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LETTER FROM CAL POLY PRESIDENT JEFFREY D. ARMSTRONG

It is my pleasure to be able to address you through your newsletter because of what you have done in the past and continue to do. It is because of your efforts and continued involvement that the university continues to be a renowned world class university. I am very much aware and appreciative of all you are doing through teaching, advising, mentoring, and donations to the campus. Your generosity and support help Cal Poly to continue its excellence while growing to be even better.

I want to especially thank you on behalf of our students for your generous scholarships which enable them to not only learn by doing, but to learn by your example of commitment and caring. Each year the scholarship recipients seem to exceed expectations with their exemplary presentations and success.

It is also my pleasure to be able to express a token of our appreciation for your efforts through the June Jubilee and the support of your other activities. It is my privilege to be able to touch base with so many of you at the Jubilee while providing an opportunity for you to be with your colleagues.

It is my hope that the activities supported by Cal Poly provide additional opportunities for you to interact with one another, and also to remain current on all things Cal Poly. Although my wish for you is that you are enjoying your retirement and well-deserved “time off”, I also look forward to your continued involvement and ongoing participation in campus events. Your insight and shared wisdom and talents not only help us with current efforts and challenges, but also make us better able to accomplish future goals.

Thank you again for your continued commitment and for always remaining Cal Poly Proud.

Go Mustangs!

Jeff Armstrong
President

JOE GRIMES AND BILL KELLOGG MEETING WITH PRESIDENT ARMSTRONG AND VICE PRESIDENT EWING

By Joe Grimes

The meeting was excellent and may be the first time in recent years that such a meeting has occurred. Matthew Ewing is the new Vice President of Development and CEO of the Cal Poly Foundation and his unit directly supports RFSC. The president and vice president were eager to hear what we had to say and improve the good things that are already happening. Our focus was built around “What RFSC has done for the university in the past and could do better in the future” and “What the university has done for

RFSC in the past and could do better in the future.” The plan is for all to review in the future the discussions and take action. One RFSC board recommendation was to provide a visible physical location recognizing emeritus faculty and staff. One possibility would be an electronic device providing that recognition in the library after it is renovated.

RETIRED FACULTY AND STAFF FALL LUNCHEON – UNIVERSITY’S NEWSEST RESIDENT HALL

On **Wednesday, November 28**, we will be meeting for a luncheon and program featuring the university’s newest resident hall.

DATE: Wednesday, November 28, 2018
WHERE: Performing Arts Center Lobby (Building 6)
TIME: 11:30 a.m.
COST: \$16.00/person

Reservations are required. Please RSVP to Barbara Ciesielski by November 21, 2018, to 805-543-7429 or bciesielski@msn.com. The program will also feature a walking tour through the new residence hall facility.

Parking: Several reserved parking spots will be available at the Performing Arts Center parking structure (Parking Lot G5). These spots should be used by those challenged to walk a great distance from the parking lot to the PAC lobby.

In recognition of the Indigenous peoples of San Luis Obispo, Cal Poly proudly named the new residential community, yakʔitʔutʔu, which means “our community” in the yak titʔu titʔu yak tiʔhini Northern Chumash language.

Dedicated in honor of Cal Poly’s relationship with the Northern Chumash, this student housing complex features seven residential halls named after yak titʔu titʔu yak tiʔhini Northern Chumash sites throughout the Central Coast region. Together, the university and Indigenous people of San Luis Obispo will serve to educate future generations of Cal Poly students and local residents.

Yakʔitʔutʔu opened fall quarter and houses 1,475 first-year students in seven residence halls. This new complex is located at the Grand Avenue entrance to campus and is right across the street from the Yosemite and Sierra Madre Residence Halls.

The yakʔitʔutʔu residential community includes a new Welcome Center, an adjacent parking structure, large open spaces for outdoor activities, an amphitheater, a café, community rooms, and ample bike parking. Multiple Residential Learning Communities are housed in yakʔitʔutʔu's seven residence halls, which vary in size from three to five stories and provide double- and quad- occupancy. With the completion of this new facility, the university now houses nearly 8,000 students on campus.

EXCITING ACTIVITIES AT CAL POLY

By Joe Grimes

In the fall convocation, President Armstrong continued to emphasize “Learn by Doing” and Innovation with the important role that inclusivity plays in accomplishing it. A major announcement was the plan to implement the “Opportunity Fee” at <https://opportunitygrant.calpoly.edu/> .

