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On the cover: A local grade school group visits the AGRIscapes Educational Outreach Center and learns about how artichokes grow, among many other things.

Bee Science is STRONG! This class has been restructured to include urban agriculture and meet the growing interest in apiary science.

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MESSAGE *FROM THE DEAN*

Lisa Kessler, Interim Dean
Huntley College of Agriculture

It is my honor to serve as interim dean of this wonderful Huntley College of Agriculture. I am excited and will work to make a positive impact.

In fact, making a positive impact is what our college is all about. We make a difference in the lives of our students. We are all interested in student success, whether it's transforming a room into a center where they can meet with a career advisor or providing opportunities to travel and engage in hands-on learning. Just this year, students traveled to Costa Rica, Thailand, London, and Northern California, and there will be more such trips in the future.

But we also have an impact beyond our campus. This issue of AGRIcolumn focuses on how our faculty, staff, and students are reaching out to surrounding communities to share our knowledge and skills, whether it's providing blankets to newborns, teaching families about nutrition, educating children about horses, or advising budding urban farmers. We have a positive impact on the lives of many outside our campus, from their diets, pets and gardens to their clothing, lives and the greater economy. It's part of our university's strategic plan, which calls for students to learn by engaging the community, helping address local and region needs, and improve the well-being of communities.

It's also a chance to tell our story to many in Southern California who may know little about the fashion industry, nutrition, and agriculture; about what we are doing in these areas; and about the many career opportunities available. We want to bring change that improves the lives of people not just locally, but also throughout the state.

We invite you to share your thoughts and ideas with us and join this endeavor. Together we can grow the future!

Sincerely,

Lisa Kessler

Lisa Kessler, DrPH, RD
Interim Dean, Don B. Huntley College of Agriculture

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HOLZ-CLAUSE DEPARTURE; INTERIM APPOINTMENTS

The Huntley College of Agriculture went through some major changes this year with the departure of Dean Mary Holz-Clause, who left to become chancellor at the University of Minnesota-Crookston.

Associate Dean Lisa Kessler was named the interim dean by Provost Sylvia Alva. Professor Peter Kilduff, chair of the Department of Apparel Merchandising & Management, was named the interim associate dean.

Associate Professor Muditha Senanayake was named AMM's interim chair.

NEW STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER

Students in the Huntley College of Agriculture now have a place where they can get advice, study or work on team projects.

The old AGREES Center in Building 2 was remodeled into the Student Success Center, which offers students a place to meet with peer advisors, veterans ambassadors or the college's full-time professional advisor, Nami Mendenhall. They can also use the center to study, engage in group discussions or work on projects.

The goal is to improve students' four- and six-year graduation rates, especially among underrepresented minorities, whose success rates lag behind the campus averages.

John and Shirley Resich with their new horse, CP En Vogue, they purchased for their grandchildren at the auction.

RECORD SALES SET AT AHC

The W.K. Kellogg Arabian Horse Center shattered records at its Third Annual Production Sale in August. The center sold eleven Arabian horses during the online auction, grossing $126,250. That broke the 2015 record of nearly $75,000 for 18 horses.

CP Helios, a yearling colt, sold for $56,250, breaking the record for the highest sales price for an individual horse. The previous record of $26,000 was set in 2015 by CP Charmming Notions.

BELOVED LLAMA PASSES AWAY

Cal Poly Pomona lost one of the most popular figures on campus, Midge the Llama, who died in July of natural causes. She was 20 – a ripe old age for a llama.

For the past three years, Midge helped protect the Department of Animal & Veterinary Sciences' sheep and goats from the coyotes that roam the nearby hills. She quickly became a favorite among the students for her quirky appearance, with leaves often coating her woolly flanks or prancing through the fields.

The department is accepting donations to help acquire another llama or llamas in December this year, and everyone who donates can propose a name for the llama. Tax-deductible donations can be mailed c/o Professor Broc Sandelin, Department of Animal & Veterinary Sciences, 3801 W. Temple Ave., Pomona, CA 91768.

Checks should be payable to the Cal Poly Pomona Foundation. All funds will go toward the purchase and care of the llama. For more information, please contact Professor Sandelin at basandelin@cpp.edu.

Midge at her post as protector of the herd.

Thank You

A special shout out goes to our Pumpkin Festival sponsors!

This year's event held on October 7 and 8 was a huge success! More than 45,000 people attended the two-day festival full of educational and FUN activities for the public. The pumpkin patch, corn maze, and some activities stayed open through the entire month.

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FROM GREAT MINDS COME *Great Wines*

Cal Poly Pomona's latest Horsehill Vineyards vintage, a 2016 Zinfandel rosé, received Gold Medal recognition at the 2017 Los Angeles International Wine Competition this spring.

The annual event showcases the finest domestic and international vintages and is widely considered one of the most prestigious in the country. This year, 3,002 wines were received from 990 producers in 17 countries, and 661 submissions received Gold Medals.

