drop box in front of Kennedy Library is now being used as a ballot drop box location for the Nov. 3 general election. This box is a safe and secure space for voters to drop off their completed ballots. Signage is in place informing library patrons to return their materials to a separate book drop box across the street from the library. The ballot drop box at Kennedy Library is one of three in the city of San Luis Obispo and one of 19 in the county.

Panel Discussion: ‘Addressing Racism and Diversity in Music Institutions’ on Nov. 5
The Music Department will present a virtual panel discussion titled “Addressing Racism and Diversity in Music Institutions” at 11:10 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 5. The guest panelists will be Stephanie Shonekan, associate dean of the College of Arts and Science and professor of music at the University of Missouri, and Keith Jackson, dean of the College of Creative Arts at West Virginia University. Cal Poly Director of Jazz Studies Arthur White will moderate the discussion. "This panel will discuss the realities of racism and experiences in personal careers," White said. "It will address why certain literature and pedagogical methods are more pervasive than others and the potential for affecting change through increasing diversity and inclusion." The event is free and open to the public.

Celebrate Food, Win Prizes
Food Day is a nationwide event dedicated to celebrating food while addressing food system issues. This year the Food Day Team is partnering with campus clubs and programs to release tutorials, resources and fun videos about healthy eating on Instagram (@calpolyfoodday) every Monday and Friday at noon. Students, faculty and staff can submit pictures of their own homemade meals and recipes for a chance to win a prize every Wednesday in October.

Retirements
Richard Cavaletto, a much-respected member of Cal Poly, is retiring after 30 years of dedication to the College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences. He has worked as an executive associate dean in the dean’s office since 2012, directly impacting thousands upon thousands of students in his work overseeing undergraduate programs. Cavaletto came to Cal Poly as an associate professor in the BioResource and Agricultural Engineering Department in 1990, eventually becoming head of the department. He also served as the director of the Agricultural Safety Institute from 1992-12. Throughout his career, he has won numerous awards for his service and dedication, and most notably impacted student success. Dr. C, as he is known to students, has served as the advisor to numerous student clubs, including the college’s Club Council, helping students achieve their leadership potential. Sign a virtual card at https://www.kudoboard.com/boards/YHMiGyfG, add comments and/or upload photos.

After three decades of dedicated and dynamic service to Cal Poly, Eileen S. Amaral (Agricultural Education, ’82) is retiring as executive director of DONor Relations within University Development. Amaral's connection to Cal Poly began as an undergraduate earning a bachelor's of science degree and teaching credential, and continued as a Cal Poly employee during Warren Baker’s tenure as president. She gained experience with philanthropy and donor stewardship during the fledgling years of advancement at Cal Poly and enjoyed being a part of University Development’s growth as a division. Later, Amaral expanded her expertise with an accreditation from the Protocol School of Washington, allowing her to become the university’s first Protocol Officer. Under Amaral’s leadership, Donor Relations evolved from a small, newly-formed department to a highly effective team that supports the President’s office, colleges and units across campus with major donor stewardship, recognition strategies and special events for key university constituents. Amaral consistently guided others to focus with zeal on what is at the heart of philanthropy at Cal Poly — students and Learn by Doing. This contributed to Donor Relations earning a Gold Circle of Excellence Award from CASE for The Power of Doing event held in May 2019, as the public launch to what would become the most successful campaign in CSU history. Amaral will devote more time to family, her book club, soccer and traveling. Her attention to quality, fun and style was appreciated and will be greatly missed.