EOC Spotlight: Operations Team Supports Campus

For more than a year, Cal Poly’s Emergency Operations Center team has coordinated the university’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic. As public health conditions improve and the campus community works to transition to near-normal operations in the fall, the EOC will wind down, returning many individuals who have worked numerous hours on the response back to their daily duties. For the next few weeks, Cal Poly Report will spotlight a section of the EOC, starting with Operations — a large group working on everything from testing to campus operations.

The wide variety of work has included implementing campus safety measures, determining event guidance, preparing for and staffing the university’s ongoing testing program, supporting students in isolation and quarantine, launching an on-campus vaccine clinic for students, and reviewing safety and repopulation plans, among many other assignments. The operations section includes: Tina Hadaway-Mellis, Alexandrea Kohler, Dr. Aaron Baker, Dr. K. Mikuni, Jude Fiedderman, Patrick O’Sullivan, Cari Vanderkar, Beth Merritt Miller, Cem Sunata, Amy Gode, Fatma Umut Spanton, Scott Homolka, Emily Locher, Ryan Gruss, Juliette Duke, Doug Roberts, Scott Bloom, Andrea Burns, Nathaniel Martínez, Jennifer VanderKelen, Jean Davidson, Candace Winstead, Joseph Borzellino, Jennifer Haft, Taffy Gonzalez, Deanne LeMoine, Lisa Craft, and all of our Mustangs who worked at our testing sites. Special recognition goes to the Isolation and Quarantine Support Team: Daisy Castañeda, Hunter Simmons, Valla Hardy, Taelor Trimble, Evan McLenithan, Carey Klinger, Dale Stoker and Courtney Kienow as well as Campus Dining: Cynthia Stocker, Russell Monteath Chef Maria Alvarez, Chef Jeremy Jones, Tina Ly, Susan Smith, Serina Soltero, and Chef Beto Gonzales; and University Housing: Nikolas Wianecki, Anthony Luis, Richel Gailla, Rey Valdes, Savina Moffet, Ruben Campos, Mary Gibbs, Allison Elliott, Sarah Lasnik, Cat Placencia, Sandy Clark and the UH Custodial Team.

Johnson & Johnson Vaccine Available On Campus

Cal Poly announced that Rite Aid will offer the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine at the on-campus clinic in UU 220 now through May 15 and May 20–June 5. The clinic, which is open to all students, employees and local community members, can also provide first and second doses of the Pfizer vaccine to anyone 16 and older through May 15. (Ages 12-15 are not yet being served by the clinic, pending CDC approval.) Beginning May 20, the Rite Aid clinic will provide second doses of Pfizer. Appointments are available by searching the zip code 93407 at https://riteaid.reportsonline.com/rsched/program/CASLO2021/Patient/Advisory. Walk-ins are also welcome on weekdays. Elsewhere, some vaccination options are evolving. Campus Health and Wellbeing’s Student Vaccination Clinic has transitioned to offer second doses to the more than 1,500 students who received their first dose of COVID-19 vaccines at the Health Center. Those students receive registration links via email. Off campus, SLO County Public Health’s mass vaccination sites began accepting walk-ins at the Arroyo Grande and Paso Robles locations. Community members can continue to find vaccine appointments through the county’s clinics, local pharmacies and hospitals, including Sierra Vista Regional Medical Center, through https://myturn.ca.gov/ or vaccinefinder.org.
Join CLA for Black Lives Matter Speaker Series on May 13
Join the College of Liberal Arts at 4 p.m. Thursday, May 13, for the next event in the Black Lives Matter Speaker Series titled "Bad Apples Come from Rotten Trees in Policing: Racism and Reimagining American Law Enforcement" with Rashawn Ray, professor of sociology and executive director of the Lab for Applied Social Science Research (LASSR) at the University of Maryland, College Park. Ray’s research addresses the mechanisms that manufacture and maintain racial and social inequality with a particular focus on police-civilian relations, health disparities and voting behavior. His work also speaks to ways that inequality may be attenuated through racial uplift activism and social policy. This event is free and open to the public. Learn more about the Black Lives Matter Speaker Series and register at https://cla.calpoly.edu/BLM.

Central Coast Pride Presents Pride Week May 16-23
Central Coast Pride is a committee of the Gala Pride and Diversity Center, a local nonprofit organization, and LGBTQ Campus Life (PRIDE) at Cal Poly. Both cultural centers support and empower people of all sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions to strengthen and unite the Central Coast community. Central Coast Pride invites the campus community to join in celebrating, honoring, and giving visibility to members of the LGBTQ community. The committee is hosting several pride week events, including game nights and drag shows and monthlong events like secret menus and an art show. Central Coast Pride is still looking for submissions for a few of its events, especially the Pet Competition and Pride’s Got Talent. Read about and register for events online at slopride.com.

Cal Poly Hosts Keynote Speaker May 20 for Global Accessibility Awareness Day
Help Cal Poly celebrate Global Accessibility Awareness Day at 3 p.m. Thursday, May 20, by attending a keynote address by Anna Voelker, executive director of the SciAccess Initiative, an international effort dedicated to promoting disability inclusion in science. Voelker’s talk will demonstrate cutting-edge outreach resources, such as data sonification and 3D printed astronomy models that are empowering the next generation of disabled space scientists and engineers. This event is free and open to the public. Learn more about Global Accessibility Awareness Day activities and register for this keynote at https://accessibility.calpoly.edu.