Horsehill Vineyards is a partnership between Cal Poly Pomona's Don B. Huntley College of Agriculture, The Collins College of Hospitality Management and South Coast Winery in Temecula.

Bottles of wine can be purchased at the Cal Poly Pomona Farm Store and the Restaurant at Kellogg Ranch.

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Spring Harvest Dinner

A WONDERFUL EVENING FOR ALL

The Huntley College of Agriculture honored two leaders of the California agriculture industry on April 22 at its Third Annual Spring Harvest Dinner.

Former California State Food and Agriculture Secretary A.G. Kawamura and attorney George Soares received the Jim Hicks Agricultural Achievement Award from the college.

The award is given to individuals for their accomplishments on behalf of agriculture. It is named after businessman Jim Hicks, a longtime supporter of agriculture education who was the inaugural recipient in 2015.

**Save the date for the 2018 Spring Harvest Farm to Table Event on April 14.*

OC STUDENTS TO BENEFIT FROM LARGE GIFT

The Orange County Farm Bureau has given $165,000 to the Huntley College of Agriculture at Cal Poly Pomona to help with scholarships and fellowships.

The bureau will give $20,000 a year over five years to establish fellowships for undergraduate agricultural students from Orange County. Under these fellowships, students will receive a stipend toward working on farms or traveling abroad to learn more about agriculture.

The remaining $65,000 will go toward an endowment that will provide scholarships for agricultural students from Orange County.

In addition to being from Orange County, the students must study agribusiness, plant science or agricultural science to qualify for the fellowship and scholarships.

THE *Grande* COFFEE EXPERIMENT

The Department of Plant Science planted 13 different varieties of coffee on campus earlier this year as part of a research project to see which types can tolerate the range of temperatures in the Pomona area.

It will take at least three years before the coffee trees are mature enough to bear fruit to make a cup of coffee, says Valerie Mellano, professor and plant science department chair.

A tropical plant, coffee is generally grown under other plants because it does not tolerate frost and requires shelter and shade. However, California farmers are already growing coffee in Santa Barbara and San Diego counties.

Students are involved in the project, measuring tree growth, weeding, mulching, fertilizing, and irrigating the coffee plants.

The project also will explore processing the coffee berries so they can be consumed as fruit.

ENGAGING COMMUNITY

SPREADING EDUCATION AND GOODWILL

In ways both big and small, the Huntley College of Agriculture has made community outreach an essential element of what it does.

"We have a lot of knowledge and skills to offer surrounding communities," said Lisa Kessler, Huntley College's interim dean. "And it's a great way to engage the public in agriculture and begin to educate them on where its food and clothing come from and how they are produced and distributed."

Community Outreach Goes Back To Our Roots

Long before his winter ranch in Pomona became a university campus, W.K. Kellogg was doing community outreach. The breakfast cereal magnate bred Arabian horses on the ranch and held horse shows for the public to display the animals. The shows drew Hollywood stars, and some of the horses appeared in Hollywood films. When the Kellogg Foundation donated the ranch to the state of California in 1949, it stipulated that the California State University must maintain the Arabian horse breed and continue the horse shows.

Today, the Sunday Horse Shows draw about 2,000 people to the W.K. Kellogg Arabian Horse Center during the academic year. Students and staff conduct the training and handling of the horses for the show.

The shows display the versatility and qualities of the Arabian horse, said center Director Jeanne Brooks. The show entertains the public, piques their interest in the breed, and educates them about what goes into training and caring for these horses.

The horse center is also open to the public for self-guided tours during the week. Horse lovers can see the magnificent Arabians roaming the pastures or resting in their stalls.

The AGRIscapes Center is another facility in the college that opens its doors for public outreach programs. Covering 20 acres, the center opened in 2001 specifically to provide educational outreach programs for the public. It includes the Farm Store, the Plant Science Nursery, fields, orchards, vineyards, and exhibition space.

AGRIscapes is home to the annual Pumpkin Festival, which the college started in 1991. From its humble beginnings as a small event in a now developed field, the festival has grown over the past 25 years to draw about 45,000 people to the fields at AGRIscapes over an October weekend.

The festival features a lot of fun activities, including picking pumpkins, a corn maze, a petting farm, horse rides, hay rides, a farmers market, live music, games, food, and seed-spitting and pie eating contests.

Visitors also learn about agriculture at the festival. The event includes demonstrations of traditional farming activities such as soap making, cow milking, and beekeeping. For the first time, the college set up exhibits that showcase some of the work it does. For example, one exhibit highlighted the college's work on studying the Asian citrus psyllid, which spreads a disease that has decimated Florida citrus crops and threatens California citrus.

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Our mission is to spread our knowledge through outreach with the community, alumni, and industry leaders

ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY

Sowing Seeds: Finding Future Industry Leaders

Developing the future leaders of the agriculture, food, and fashion industries is part of the Huntley College of Agriculture's mission. But the college first needs to cultivate prospective students.

