

## *History of the College of Engineering*

- 1901 California Polytechnic School established in San Luis Obispo with the philosophic base of *learn by doing*.
- 1907 A Southern Pacific Railroad publication remarked: "California Polytechnic School near San Luis Obispo, where diplomas in usefulness are awarded".
- 1938 Voorhis campus opened near San Dimas; some students transferred from SLO to the new southern branch. Campus enrollment was 110 students.
- 1949 Breakfast cereal magnate W.K.Kellogg deeded his Arabian horse ranch of 813 acres to the State of California. Campus was called *California State Polytechnic College, Kellogg Unit*.
- 1956 Classes began on the Kellogg Campus. Campus enrollment was 550 students.
- 1957-8 Engineering classes began on the Kellogg Campus even though the Engineering center was not complete.
- 1959 Two-story part of Engineering Building 9 was constructed.
- 1960 First 11 students graduated in alphabetical order from Engineering which offered the disciplines of Aeronautical, Electronic, Industrial, and Mechanical Engineering.
- 1961 Women admitted to the Kellogg campus; referred to as "Coeds". Student enrollment was 329 women and 2,436 men.
- 1965 Five-story addition to Engineering Building 9 and Engineering Building 13 constructed. Also "temporary" Engineering Buildings 10, 11, 12, and 14 are constructed and used for over 30 years.
- 1966-7 Kellogg campus became independent of SLO as California's 16th state college. Engineering Division became the School of Engineering.
- 1972 Name changed to *California State Polytechnic University, Pomona*.
- 1983 Minority Engineering Program (MEP) established, with Kay Hudspeth as director, to build diversity in engineering. Program now called Maximizing Engineering Program.
- 1984 Dr. Edward Hohmann becomes dean and establishes an Industry Action Council.
- 1988 The School becomes College of Engineering.
- 1989-94 Cal Poly Pomona Solar Energy Team (CaPSET), led by Dr. Mike Shelton, designs, builds and races solar cars across the USA, Australia, and Japan.
- 1990 Engineering Interdisciplinary Clinic (EIC) created by Dr. Chris Caenepeel to provide real work project experience to small teams of engineering students.
- 1992 Engineering Revitalization Project launched. \$52-million joint public/private effort to renovate, replace and revitalize much of the college's physical facilities, including Buildings 9 and 13.
- 1999 Demolition begins on Buildings 10, 11, 12, and 14; construction begins on Building 17.
- 2000 Project Symposium initiated for all graduating students.
- 2001 Classes held in the newly completed Engineering Laboratory Building 17.
- 2006 Cal Poly Pomona receives \$3.3 million grant from the National Science Foundation to increase the participation and advancement of women faculty in engineering and science.
- 2007 Enrollment in the College of Engineering exceeds 5,000 students; over 20,000 students in the university.
- 2008 Cal Poly Pomona Engineering celebrates 50 years of *hands-on learning*.