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RETIRED FACULTY AND STAFF WINTER LUNCHEON – SCIENCE AND AGRICULTURE TEACHING AND RESEARCH COMPLEX

On **Wednesday, February 27**, we will be meeting for a luncheon and program featuring the new Science and Agriculture Teaching and Research Complex presented by Phil Bailey and Kathryn Rummell.

DATE: Wednesday, February 27

TIME: 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: Cal Poly Dairy Innovation Institute, Bldg. 18A

COST: \$16.00/person

Reservations are required. Please RSVP by February 19 to Gail Simmons at 805-462-9148 or gsimmons@calpoly.edu.

Parking is available adjacent to the Institute.

Join the Cal Poly Retired Faculty and Staff Club as we learn about the new Science and Agriculture Teaching and Research Complex and get an update on the College of Liberal Arts at our luncheon. Our guest speakers will be Phil Bailey, Director of Frost Endowment, who will provide an overview of the Science and Agriculture Teaching and Research Complex building, and Kathryn Rummell, Interim Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, who will provide highlights of the College of Liberal Arts and the Expressive Technology Studios to be housed in the Science and Agriculture Teaching and Research Complex.



Grounded in Cal Poly's Learn by Doing mission, the new Expressive Technology Studios (ETS) – at the heart of campus – will create an interdisciplinary space that brings together technology with the liberal arts.

More information about the Agriculture Teaching and Research Complex may be found at: <https://cafes.calpoly.edu/giving/science-and-agriculture-teaching-and-research-complex> and ETS may be found at: <https://cla.calpoly.edu/expressive-technology-studios>.

EXCITING ACTIVITIES AT CAL POLY

By Joe Grimes

Each college has outstanding things happening. The following are highlights for each one:

College of Science and Mathematics: The college promotes Real-World Research: students can study the history of the Earth's crust in Greenland, smash sub-atomic particles in Switzerland, or adapt video games for paralyzed players in San Luis Obispo.

http://www.cosam.calpoly.edu/content/centers_institutes

Orfalea College of Business: The Orfalea College of Business Executives in Residence program is proud to bring Conversations with Executives to Cal Poly's campus. Executives in Residence are business leaders, innovators and entrepreneurs who spend time with our students and faculty to share their unique insights in their field and how they've earned their success.

<https://www.cob.calpoly.edu/student-services/executives-in-residence/>

College of Liberal Arts: The Graphic Communication Institute at Cal Poly (GrCI) is an outreach effort of the university's Graphic Communication department created to provide industry professionals with access to Cal Poly's state-of-the-art resources via workshops, custom training programs, consulting, laboratory testing and research initiatives. <https://grci.calpoly.edu/>

College of Engineering: Aerospace alumnus Bob Wulf hopes to inspire giving with a multi-generational reunion. <https://engineering.calpoly.edu/going-back-time>

College of Architecture and Environmental Design: Construction management students built and donated two tiny home structures to local nonprofit Hope's Village this past spring.

https://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2018/May/HopesVillage

College of Agriculture, Food, and Environmental Sciences: Taming the Wild: Wildfires Will Continue to Ravage California – Cal Poly is poised to help. <https://cafes.calpoly.edu/cultivate-fall-2018/taming-wild>

Sports

In sports, Cal Poly's volleyball team had a 27-3 season record, was 15-1 in the Big West winning the conference title and earned their second straight NCAA tournament appearance. Unfortunately, volleyball coach Sam Crosson will be leaving to be the head volleyball coach at Cal. Cal Poly senior football fullback Joe Protheroe likely will need to add a trophy case or expand his living quarters to make room for a large number of postseason awards. In rewriting the school record book in most rushing categories, Protheroe was named the team's most valuable player after shattering school marks for single-season (1,810) and career (4,271) yards rushing and scoring 35 career touchdowns, three shy of the mark.