For the past nine years, the college's Recruitment & Retention Office has served on the steering committee of Ag Day LA, an ag literacy event for third and fourth graders in Los Angeles County. More than 1,000 children attend the two-day event at Fairplex, rotating through a series of educational presentations on plants, water, nutrition, sheep shearing, bees, and fiber. Fifty-one Cal Poly Pomona students volunteered as docents for the event.

Meanwhile, AGRIscapes hosted some 8,000 local schoolchildren on field trips in 2016-17. During the spring, the children picked strawberries, planted seeds in the Children's Garden, and learned about farming in interactive exercises. In the fall, they picked pumpkins and visited the corn maze. In both seasons, the students met the college's petting farm animals.

Schoolchildren also visit the W.K. Kellogg Arabian Horse Center. One group from a Pomona City Library program read passages from "The Black Stallion" to the horses and learned how to feed and groom them.

The center also holds three, week-long horse camps during the summer in conjunction with the College of Science's Discovery Camps. Forty-eight children ages 10 to 16 learned how to groom, feed, and ride the horses this past summer.

Sydnie DiLeo of Rialto had never visited the horse center before her parents enrolled her in the camp.

"I've wanted a horse all my life," the 13-year-old said. "I'm pretty sure they thought it would be a great experience for me."

Agribusiness and food industry management students visited fifth and sixth graders at Kellogg Polytechnic Elementary School this year as part of a service-learning course. The ABM students created and facilitated lessons on reducing food waste, which culminated in the students and schoolchildren creating educational posters for the elementary school.

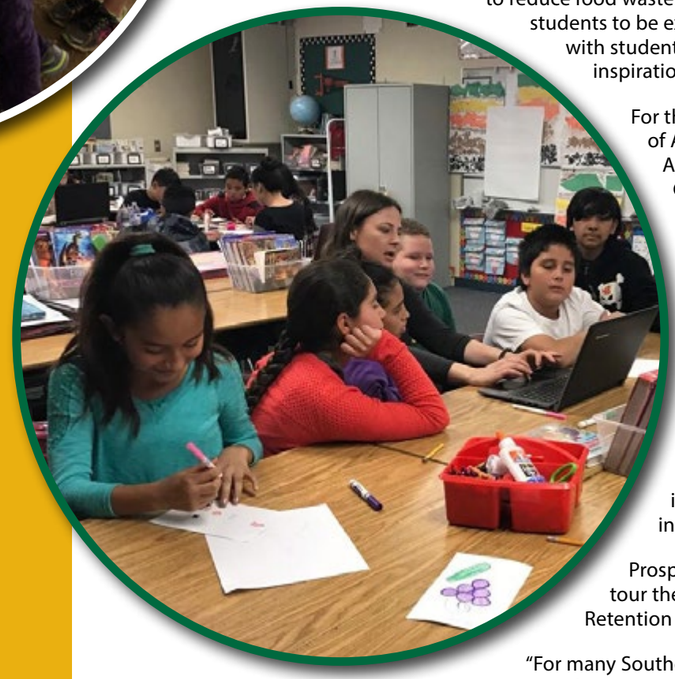
"The posters encouraged the need for reduction in food waste while promoting buying bruised or misshapen produce, composting, saving leftovers, and placing

The college had a strong presence at the LA County Fair

less food on plates as solutions," said Lecturer Dorothy Farias, who taught the course.

Kellogg Principal Rabia Minhas said her schoolchildren learned a lot.

"They understand the importance of recognizing the effects of food waste and are striving to reduce food waste in its many forms," Minhas said. "It's so important for elementary students to be exposed to new ideas and build meaningful relationships with students going to college, creating opportunities for mentoring and inspiration."



For those youth interested in an agricultural career, the Future Farmers of America (FFA) is a great organization, and the Huntley College of Agriculture supports FFA activities. Along with Mt. San Antonio College, the college holds Ag Field Day every spring. More than 700 FFA members from California and Arizona participate annually in the event, which features contests in livestock, nursery and landscaping, vegetable crops, and other subjects. About 100 Cal Poly Pomona students volunteer at the event, while others help facilitate workshops at the annual State FFA Conference.

The college's Ag Ambassadors are student volunteers that travel to college fairs, industry trade shows, high schools and community colleges throughout Southern California to speak about opportunities at Cal Poly Pomona and in the agricultural industry. The team volunteered more than 2,300 hours in 2016-17, interacting with thousands of prospective students, teachers, and industry friends.

Prospective students and their families also can visit the college and tour the campus, AGRIscapes, and the farm, courtesy of the Recruitment & Retention Office.

"For many Southern California students, this is the first time on a farm and seeing crops and livestock up close and personal," said Rhonda Ostrowski, recruitment and retention coordinator. "They always leave with a smile on their face."

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Public Service

Since 2008, an apparel merchandising and management class has engaged in a project every year where the students design and produce a line of baby blankets, mittens, beanies, bibs, feeding covers, diaper changing pads, and other products for donation to the Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center's neonatal unit.

