Welcome!

Thank you for expressing your interest in Student Community Services (SCS). We are thrilled to have you on our team and are very excited for what's in store this year. Your desire to help serve the community demonstrates that you recognize potential areas for growth in social justice related issues and are courageous enough to take action. Join us in our mission of doing good, making friends, and learning something about ourselves along the way.
Introducing the Center for Service in Action

Previously known as the Center for Community Engagement, the Center for Service in Action is the home to SCS, Americorps VIP, Alternative Breaks, and Service Learning. The new name reflects our goal of providing meaningful volunteer opportunities for students while connecting them with the larger issues affecting our community and the world.

Who We Are

SCS is a student-run, student-led program that provides Cal Poly students with the resources to volunteer in the San Luis Obispo community. The program consists of 6 Lead Program Assistants and 24 Program Assistants that brainstorm, organize, publicize, and coordinate service and awareness events for students to serve SLO county. Applications for Program Assistants come out in Spring.

Learn More

Our Programs

We have eight programs that each emphasize a different community need. Our current programs are Environmental Council, Poly Paws, Students Supporting People with Disabilities (SSPD), Students for Health and Well-Being, Senior Services, Beyond Shelter, Youth Programs, and Food Insecurity and Nutrition.

Learn more

Why it Matters

As students, we dedicate most of our time to school and sometimes forget about the issues that are affecting the community we live in. Through volunteering, we learn about these issues first hand and get closer to the community by building relationships with people we would have otherwise never met. These relationships teach us more about ourselves and what we hope to accomplish in life while contributing to a more aware and just society.

Upcoming Events
**Wiggle Waggle Walk**
Is there anything cuter than dogs dressed up in Halloween costumes? Our Poly Paws Program is teaming up with Woods Humane Society for this adorable event! Learn More
Volunteers are needed to set up the booths and are encouraged to participate in the walk.

*When*: October 17  
*Where*: Mitchell Park  
*Time*: 7:30 a.m.

**Interactive Technology for Seniors**
Bridging the gap between seniors and millennials is very important to us. That’s why our Senior Services program has teamed up with the Manse on Marsh, an assisted living community in SLO, to facilitate an interactive technology program. The program is three weeks long and will focus on teaching a new technological skill each week.

*The Fundamentals of Computers*  
*When*: October 10  
*Time*: 10 a.m.

*The Basics of the Internet*  
*When*: October 17  
*Time*: 10 a.m.

*The Essentials of Cell Phones*  
*When*: October 24  
*Time*: 10 a.m.

**Bishop’s Peak Elementary School Festival**
Have you ever had the opportunity to run a mini archery range, judge a star wars costume contest, or be in charge of a tiny petting zoo? Here’s your chance!

*When*: October 23  
*Where*: Bishop’s Peak Elementary School  
*Time*: 5-8 p.m.

**United Cerebral Palsy’s Celebration**
Cerebral Palsy is a number of disorders of the developing brain affecting body movement, posture, and muscle coordination. Join UCP of SLO County & local organizations in a day of games, food, live performances, vendor booths, & family fun. Volunteers are needed to help run this event.
Sign Up

When: October 10
Where: Meadow Park
Time: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Sign Up

Pismo Beach Clean Up
Keep our beaches clean! Join us for a Sunday morning beach trip and help pick up trash with your friends. Improve our natural environment while spending time in the sun!

When: October 18
Where: Pismo Beach Pier
Time: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Sign Up

Central Coast Autism Spectrum Center (CCASC) Pumpkin Festival
Strengthen the quality of life for individuals with autism spectrum disorders at this fun fall event! There will be food, games, and interactive workshops! Volunteers are needed on Saturday for set up and on Sunday to run the event.

When: October 17-18
Where: 2430 Township Road Paso Robles, CA 93446
Time: 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Sign Up

Other Events

Make a Difference Day
Participate in the nation's largest single-day volunteer event! Participants will be placed at different non-profit agencies throughout the county to help with projects ranging from gardening and painting to special events and fundraisers.

When: October 24
Where: Meet at Chumash Auditorium
Center for Service in Action Open House
To officially unveil our name change, we will be having an open house that is free for all students and faculty members to attend. In honor of our winter service trip to New Orleans, we will be celebrating with traditional Cajun food and a jazz band! Come learn about the trip and all of our different programs! No RSVP is necessary.

When: October 22
Where: Building 52, E22
Time: 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Coming Soon

See the Need Week
Every year, SCS hosts a week of awareness and service to address our community's needs. There will be a variety of volunteer events and awareness activities throughout the entire week of November 15-21.

Social Justice Series
Last year, SCS launched a brand new series of presentations that addresses current and relevant social justice issues. Experts are brought in to discuss topics and students are encouraged to engage in the conversation. To kick off the series last spring, we hosted discussions on environmental racism, LGBTQ and homelessness, and the riots in Baltimore. New topics will be discussed on a monthly basis and will be held in the our office (Building 52, E22).

Student Community Services is part of the following family of programs in the Dean of Students.
Embrace your unlimited possibilities.