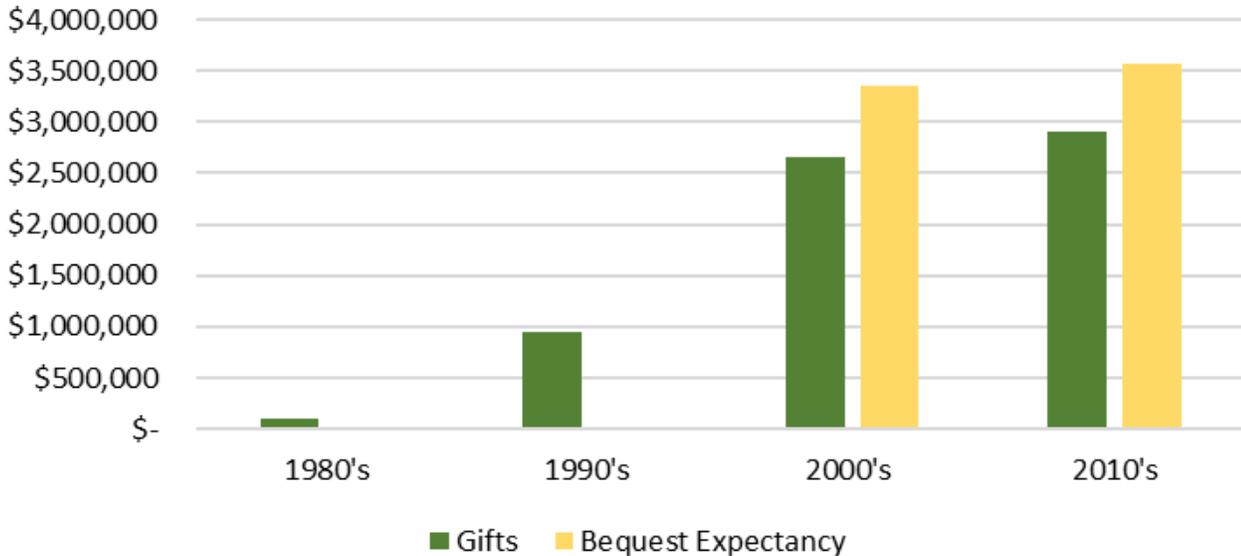
MEETING WITH DEVELOPMENT PRESIDENT MATTHEW EWING AND POSSIBILITIES FOR THE FUTURE

Bill Kellogg and Joe Grimes met with University Development Vice President Matthew Ewing on November 20, 2018. The items discussed were as follows:

- a. Faculty and Staff Financial Contributions to Cal Poly have been excellent, as shown in the diagram below.
- b. Possible improvements to increase contributions that could be made were discussed.
 1. Create interest in giving by staff and faculty while active.
 2. Keep staff and faculty involved in university after retirement. We believe the president presented this idea to the Deans' Council.
- c. There will be a letter to Retired Faculty and Staff in the Spring newsletter from Matthew Ewing.
- d. Recognition of retirees in library was discussed. Matthew Ewing will discuss with library personnel an electronic mechanism for recognition of emeritus staff and faculty to be installed as a part of the library renovation.
- e. The new Opportunity Grant was discussed. This grant program will result from the increased tuition for out-of-state students. The fees will be used to improve access for low-income and first-generation California students. The fees will also be used to provide grants to the students, hire additional faculty, and provide a program that will provide support for these students, so they will be able to compete with others.
- f. There are endowment concerns by Faculty because the minimum is now \$25,000 vs \$10,000 in the past. An exception for faculty and staff will be considered in the future.

The RFSC board discussed the endowment in their meeting on November 28, 2018. The opportunity to create an endowment has been an excellent way for our faculty and staff to initially start donating to causes that are important at Cal Poly. After starting an endowment, many have continued to contribute to it or to do so in other areas. At \$10,000, this was a significant but realizable level for many but \$25,000 is a level that is or seems to be impossible for most. The general consensus is that it would be best to return the minimum level for a faculty or staff endowment to \$10,000, while \$12,500 would be a level all could support though certainly not as enthusiastically.