"This is a junior-level apparel production class. They design, develop, and produce the items, using production systems to learn mass production apparel manufacturing," says Muditha Senanayake, associate professor and interim chair of the Department of Apparel Merchandising & Management.

The facility is the second-largest birthing hospital in California, delivering more than 7,000 babies annually.

"It means the world to us as an institution, but more to the families as they are receiving a hand-made keepsake for their baby at no charge," said Tami Barto, the hospital's marketing and communications manager. "We have many women giving birth that are of low income, so the donations from the students are very much appreciated, and they are very grateful."

Human nutrition and food science students also venture out into the community to educate residents about nutrition issues. One of the programs is Estudiante de Dietetica, which trains students how to become culturally competent dietitians and nutritionists serving Spanish-speaking clients. And there's no substitute for hands-on learning experience.

This past year, Estudiante de Dietetica students developed and implemented nutrition education activities for an afterschool program in Upland. The activities taught children about the sugar content in different beverages and the "Choose My Plate" concept, which covers healthy variety and portions of nutritious food. One activity involved making healthy shakes and smoothies with the children.

"These activities are service-learning opportunities for the students," says Aleida Gordon, a human nutrition and food science lecturer and the Estudiante de Dietetica administrator. "They get to practice the knowledge they learned in class."

Janis Rice, a recreation supervisor for the city of Upland, said the information that the students provided was invaluable to the children and their families.

"The children that we have in our after-school program are mostly low income. Their typical meal is running across the street to the 7-Eleven and getting a Slurpee and a hot dog," Rice said. "It helped to bring awareness to families about how important nutritious meals are to kids in schools."

The students also talked about the sugar content of beverages at a Head Start parents' conference in Riverside County.

"Parents benefit from nutrition education whether it is in a group or on an individual basis. In an educational setting, the parents learn from one another and learn that many habits that their children have, others may have similar habits, and this can be reassuring to parents," said Patricia Asevedo, coordinator for the Head Start/Early Head Start programs in Riverside County. "Parents talk to the nutrition students over the phone and ask individualized questions about their child and their feeding issues or seek answers to questions they have always had."

Nutrition students also have spoken about the importance of healthy eating and physical activity to the Boys & Girls Club in Pomona and given one-on-one nutrition education to local residents at a Pomona community health center.

Meanwhile, faculty in the Departments of Plant Science and Animal & Veterinary Science are planning workshops and courses in urban agriculture and beekeeping to interested parties.

Although Los Angeles County is home to more than 10 million people and is known for its sprawling suburbs and freeways, it was the agricultural center of North America until the 1950s, and a growing number of people are interested in urban farming and agriculture.

"People want more control over what they eat. They want fresh, locally grown ingredients, said Val Mellano, professor and chair of the Department of Plant Science. They also want the experience for their kids, so they know where their food comes from.

Another motivation is using water more productively than merely for lawns and landscaping, especially with the drought in recent years, she added. The favorable Southern California climate also means there are year-round growing opportunities.

Urban farmers, educators, nonprofit organizations, school gardeners, and farmers market vendors attended an urban agriculture workshop hosted by the college at AGRIscapes. About 60 people participated in the event, which focused on production issues in urban farms. The workshop was part of a series on urban agriculture that was put on by UC Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Many budding urban farmers aren t familiar with local regulations that may present challenges to crop production. With $120,000 in grants from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the California State University Agricultural Research Institute, Associate Professor Eileen Cullen is developing food safety training designed specifically for urban and community growers.

The grant will also allow the Department of Plant Science to develop a food safety course as part of a new urban and community agriculture minor that will be offered to students starting in the fall semester of 2018.

Beekeeping is another occupation that is gaining popularity. A number of cities have changed regulations to allow beekeeping in residential properties, including Los Angeles. With bee populations struggling amid a mysterious die off, new hives are much needed to help pollinate crops. But many aspiring beekeepers do not have the knowledge to take care of them.

The Huntley College has long offered a bee science class for its students, but it is planning to expand its offerings to include the public. The college hosted a Nov. 11 workshop at AGRIscapes for aspiring and current beekeepers, and there are plans to offer a regular seminar and eventually offer a course through the College of the Extended University.

We can create a collective location where different beekeeping groups in Southern California can have a meeting place, said Mark Haag, a lecturer who is involved in the effort. "For us to have it here at an educational institution will provide many more opportunities.

Already Haag has received donations from beekeeping groups that will help create an apiary and outdoor education center.

This is just another way that the Huntley College of Agriculture can serve as a knowledge center, Interim Dean Kessler said, not just for those in our discipline, but for the public at large.

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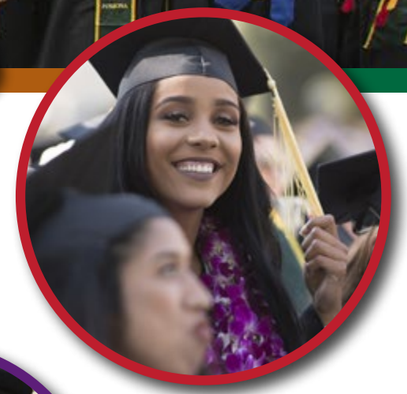

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Assistant Professor, HNFS Department

After serving as a lecturer for five years, David Edens is now an assistant professor. He brings experience from Azusa Pacific University, the Art Institute of California, and Le Cordon Blue College. He earned his doctorate in higher education from Azusa Pacific University.

