Valedictorian and Physics Student Tharindu Jayasinghe: Seeing His Future in the Stars

Growing up curious about the world outside his window in Sri Lanka, 8-year-old Tharindu Jayasinghe would patiently wait for the slow internet dial-up connection to finally connect so he could look through hundreds of space images. He would spend hours poring over Hubble Space Telescope images and share all his newfound knowledge with his elementary class.

Come see him speak at the 2017 College of Science Commencement - June 11 - Sunday at 3:00 pm
Read more here

Two Cal Poly Pomona Students Make Strong Showing at CSU Research Competition

Cole Frazier earned second place in the Graduate Biological Sciences category at the 31st Annual California State University Student Research Competition at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo on April 29.

Read more here

The 2nd Annual SEES & LSAMP Scholarship Awards Reception

Congratulations to our award-winning LSAMP Scholars: Jonathan Zapata received the Dr. Barbara Burke; Jordan Berry, Summer Blanco received SEES awards; and Ashley De Luna won the Dr. Paul Hiemenz award. In attendance were President Coley, Provost Alva, former director Dr. Hiemenz, Dean Baski and Dean Ontiveros.
Students Presented More than 80 Posters at the 12th Annual Research Symposium Last Week

Faculty Achievements

Distinguished Teaching Award

Congratulations to Dr. Edward Jo of Kinesiology and Health Promotion on receiving the College of Science 2016-2017 Distinguished Teaching Award. Dr. Jo won for his contributions to innovative classroom teaching and commitment to mentoring students through research experiences.

Congratulations to Dr. Yan Liu, Assistant Professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, won Outstanding Faculty of the Year from the Pan-Asian Graduation Celebration.

Congratulations to Laurie Starkey, Professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, for receiving the Outstanding Faculty Award from the Veterans Resource Center.

Congratulations to Patrick Kidd (BIO lecturer), Sing Leung (MAT lecturer), Subhash Malakar (MAT lecturer), Bala Mudunuri (MAT lecturer), O. David Mylander (PHY lecturer), and James Rego (CHM professor) on their Emeritus status. We appreciate their university service and contributions to the university.
Student Achievements

GRFP Fellowship Awarded

Congratulations to Marina De León, a Cal Poly Pomona graduate student studying Biology, for receiving the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP) Fellowship for the next five years while getting her PhD. Dr. Wei-Jen Lin, pictured right, is her faculty mentor.

President's Kellogg Discovery Awards

Congratulations to three science students who were recognized at President's Kellogg Discovery Fellows on Friday, May 12. The students were Hector Alarcon, Jomel Aquino Fragante and Nektary Telep Blizzard, Riot Games, and Obsidian came to speak to interested gamers at the Student Game Development Alliance (SGDA) Conference on Saturday, May 20. The Computer Science's student club Game Design & Development Club hosted the event.

Check out the talks here

Congratulations to SEES student and Biotechnology major, Carlos Gomez, for being elected 2017-2018 ASI Vice President for the Cal Poly Pomona student body.

College of Science News

Dr. Bonisoli Alquati's TEDxCPP Talk on April 27

Explore Chernobyl with Dr. Andrea Bonisoli Alquati as he explains the effects that radiation has on a territory and the surrounding ecosystem.

Watch it here
Mich Hamlin Gives a TEDxCPP Talk on April 27

Growing up as a homeless youth, Mich Hamlin explains how the love and mentorship of those around him encouraged him to persevere.

Watch it here

Charter Local Edition with Cal Poly Pomona Professor Dr. Jill Adler-Moore

Charter Local Edition Host Brad Pomerance interviews Cal Poly Pomona Professor Dr. Jill Adler-Moore about her discovery of a drug to fight fungal infection with minimal toxicity and the importance of research in education.

Watch it here

Cal Poly Pomona’s Computer Science Department hosted its first So Cal High School Student Programming Contest (HSPC) on May 20th. HSPC brought over 90 talented high school students from throughout Southern California to participate in an organized competition. Congratulations to Sabrina Tseng of Diamond Bar High School for winning first place.

NBC’s Angie Crouch’s Mich Hamlin story was nominated for a SoCal Journalism Award. Go Mich!

Read it here

New Publications


Faculty who have recently published articles are encouraged to share their work by emailing citation information to jmhidalg@cpp.edu.

New Grants


2017 SPICE Awards

Innovative Approaches to Instruction
BioTrek Curriculum-Based Interdisciplinary Learning Resource Project, Francisca Herrera (BIO)
Creation of Problem-Based Learning Activity Repository for Organic Chemistry, Laurie Starkey (CHM)
Quiz Hero: A Cloud-Based Quiz Tournament System for Improving In-Class Quiz Engagement, Yu Sun (CS)

Modernize Classroom Equipment
Laboratory Modernization for Teaching Crystallography, Lisa Alex (CHM)
Acquisition of Modern HPLC Instrument for Inquiry Based Analytical Labs, Lisa Alex (CHM)
Acquiring Physical Robots to Enhance Student Learning in Real World Applications, Daisy Tang (CS)

2017 – 2018 Provost's Teacher-Scholar Award

Dr. Nancy Buckley (BIO) Dr. Jonathan Nourse (GSC)
Dr. Doug Durrant (BIO) Dr. Michael Liang (KHP)
Dr. Joan Leong (BIO) Dr. Alan Krinik (MAT)
Dr. Erin Questad (BIO) Dr. Stacy Musgrave (MAT)
Dr. Bharti Sharma (BIO) Dr. Jennifer Switkes (MAT)
Dr. Jayson Smith (BIO) Dr. Robin Wilson (MAT)
Dr. Andrew Steele (BIO) Dr. Nina Abramzon (PHY)
Dr. Angel Valdes (BIO) Dr. Matthew Povich (PHY)
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June 5-9th: Spring 2017 Final Exams
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