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

College of Agriculture, Food, and Environmental Sciences: In May, ground was broken for the Cal Poly Center for Wine and Viticulture. In June the new Oppenheimer Family Equine Center was unveiled. <https://cafes.calpoly.edu/cultivate-summer-2018>

College of Architecture and Environmental Design: Cal Poly's Architectural Engineering (ARCE) Department has earned the 2018 American Society of Civil Engineers Walter LeFevre Award, recognizing the program's efforts to promote the highest professional standards in licensures, ethics and professionalism. <https://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/newsreleases/2018/april/arcenationalaward>

College of Engineering: Amy S. Fleischer has been appointed Dean. An Ambassador to Computer Science, Zoë Wood wins statewide award for innovation, teaching and recruitment efforts. <https://engineering.calpoly.edu/ambassador-computer-science>

College of Liberal Arts: Kathryn Rummell has been appointed Interim Dean, Future Expressive Technology Studios. 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. <https://cla.calpoly.edu/expressive-technology-studios>

Orfalea College of Business: For the sixth consecutive year, Cal Poly teams placed in the top three at the Institute of Packaging Professionals (IoPP) event. <https://www.cob.calpoly.edu/newsevents/cal-poly-packaging-and-design-students-shine-at-ameristar-student-packaging-competition-once-again/>

College of Science and Mathematics: Physics Professor, Stephanie Wissel won the Prestigious National Science Foundation CAREER Award. <http://www.cosam.calpoly.edu/physics-professor-wins-prestigious-national-science-foundation-career-award>

RETIRED FACULTY AND STAFF TRIP TO FRESNO GARDENS, OCTOBER 17, 2018

Our Fresno trip to tour the gardens is going to happen. We have a few seats remaining as we go to press and want to extend the opportunity to others, including friends not associated with Poly. This will be a tour of the Forestiere Underground Gardens and Shinzen Japanese Friendship Garden and a Teppan-Yaki lunch. The cost is \$75 per person and includes lunch (drinks not included) and tickets to gardens. Please RSVP to Gail Simmons at 805-462-9148 or gsimmons@calpoly.edu. Gail will give you her address for sending the payment when you RSVP. **RSVP and check should be to Gail no later than October 10, 2018.** Attendees may also let Gail know if they want to be picked up at the K-Mart parking lot in either Arroyo Grande or the K-Mart parking lot in Atascadero instead of the Performing Arts Center at Cal Poly.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR MAY MEETING AT THE LIBRARY

The RFSC event of May 16, 2018, included presentations on the Kennedy Library renovation, Special Collections update and a new exhibit called "Building the Cal Poly Campus." The Special Collections exhibit showcased artifacts from the University Archives that revealed the evolution and expansion of the Cal Poly campus and featured work created by current students. A presentation of the plans for a \$50 million renovation of the library that will close the library for two years now planned to start in summer of 2019 was provided. The attendees were appreciative of this high-quality informative meeting. The library hosted this event and provided refreshments.

The library would appreciate it if retired faculty and staff would contact them to provide historical information that could be placed in the archives.

RETIRED FACULTY AND STAFF CENTENNIAL SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

By Laura Dimmitt

The June Jubilee luncheon provided a wonderful opportunity to meet and hear from the RFS Centennial Scholarship recipients Eric Cuellar, Mechanical Engineering major, and Alexis Caraveo, Philosophy major. With grace beyond their years, each student confidently spoke of their personal journey to Cal Poly. Additionally, we learned of their busy freshman year experiences. A truly impressive duo, the audience clearly enjoyed their presence.

The RFS Centennial Scholarship Endowment 2017-18 fiscal year closing figures at June 30, 2018, are as follows:

Principal Balance	\$110,131.68
<u>Spending Reserve</u>	<u>+ 40,364.62</u>
Fair Market Value	\$150,496.30

Please consider donating to our endowment by using the form later in the newsletter. It is a perfect opportunity to secure lifetime dues and/or honor or memorialize someone. Future Cal Poly students reap the benefits of your generosity!

WHO, WHEN, WHERE

Jean Degnan (Agribusiness) says "Hello to all."

Joe Grimes (Computer Engineering) and his wife, **Mary**, spent six weeks this summer traveling by car in the northeast United States and Joe will again teach a CTLT Poly course.

Ken Palmer (Education) spends his time in travel, British sports car restoration and home remodeling.

Bill Richardson (Journalism) is doing some metaphysical RVing.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY

Don Morris, long-time member of RFSC and our Membership Enhancement officer, reminds us that 58 years ago, on October 29, 1960, the Cal Poly football team plane crashed and burned upon take off near Toledo, Ohio, after playing nearby Bowling Green State University. Sixteen Mustang football players, the student manager, a member of the Mustang Booster Club, and four others perished that October 29.