ERIK FROYEN

Assistant Professor, HNFS Department

Erik Froyen earned his bachelor's degree in nutritional science and biological sciences from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, and his doctorate in nutritional biology from UC Davis. He has served as an adjunct professor at Cal State Northridge and the University of Phoenix.

MELISSA MCCORMICK

Lecturer, AVS Department

McCormick is an alum ('04, animal science) who has earned a post-graduate certificate in veterinary education from the Royal Veterinary College at the University of London and is also working on her master's degree. She has worked at the Santa Margarita Animal Care Center and Canyon Animal Hospital.

CINDY REICH

Herd Breeding Manager, Arabian Horse Center

Cindy Reich was hired in early 2017. She has more than 30 years' experience working with horses in farm management and reproductive programs in both the public and private sectors. She has foaled more than 1,000 mares during her career.

SHARON ELLIS

Recruitment and Retention Assistant

Sharon Ellis comes to us from the Cal Poly Pomona Office of Research, where she helped coordinate grants and contracts for faculty. Previously, she worked for 23 years at Southern California Edison as a system administrator. One of her two children is an animal science major at Cal Poly Pomona.

VERONICA GRANT

AGRIscapes Assistant

Veronica Grant comes to us after working as a sponsorship specialist at the Fairplex. She earned her associate's and bachelor's degrees in communication from Mt. SAC and Cal State Fullerton respectively.

ALAN MOSS

Lecturer, Plant Science Department

Alan Moss is an alumnus ('13, B.S. plant science; '15, M.S. agricultural science-landscape irrigation science) who comes to us from the irrigation design industry. Agricultural education runs in his family: his father was an agriculture teacher in Escondido.

LARA SCHMOISMAN

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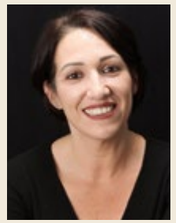
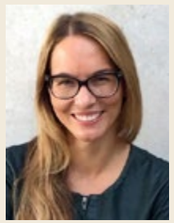


A native of Argentina, Schmoisman moved to Los Angeles and became involved in the production and development of TV, film, advertising, digital, and marketing, collaborating on projects for major domestic and international companies and networks.

ANN-KRISTIN ERDMANN

Lecturer, AMM Department



Ann-Kristin Erdmann has more than eleven years of industry experience in marketing, brand building, and business development. She has worked at Red Bull, Porsche Design, Peak Performance, and does consulting work. She has bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration from universities in Germany.

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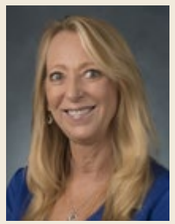
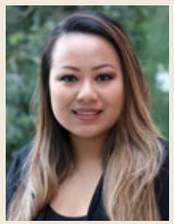
Compliance & Safety Specialist, AVS Department



Holly Greene returned to the Department of Animal & Veterinary Sciences as the compliance and safety specialist. From 1994 to 2015, she worked at the Equine Research Center. For the past two years, she has served as a multi-diverse research technician for the Huntley College of Agriculture.

LILY NGUYEN

Lecturer, AVS Department



Lily Nguyen ('11, animal science) graduated from Iowa State University College of Veterinary Medicine in 2015 and is a small animal general practitioner who has practiced in private and corporate settings. She shares her home with five dogs, three leopard geckos, and a newly rescued Red Eared Slider.

SU JEONG HWANG SHIN

Lecturer, AMM Department

Su Jeong Hwang Shin joins the department from Texas Tech University, where she was an associate professor and program director of apparel design and manufacturing. She earned her doctorate from North Carolina State University.

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NEW *FACULTY & STAFF*

MELISSA WATKINS

Senior Director of Development

Melissa Watkins has been serving in the role of director of development at Cal State Bakersfield and has secured major gifts in the Schools of Natural Sciences, Mathematics, Engineering, and Social Sciences and Education. She brings more than 12 years of fundraising experience in non-profits and higher education.

RUBRIA WILSON

Administrative Coordinator, HNFS Department

Rubria Wilson is a San Gabriel Valley native who graduated from Cal State Fullerton in business administration. She received her juris doctorate from American College of Law. Her background is human resources and public relations. She previously worked on campus in the Housing Department.

HILARY WU

Lecturer, HNFS Department

Hilary C. Wu ('08, food and nutrition; '15, M.S. in agricultural science) is a new lecturer and director of the Didactic Program in Dietetics She has clinical experience from San Antonio Regional Hospital, City of Hope National Medical Center, Front Porch Retirement Communities, and works as a consultant.

