Join us at the Cal Poly Recreation Center Main Gym to celebrate *Mustangs Forever!*

This fall, graduates will gather in cap and gown for a high-energy program featuring motivational speeches, new alumni induction, the conferral of degrees, and a spirited closing.

**Saturday, December 9, 2017**

9 a.m.
College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences  
College of Science and Mathematics

1 p.m.
College of Liberal Arts  
Orfalea College of Business

4 p.m.
College of Architecture and Environmental Design  
College of Engineering
Frequently Asked Questions

When can graduating students purchase caps and gowns?
Students can purchase commencement items at the Commencement Fair, located in the University Union Plaza and University Store, on Wednesday, November 8 and Thursday, November 9 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

When will graduates receive their tickets?
Ten tickets (in PDF format) will be sent to graduates’ Cal Poly email addresses in November. Graduates are responsible for ensuring that each of their guests has a printed ticket. Students can request additional tickets on a first-come, first-served basis by visiting www.commencement.calpoly.edu/commencement-tickets

What time should students arrive?
Students must arrive at their college assembly site one hour prior to their ceremony start time.

What time should guests arrive?
Doors will open one hour before ceremony start times. We recommend that all guests be seated 20 minutes before the ceremony begins to witness students entering the gym in a grand processional.

How long will the commencement ceremonies last?
Each main commencement ceremony is expected to last approximately 90 minutes.

Where should guests park?
Guests can park in the Grand Avenue structure and the following lots: H12, H14, and H16.

What resources are available for guests with mobility impairments?
Shuttles for all guests will be available on campus throughout the day. Shuttle routes and pick-up locations will be listed on the Commencement website in fall quarter. Wheelchairs will also be available for guests at no charge. Accessible seating will be available throughout the gym on a first-come first-serve basis. Should guests need any seating assistance, ushers will be available to help.

Where is the post-Commencement celebration located?
Graduates and guests are invited to celebrate in the University Union Plaza directly following each main ceremony where light refreshments will be served.
Dear Mustang Family Member:

*Congratulations on your graduate!*

It probably seems like yesterday that your student moved into the residence hall or embarked on their first Learn by Doing project. In just the blink of an eye, students are preparing for graduation and making important decisions about life after Cal Poly. Commencement is the perfect opportunity to reflect upon your student’s accomplishments and help pay it forward.

Each year, the graduating class donates a special gift to help pave the way for fellow students and create a legacy of its own. In honor of the graduating class of 2017 -- and in the true spirit of *students helping students* -- this year’s senior class gift will support the Cal Poly Cares program. Cal Poly Cares provides much-needed support to deserving students who are unable to afford core needs that are critical to their ongoing success. These needs include food, medicine, books, essential academic supplies, and other emergencies. We encourage every graduate’s family to participate in this special program and leave a lasting legacy for the Class of 2017.

*Please support our students by making a gift in honor of your graduate. Your gift will support the immediate needs of our deserving students.*

You can make a tremendous difference. To make a gift, please visit the Cal Poly Parent Philanthropy website at giving.calpoly.edu/parents and select “Senior Class Gift.”

If you have any questions, please contact Erica A. Stewart, Director of Parent and Student Philanthropy, at erstewar@calpoly.edu or 805-756-7386.

Sincerely,

Patty Vignolo
Chairperson, Mustang Parent Society
Parent to Agricultural Business Undergraduate

Andre Arguelles
President, Student Philanthropy Council
Biomedical Engineering Undergraduate
The best place to be a grad!

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November 8-9
10AM - 6PM

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This announcement is designed to tell your friends and family about your upcoming graduation ceremony. With each announcement personalized with your name, degree and major, they will know what you have worked so hard to achieve.

(Each announcement has been designed specifically for your graduation ceremony with your college crest engraved on the outside of the announcement.)

Thank You Notes

A traditional way to say “Thank You” to everyone who helped make your graduation a special event.

Return Address Labels

The return address label has your name, address, city, state and zip along with a golden cap and tassel design.

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Put the final touch on your announcement envelope with an elegant seal.

Souvenir Announcement Cover

The announcement cover keeps one of your graduation announcements protected for a keepsake of your graduation day.

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Honor your loved ones for their support and your success with this special certificate. Printed on quality paper with the school crest engraved seal. Set includes a vinyl cover making it a perfect way to show your appreciation.

To order call 1-800-433-0296 or online at www.cbgrad.balfour.com
Dear Graduating Students and Parents:

Congratulations on your upcoming graduation! Graduation is an exciting time, a moment you will want to share with family and friends. Graduation announcements are available for the upcoming December 2017 ceremony. Our representative will be on campus to take orders:

**Wednesday and Thursday, November 8 and 9, 2017 from 10:00am-6:00pm**
**at the El Corral Bookstore**

If you are unable to come in during the time listed above, you may order by phone or online (see info below). When ordering, you will need to know your degree and major. Minors, emphases, concentrations, or honors (if applicable) can be printed on the announcement.

Our quality paper, artistic design and beautiful three-color, hand-engraved university seal reflect your hard-earned achievement. Ordering information and prices are listed below along with a sample text of the announcement.

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For questions, please call us at:
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