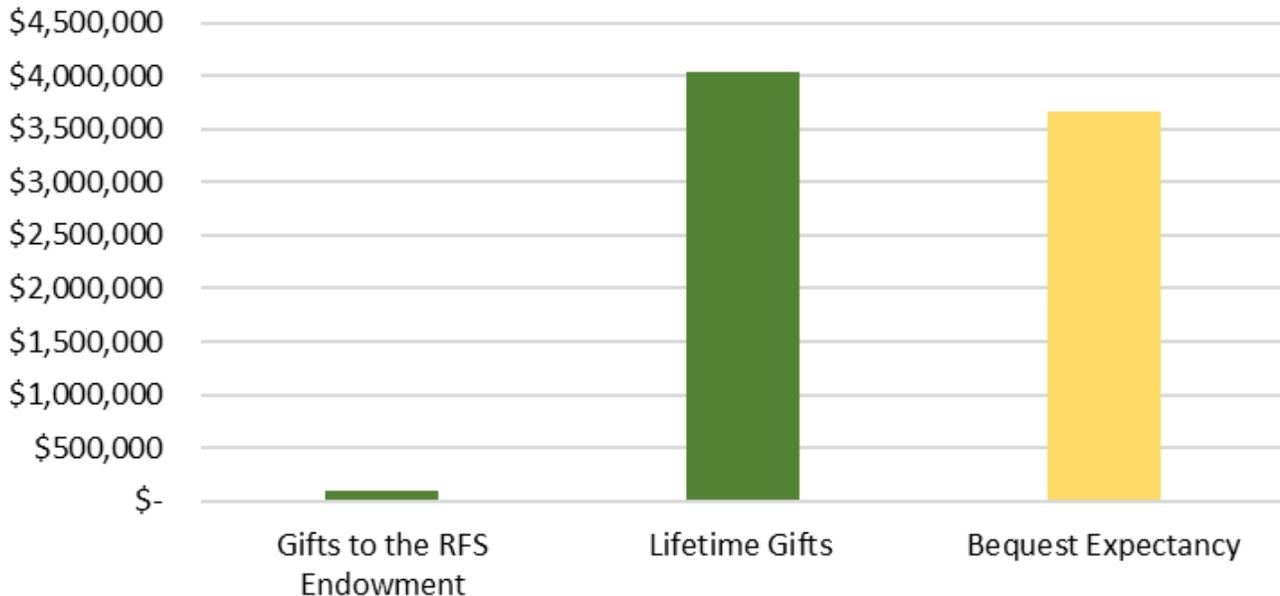
Gifts to Cal Poly by the Decades from Retired Faculty & Staff



Total Gifts: \$6,613,454.41

Total Bequest Expectancies: \$6,922,000

Gifts to Cal Poly from Retired Faculty & Staff Club Members & Participants





By Joe Grimes

The California State University Emeritus and Retired Faculty and Staff Association (CSU-ERFSA) is a statewide not-for-profit corporation devoted exclusively to addressing the concerns and protecting the rights of all retired California State University faculty and staff. CSU-ERFSA recent major activities include:

- Changing its constitution to include all CSU retirees receiving a CalPERS pension.
- Developing a letter to the CalPERS board to initiate an independent investigation of the hiring of CalPERS CEO Marcie Frost. The issues raised include her misrepresentations of her educational plans at the time of her hiring, and her apparent lack of relevant experience.

All retired and emeritus California State University faculty members - including those currently in the Faculty Early Retirement Program (FERP) - and all retired CSU staff members are invited and encouraged to join. Cost of membership is:

Gross Monthly Benefit	Dues
Less than \$3,000	\$5 per month
\$3,001 - \$3,600	\$6 per month
\$3,601 - \$4,300	\$7 per month
\$4,301 - \$5,300	\$8 per month
\$5,301 - \$6,300	\$9 per month
\$6,301 and above	\$10 per month
Donor Member	\$11 per month and up

In addition to the monthly membership options, CSU-ERFSA also offers a Lifetime Donor Membership. Lifetime Donor Members make a one-time payment of \$1,000 (or more if the member wishes) to the Association.