RETIREMENTS

LINDA TUCKER

Lecturer, AMM Department

Linda Tucker, a long-time lecturer with the Department of Apparel Merchandising & Management, earned emerita status. Tucker taught at Cal Poly Pomona from Fall 2005 through Spring 2017.

FACULTY & STAFF *ACHIEVEMENTS*

Cord Brundage

Nami Mendenhall

HONORED FOR WORKING WITH STUDENTS IN RESIDENCE HALLS

Assistant Professor Cord Brundage and College Advisor Nami Mendenhall both participated in the College Themed Communities, a University Housing Service program designed to connect the academic experience with residence life. For their efforts they were recognized with Outstanding Partner Awards.

In the program, Huntley College of Agriculture students who live in Cedritos Hall receive educational programming, academic support, and interact with faculty and staff outside of class. It is based on the living-learning community model, which increases student retention and engagement rates.

FIVE GRANTS HELP IMPROVE CLASSROOMS AND PURCHASE EQUIPMENT

Assistant Professor **Cord Brundage** received a $24,985 grant to transform an old lab space near the Sheep Unit.

Assistant Professor **Joanne Sohn** was awarded a $24,895 grant to buy surgery equipment and fixed parasitology slides.

Interim Chair and Associate Professor **Muditha Senanayake** received a grant of $20,345 to purchase an ultrasonic bonding machine that's four times faster than traditional sewing machines. He also procured a second grant of $3,294 towards buying an Activeseam Merrow sewing machine.

Assistant Professor **Saemee Lyu** was awarded a $22,500 grant to buy five more stations for a 3-D virtual garment system.

HNFS LEADS FACULTY, STAFF AWARDS

Bonny Burns-Whitmore, a human nutrition and food science professor was chosen as the Mack H. Kennington Advisor of the Year Award, given to the advisor who does the best quality work in advising students on academics and their career plans.

Assistant Professor Gabriel Davidov-Pardo, also in human nutrition and food science, was chosen as the Teacher of the Year in his second year at Cal Poly Pomona.

The award is given to the teacher who demonstrates caring, the ability to manage the learning process, subject matter competence, zeal for teaching, scholarly writings, development of new curriculum or teaching materials or other contributions.

Frances Loya, the former administrative support coordinator for human nutrition and food science, was chosen for the Staff of the Year Award. The award is given to a staff member who demonstrates caring, good communication skills, initiative, the ability to assist with the learning process and contributions to a department, the college, or university.

The three were honored at the Huntley College of Agriculture's Commencement on June 9.

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HORSE SHOW TEAM NAMED *Champions*

Cal Poly Pomona's Western Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) team won a championship at a Jan. 21-22 horse show in Arizona.

The team was named the IHSA's Zone 8 – Region 2 champions, beating out teams from Arizona State, Cal State Fullerton, Chapman University, the Claremont Colleges, Mt. SAC, Northern Arizona University, University of Arizona, UCLA, UC San Diego, the University of San Diego, and the University of Southern California.

The team is coached by Danielle Stasiewicz; advisors are Jeanne Brooks Abernathy and Marissa Shotwell-Tabke.

STUDENTS TAKE 2nd AT TURF BOWL

For the second year in a row, a team of Cal Poly Pomona students took second place at the Golf Course Superintendent Association of America's Collegiate Turf Bowl Competition.

The team actually tied Penn State for first place during the Feb. 9 competition in during the Golf Industry Show in Orlando, Fla., forcing a tiebreaker. But Penn State emerged as the champion for the second year in a row.

The Cal Poly Pomona team took home $2,000 in prize money. It finished ahead of teams from schools such as Auburn, Michigan State, Nebraska, Maryland and Purdue.

A second Cal Poly Pomona team finished in 24th place out of 58 teams.

The event tests students' knowledge of turf management, including irrigation, water and business management, weeds, diseases, insects and fungicides.

STUDENTS WORK AT TWO DIFFERENT *Championship Games*

Two plant science students in the turf management program had the honor of working at professional sports championships this year.

Oscar Del Real (above), a Van Nuys native and a second-year graduate student, works full-time for the Los Angeles Dodgers grounds crew and helped prepare Dodger Stadium for the World Series, as well as the playoffs and regular season. His duties included mowing the grass, maintaining the visiting team's bullpen, and painting logos on the field.

Meanwhile, Chino Hills native Sean McLaughlin (below) beat out 22 other applicants to The Toro Company's annual Super Bowl Sports Turfgrass Training Program. As a result, he was the only college student in the country to work with the grounds crew to prepare and maintain the practice fields and the field at NRG Stadium in Houston for Super Bowl LI.

CPP LANDSCAPING TEAM TAKES 8TH IN NATIONAL COMPETITION

A Cal Poly Pomona team took eighth place at the 2017 National Collegiate Landscape Competition.

The competition included contests in different landscaping industry skills, including skid steer operation precision tests, arboriculture techniques, races to design 3-D landscape design models, small engine repair contents, and flower, plant and foliage identification quizzes.