On Wednesday, October 3, Dr. Gil Stork, retired President of Cuesta College, and a surviving football player riding on the plane, will be the guest speaker for the October monthly dinner at the Estrella Warbirds Museum in Paso Robles. He will explain how the aircraft accident influenced his life.

No host bar begins at 6 p.m. and dinner begins at 7 p.m. The cost is \$20/person. Don Morris has made

arrangements for those who would like to attend this presentation. To make reservations for the dinner, please contact Michel Levine, Public Information Officer, Estrella Warbirds Museum & Woodland Auto Display at melvine190@chaerter.net or (805) 712-8326. The museum is located at Paso Robles Municipal Airport and the address is 4251 Dry Creek Road, Paso Robles, CA 93446.

FRIENDS IN PASSING

Al Amaral (Cal Poly Foundation) passed away in August. Al graduated from Cal Poly in 1965 and returned three years later to teach agriculture management. He left the department to take over the helm of the Cal Poly Foundation where he remained for the next 28 years until his retirement. Al served as president of the Auxiliary Organization Association in 1977 and in 1989 he was CAFES Honored Alumnus and received the Outstanding Staff Employee award in 1986. He and his wife, Rose, established the Al and Rose Amaral Ag Enterprise Endowment to benefit future generations of Cal Poly students.

Lloyd "Bud" Beecher (History) died in July. He began his career at Cal Poly in 1969 as a history professor and retired after 32 years at Cal Poly. While at Cal Poly he received the Distinguished Teaching Award. After retirement, Bud went on to have a second career as a Marriage and Family Therapist for 15 years.

John Bullaro (Recreation, Parks and Tourism) passed away in July. He completed his teaching career at Cal Poly (1993 until 2009) after teaching for the Leisure Studies Department at California State University, Northridge. While there he developed one of the first commercial recreation courses taught at the university level. John considered his time at Cal Poly to be the highlight of his professional career.

David George (Political Science) died in May. He spent a year at the CSU Chancellor's Office developing and implementing the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences to be used by professors in the CSU system. He came to Cal Poly in 1970 where he remained until his retirement in 2005. He challenged conventional thinking and encouraged excellence in research.

Richard K. Dickey (Electrical Engineering) died in July. He taught for 30 years at Cal Poly retiring in 1986.

Daniel Howard-Greene (President's Office) passed away in June. He served as Chief of Staff under President Emeritus Warren J. Baker and provided transition support between President Baker, Acting-President Glidden, and President Jeffrey Armstrong.

Alberto Jiménez (Mathematics) died in August. He began a second career at Cal Poly after working for IBM and several start-ups in the Silicon Valley. He taught everything from calculus to numerical analysis for 12 years until finally retiring in 2011.

James Kalathil (Physics) died in January. He began his career at Cal Poly in 1965 and retired in 1998. He was very involved in teaching introductory physics sequences and atmospheric physics.

Richard Kranzdorf (Political Science) died in April. Before beginning his Cal Poly career, Richard joined the Peace Corps and traveled in Africa teaching journalism and piano at the University of Nigeria for two years. After additional education, he began teaching at Cal Poly in 1971 and retired in 2008.

Donald McCaleb (Public Affairs) passed away in April in Colorado Springs. He retired in 1991 after 30 years at Cal Poly. After retirement he continued to volunteer with various organizations and became the historian for the Blues Baseball team.

Jean Marie "Jeanie" McDill (Mathematics) passed away in December. Jeanie taught at Cal Poly from 1973 until 2006 and was one of the first women to teach in the department. Starting in the early 1990s

she worked with other early adopters of instructional technology to create interactive software tools for visualizing differential equations and business calculus.

Billy Mounts (Health Services) passed away in August. He served as Director of Health Services at Cal Poly and was a member of the Academic Senate. He was active in the local medical community serving in various medical organizations.

John Rogers (Statistics) died in March. He taught Statistics for 33 years and was active in the SLO Bike Club for many years.

Kim Shank (Cal Poly Corporation and University Store) passed way in May. During her career she helped promote the Cal Poly brand and most recently was the general merchandise manager for the University Store and Cal Poly Downtown.

Claude Walbert, Jr. (Audio-Visual) died in July. He was a published author of a variety of short stories.

DUES ARE DUE FOR THE NEW YEAR

Remember to pay your dues for the 2018-2019 year, which started July 1, 2018. See the form below.

Dues and News Form

Stay up-to-date with fellow retirees by filling out this application 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.

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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**

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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.

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Explore the New Website!

Members and friends are invited to explore the RFS Club website at <http://www.cpretirees.org/>
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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