The CSU-ERFSA website contains many additional details and membership application information may be found at: <http://csuerfa.org/> The web pages are being updated to reflect the recent expansion of membership eligibility and the new name.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FRESNO GARDENS

By Joe Grimes

The tour of the Underground Gardens, Teppanyaki lunch, and visit to the Japanese Friendship Garden with the Clark Bonsai collection was highly appreciated and occurred right on schedule. The tour guides and the Underground Garden itself provided an excellent opportunity to see the results of the creative genius of the Italian immigrant, Baldasare Forestiere, who singly created this massive underground garden with pick and shovel. The chefs of Sakura Chaya did a masterful job of entertaining and cooking an outstanding meal in front of tables of about 10 guests per table. The Japanese Friendship Garden gave an excellent way to end the day and its Clark bonsai exhibit contained an exceptional collection of plants that were of significant variety with some 50 years old. A bonus was the opportunity for the retirees and their guests to interact. The excellent bus and super driver kept the trip on time and comfortable.



HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR NOVEMBER LUNCHEON – INTRODUCTION OF DEVELOPMENT VICE PRESIDENT MATTHEW EWING AND UNIVERSITY HOUSING PRESENTATION AND TOUR

Following an excellent luncheon provided by University Catering, Matthew Ewing, who started at Cal Poly seven months ago, was introduced. He presented an overview of his background and his goals for Cal Poly. He expressed appreciation for the donations and bequests by retired faculty and staff, and his gratefulness for his opportunity to have already met twice with leaders of RFSC. He looks forward to continuing to work with RFSC in the future.



Photo by Joe Sabol

Next Jo Campbell, PhD, AVP/Executive Director University Housing, discussed the University Housing strategic plan guiding principles to: 1) further inclusive and proactive student support; 2) provide innovative technology and facilities; 3) promote the well-being of residents and staff.

The plan is to provide residential hall learning communities as follows: 1) Collaborative Leadership; 2) Mindful Living; 3) Entrepreneur community; 4) TRIO achievers; 5) College-Based; 6) Gender Inclusive; 7) Culture & Identity Scholars; 8) Global Living; and more.

Cal Poly has the largest housing operation in the CSU with about 8,000 students on campus because it believes that students in campus housing are more successful in achieving their degrees. She discussed all the residential facilities and focused on the newest called Yak?it?ut?u which opened fall quarter and houses 1,475 first-year students in seven residence halls.

There are plans for the future that include: 1) creating space to bring more resources to the halls; 2) expanding Faculty-in-Residence program; and 3) infrastructure. The bottom line is that it appears there are unlimited possibilities for the future.

Following the presentation, a guided tour of the new dormitories was provided. The new dorms provide a social space, study area on each floor, unisex shower and bathroom areas on each floor, and single, double, and quad rooms.

RETIRED FACULTY AND STAFF CENTENNIAL SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

By Laura Dimmitt

I am pleased to present Madeleine Ciano as the 2018-19 Retired Faculty and Staff Centennial Scholarship recipient. Hailing from Costa Mesa, Madeleine is a Biology major in the College of Science and Mathematics. The sole awardee this year, the reserve will build for 2019-20, at which time it is anticipated there will be two scholarships awarded. The scholarship is \$3000.

The RFS Centennial Scholarship Endowment fair market value for the month ending October 31, 2018 follows: \$139,829.80.

Please consider donating to our endowment by using the form included in the newsletter. One may also donate online. It is a perfect opportunity to secure lifetime dues and/or honor or memorialize someone special. We thank you for your ongoing generosity and believing in the future leaders of tomorrow.

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE JUNE JUBILEE THIS YEAR

Sponsored by Cal Poly University Development, June Jubilee will be on Sunday, June 2, 2019 this year. Save this date for an opportunity to reacquaint with old friends and create new friendships with other retired faculty and staff.

WHO, WHEN, WHERE

Art Duarte (Agribusiness) visited the Kahana area of Maui and observed significant beach front erosion due to the rise in sea level.

Esther Iglesias (Graphic Communications) still makes jam and travels as far as her dialysis allows. She keeps in touch with family, friends and her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Goro Kato (Mathematics) spent ten weeks in Japan vacationing and giving mathematics lectures at four major universities.