BYU won the competition. Cal Poly Pomona finished ahead of teams from schools such as Penn State, University of Georgia, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Kansas State, West Virginia, Mississippi State, Auburn and Virginia Tech.

Sixty teams competed in the three-day contest, March 15-18, at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

HORSE RIDER TAKES 2nd AT NATIONALS

Katelin Garbani, a member of Cal Poly Pomona's equestrian team, took second place in her event at the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association national championships.

An accounting major, Garbani won the Reserve National Championship in Intermediate Western Horsemanship last month at the competition, which was held in Lexington, Ky. She finished in second place out of 12 riders in the event.

AMM STUDENT WINS SCHOLARSHIP

Pachet Bryant, a fashion retailing senior in apparel merchandising and management, has won $5,000 through the Young Menswear Association's Fashion Scholarship Fund.

The prize also included an all-expense paid trip to attend the YMA's Annual Awards Gala at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in New York on Jan. 12.

Student Achievements Continued . . .

CLASS *Valedictorian*

Foods and nutrition student Ellen Tang was selected as the Huntley College of Agriculture's Julian A. McPhee Award recipient. The award honors the valedictorian in the college's graduating class.

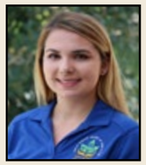
UNDERGRADUATE *Student Leader*

Branden Garner is a senior in agribusiness and food industry management and was named to the Dean's List. He has served as a Cal Poly Pomona student ambassador, giving campus tours to visitors and representing the university at college fairs and events. He also has served as a missionary last summer to Greece and Germany and has led Bible studies at Cal Poly Pomona.

GRADUATE *Student Leader*

Andy Reynaga is a graduate student pursuing a master's degree in agriculture with a sub plan in nutrition and food science who was recently accepted to medical school. Reynaga has worked on a number of research studies, tutored and lectured nutrition students, counseled high school athletes and Hispanic women about nutrition, and is a nutrition and dietetic technician, registered.

STUDENTS JOIN THE *Dean's Council*



Jordan Munday Garris

Viral Shukla

Students Jordan Munday Garris, Viral Shukla, and Barbara Strachan were appointed to the Dean's Council in the spring.

Munday Garris is a third-year student in retail apparel merchandising and management. The Seattle native became interested in fashion while living in Munich in 2010 and hopes to work in the fashion industry.

Shukla is a second-year student who is majoring in food science and technology, with an emphasis in Culinology. He is a native of Pleasanton, Calif., who plans on pursuing a master's degree and possibly a doctorate, toward becoming a research chef.

Barbara Strachan

Born in Argentina, Strachan moved to the United States when she was 17 and spent three years at a community college before transferring to Cal Poly Pomona. She is studying dietetics. She hopes to become a registered dietitian who works as a consultant to companies interested in keeping their employees healthy.

The council includes alumni and representatives from the agricultural, food, and apparel industries who advise the dean of the Huntley College of Agriculture.

WORLDLY *Experience*

DISCOVERING AGRICULTURE IN COSTA RICA

Fourteen Cal Poly Pomona students attended a three-week study abroad course this summer in Costa Rica to learn about tropical sustainable agriculture.

The class was hosted by The Tropical Agricultural Research and Higher Education Center in Turrialba, two hours east of Costa Rica's capital, San José.

Students learned about coffee, bananas, coco and other tropical crops. The students also discussed and debated critical issues in agriculture and sustainable development. They learned directly from the farmers, weeding fields, milking cows, making compost, and pruning groves.

Plant science, agricultural science, agribusiness and food industry management students were joined by environmental biology students from the College of Science in attending the study-abroad class. Aaron Fox, an assistant professor in the plant science department, was the faculty adviser that facilitated the class.

STUDENTS TRAVEL TO THAILAND TO WORK WITH ANIMALS

Thirteen animal health science students from the Huntley College of Agriculture went on a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Thailand this summer to work at an animal shelter and elephant park.

Led by Assistant Professor Joanne Sohn, the group joined a program sponsored by Loop Abroad, an agency that provides students opportunities to study ecology and animal conservation.

The students worked for one week at the Elephant Nature Park, treating elephants for conditions such as landmine injuries and abscesses. They did procedures such as wound treatment, abscess flushing, and foot bandaging. They also followed elephants around to monitor their diet, elimination schedule, and behavior. In addition, students assisted in treating more than 100 cats and numerous dogs in the adjacent shelter.

They spent another week at the Animal Rescue Kingdom Dog Shelter in Chiang Mai, where they practiced their veterinary technician skills by helping to spay and neuter 24 animals, held a village vaccine clinic and treated numerous animals at the shelter.

The students were able to learn about Thai culture by visiting a local monastery for meditation, going to revered Buddhist temples, shopping at local night markets and taking a tuk-tuk ride around the old city.

Distinguished ALUMNI HONORED

Two Huntley College of Agriculture alumni were honored by Cal Poly Pomona for their professional achievements, community service and giving back to the university.

