WELCOME BACK!
Learn by Doing Good.

Happy New Year!

Happy winter quarter! We hope you had a happy holidays and embraced the spirit of giving back. This year, our New Year's resolution is to bring attention to the larger social justice issues that affect our community experiences. We seek to better understand topics like discrimination, privilege, stereotyping, and the ethics of volunteering. Here's to a year of exciting volunteer opportunities and thought provoking discussions on our journey to learn by doing good.

Upcoming Events
**Teacher’s Work Day Camp**
Get ready and hang on for a day full of science, technology, engineering, art, and math discovery! You will work directly with the children at the camp helping them to engage in hands on activities that include: robotics, video design, science demonstrations, cooking, games, art and a navigation based field trip to local park. If you love working with kids age 5-12 then you will have a lot of fun at this event.

When: January 15  
Time: 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Where: **Bishop’s Peak Elementary School**  

**Food Drive at Ralph’s**
Come join FIN (Food Insecurity and Nutrition) for their first event of the quarter! We will be collecting food in front of the grocery store to give to local organizations like the SLO Food Bank and the Maxine Lewis Memorial Shelter.

When: January 16  
Time: 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.  
Where: **Ralph’s at Madonna Plaza**  

**Sign Up**
Dinner at Maxine Lewis Memorial Shelter
The homeless population of San Luis Obispo County consists of over 2,500 people. Maxine Lewis, one of the biggest shelters in the community, provides 50 beds nightly, year-round, as well as meals, showers, calls and other essential services. Join SCS’s Beyond Shelter program in preparing and serving dinner at the Maxine Lewis Memorial Shelter for about 100 people experiencing homelessness or food insecurity.

When: January 22
Time: 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Where: 750 Orcutt Rd, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
Sign-up via email

Meade Canine Rescue
Pet overpopulation results in the euthanasia of hundred of unwanted animals a year. Meade Canine Rescue’s (MCR) mission is to help alleviate the pet overpopulation problem through rescue and education, providing medical care, and spaying/neutering as many dogs as possible with the resources available. Their tactics include rescue and education, providing medical care and spaying/neutering as many dogs as possible. Support their mission by joining us to assist them in various tasks around the shelter. Possible projects include help with a fencing project, general cleanup, and interaction with their dogs.

When: January 23
Time: 5:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.
Where: 8598 Webster Rd, Creston, CA 93432
Sign Up

Pirate's Cove Clean Up
Join us in beautifying Pirate's Cove by picking up trash along the beach and surrounding areas. This is a great way to get fresh air while de-stressing to the sound of ocean waves. Please bear in mind that Pirate's Cove is a clothing-optional beach but volunteers are expected to remain clothed.

When: January 30

Pismo Beach Clean Up
Pismo is a beach that sees a lot of foot traffic. This traffic often leads to a large amount of litter being left on the sand and in surrounding plants. It's our goal to help mitigate the amount of trash that ends up in the ocean and other surrounding ecosystems. We need your help to make sure the beach is clean not only for our environment but, also for our community members that visit the beach.
Technology Classes with Senior Citizens

Last quarter, Senior Services partnered with the Manse on Marsh to provide technology classes to residents. Due to its success, we have decided to do it again this quarter! We will work with residents to help them learn computer devices, mobile devices, and the internet. In this mutually beneficial relationship, we hope to bridge the generation gap between students and senior citizens.

When: January 23, February 6, and February 20
(You can sign up for one or many)
Time: 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Where: The Manse on Marsh

Central Coast Autism Spectrum Center (CCASC) Teen Dance

The Valentine's Day Teen Dance is an annual event hosted by the Central Coast Autism Spectrum Center for teen's and their families. Volunteer activities include helping set up, and take down decorations as well as socializing with the attendees.

When: February 6
Time: 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Where: SLO Elk's Lodge

Other Events

Social Justice Series
"Don't Be Evil": The Ethics of Volunteering

Dr. Robin Parent from the Cal Poly Diversity Office will lead this hands-on, heads-on, mini-lecture and workshop. The goal will to situate service learning and volunteerism in a context of social justice through lecture, discussion, and activities. Come prepared to engage, think, and reflect.
Robin taught English for fourteen years at Utah State University & directed the International English Program Courses working with faculty in online teaching pedagogy. While working on her doctorate she continued in the English Department and also worked in the College of Education as a lecturer in multicultural education and a supervisor of student teaching. At Cal Poly she has been involved with a variety of committees and councils, facilitated workshops, and consulted with many faculty in all six colleges.

When: January 20
Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Where: Building 52, Room E22

Change the Status Quo Conference
Change the Status Quo (CSQ) is an annual social justice conference hosted by the Center for Service in Action. The conference aims to challenge social norms to make lasting changes in our community and around the world. The mission of CSQ is to empower students to challenge stereotypes, demand solutions, and use education to make a lasting change. More details will be coming soon.

Interested in presenting?
Apply Here.

When: February 19 and 20
Where: University Union

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