Don Morris (Education) recently competed at the Nevada Senior Games in Las Vegas and shot 20 out of 25 free throws, six 3-pointers, and a hot-shot score of 28, bettering his last year's scores when he was only 87.

George Murray (Metallurgical Engineering) is now living in a Senior Residence to be near his daughter.

James Neelands (School of Science and Math) travels and visits family.

Marje Rich (wife of Glenn Rich deceased Agricultural Engineering) celebrated her 97th birthday on Christmas day, 2018. She still keeps up with old friends like **Glen and Marion Salo (Agricultural Engineering)** who also have retired to Grants Pass. A granddaughter, Hailey Rich, graduated from Cal Poly in June.

FRIENDS IN PASSING

Wallace Edward English (Industrial Technology) passed away in December. He taught at Cal Poly for five years after 21 years of distinguished service in the Air Force. After his time at Cal Poly he moved to Cuesta College and was the Division Chairman for Engineering and Technology for 23 years.

Sandra "Sauny" Dills (English) passed away in December in Eugene, Oregon. Sauny found it both challenging and fulfilling to work with her students. She was very talented and creative in designing and making wearable art.

James H. Maul (Architecture) died in October. While teaching architecture at Cal Poly, he continued a successful and extensive environmental architecture career with projects throughout San Luis Obispo County.

Daniel "Dan" Lassanske (Environmental Horticulture) passed away in October. His enthusiasm for plants earned him the nickname, "The Heart of the Hort" and he was an enthusiastic coach and advisor for Cal Poly's award-winning landscape teams.

Howard Steinberg (Mathematics) passed away in November. While teaching, he also oversaw the Graduate Math Program and kept in contact with some of his former students. After retirement, he started a new career in photography and received many awards over the years.

DUES AND NEWS FORM

Stay up-to-date with fellow retirees by filling out the application below today.

To pay annual dues for 2018-2019, enclose your \$10 check payable to Cal Poly RF&SC. For a Life Membership, make your \$250 check payable to the Cal Poly Foundation. The entire \$250 will be added to the Retired Faculty and Staff Centennial Scholarship endowment. Dues are from July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2019. If you have questions about your dues, please call Gail Simmons at (805) 462-9148. Please print clearly and mention the department or unit from which you retired.

If you have any membership questions, please contact Gail Simmons at 805-462-9148 or gsimmons@calpoly.edu.

DUES AND NEWS FORM

Name _____ Spouse's name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____ Email address _____

Check here if you do not have email and need to have the newsletter mailed to you.

Year you began at Cal Poly _____ Position/Department _____

Faculty _____ Staff _____ Year retired _____ Today's Date _____

Please share some of what you are doing in retirement.

Mail the above form and check to: **Gail Simmons, 4615 San Vicente Ave., Atascadero, CA 93422**

Please help us update our files by providing your current contact information

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Name: _____

Address: _____

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City/State

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Dept./College: _____

Please detach and return to:

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University Development

Attn: Cal Poly Retired Faculty and Staff

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San Luis Obispo, CA 93407

Centennial Scholarship Donation Form

Please accept my donation to the Cal Poly Retired Faculty and Staff Centennial Scholarship Endowment. A \$250 donation enables you to become a life member of the Cal Poly Retired Faculty and Staff Club. You may also wish to make a donation in honor or in memory of someone.

Enclosed is my contribution of: ___ \$1,000 ___ \$500 ___ \$250 ___ \$100 ___
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EXPLORE THE NEW WEBSITE

Members and friends are invited to explore the RFS Club website at <http://www.cpretirees.org/> Also, you may access the website by going to <http://calpoly.edu> and go to R under the A-Z index and then select Retired Faculty and Staff Club. There is an opportunity to provide direct input by filling out a brief questionnaire. We welcome your ideas and suggestions.

FROM THE EDITOR

If you have a short article, remembrance of a significant person, or event from your time at Cal Poly, please submit the article and I will include it in our next newsletter. Please email your article to: bciesielski@msn.com or you can mail it to me at: 1221 San Carlos Drive, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401.

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