W.B. "Butch" Lindley ('67, agronomy) was honored with the 2017 Distinguished Alumni Lifetime Achievement Award. He is a partner in J & L Farms.

Along with his wife, Vivien, Lindley established the Wilford B. and Vivien Lindley Endowment to benefit the College of Agriculture.

He is a member of the university's Founders' Society and the Kellogg/Voorhis Heritage Society. In addition, Lindley has been a member of the alumni association's Rose Float chapter for more than 40 years.

Richard Frencer ('67, agronomy) received the 2017 Distinguished Alumnus of Huntley College of Agriculture. He spent 30 years working with agricultural consulting firms Union Carbide, Rhone Poulenc AG Co., and Bayer Ag, as well as an independent food production professional. During his career, he earned numerous national awards for outstanding sales.

Lindley and Frencer were among 11 honorees recognized April 28 at the 2017 Distinguished Alumni Awards Ceremony at the Sheraton Fairplex Conference Center. The event was organized by the Cal Poly Pomona Office of Alumni Affairs.

Magazine's top pick for 30 UNDER 30-SOMETHING

FoodService Director magazine has named alum Joshua Iufer ('12, dietetics) to its Top 30 Under 30-something.

Iufer is the director of food and nutrition for Morrison Healthcare at Sutter, Alta Bates Summit Medical Center, Herrick Campus, in Berkeley, Calif. He was published this year by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and guides dietetic interns as a registered dietitian.

Recognized FOR HER SUPPORT

An alumna was honored in April at the Cal Poly Pomona Center for Community Engagement's Reach Beyond Awards for partnering with the university to provide internships.

Suzanne Bryant ('99, foods and nutrition) is an internship coordinator for BakeMark USA.

The company's internship program exposes students to all aspects of product development, including hands-on lab work with company scientists. Interns also are expected to learn and understand what happens to the products post-development and are encouraged to participate in product evaluation and attend executive meetings.

COFFEE AND TEA Entrepreneurs

Two food science alums were featured on the CSU website for their entrepreneurial efforts in opening an Orange County coffee business.

Julie Nguyen and Paul Del Mundo started Contra Coffee & Tea in Orange, Calif. The coffee and tea brewery specializes in making its own brews, which include infusing nitrogen into the drinks as a substitute for dairy. The nitrogen simulates the creaminess of dairy without the calories, fat or flavors.

FIRST WOMAN AS Head of Ag Station

Natalie Goldberg ('83, ornamental horticulture) was appointed as the first woman to head the New Mexico State University Agricultural Experiment Station.

Goldberg is a professor and the extension plant pathologist at NMSU. She also serves as the head of the Extension Plant Science Department.

The Agricultural Experiment Station is a unit of NMSU research scientists at 12 centers around the state. The system supports fundamental and applied science and technology research in the economic, cultural, and social aspects of agriculture, natural resources management, and family issues.

Goldberg also minored in plant pathology at Cal Poly Pomona. She earned her master's degree and doctorate in plant pathology at the University of Arizona.

IN Memoriam

Dr. Bonnita Farmer, a former professor and former chair of the Department of Human Nutrition & Food Science, has passed away from complications from a fall.

Dr. Farmer began teaching at Cal Poly Pomona in September 1979. In addition to teaching and serving as the department chair, she was a founding member of the Beta Psi chapter of Phi Upsilon Omicron, a national honor society in family and consumer sciences. She served as department chair from 1983 to 1990.

Prior to joining Cal Poly Pomona, Dr. Farmer taught as a professor for 11 years at Loma Linda University and was also a cooperative extension specialist while at Purdue University.

She retired from Cal Poly Pomona in 2004.

Henry Cherner, a Los Angeles fashion industry pioneer and a long-time supporter of the Department of Apparel Merchandising & Management, died July 16.

He was 66.

Mr. Cherner was a managing partner of AIMS360, a company based in Los Angeles' Fashion District that created business software for fashion companies. He served on the AMM advisory board since the department was founded in 1997. He also joined the Dean's Advisory Council for the college in 2014.

For the past eight years, Mr. Cherner generously donated his company's Enterprise Resource Planning software to Cal Poly Pomona for students to use in their advanced apparel production lab and senior capstone courses.

Earlier this year, Mr. Cherner expanded the number of students who could use the software from 25 to 50. He also extended its availability to students for the next ten years.

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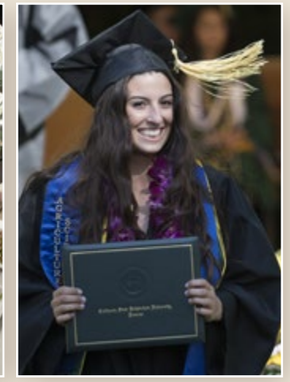

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A little girl enjoys selecting a pumpkin at the 25th annual Pumpkin Festival. In the month of October, the Pumpkin Patch and other attractions such as the Corn Maze, Farm Store, and Petting Zoo hosted over 100,000 people.