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Dear parents, supporters and guardians of College of Science and Mathematics students,

Congratulations on your student's conditional admission to Cal Poly! We are excited they will be joining our community and the College of Science and Mathematics (CSM). We look forward to helping your student grow professionally and personally over the next four years.

We care deeply about our students and want them to succeed academically and personally. Ultimately, learning and academic success are the student's responsibility, but we are here to support them in every way possible.

To that end, Cal Poly has developed a Study 25-35 campaign, which encourages students to study 25 to 35 hours per week. Using this approach, which originated in CSM, the total time spent learning, including class time, is equivalent to a 40- to 50-hour work week. A commitment to the 25-35 program requires students to devote time every weekend to their academics. Though all Cal Poly students are capable, some of our top students end up on academic probation because they don't study enough.

The average high school GPA of freshmen entering our college is around 4.0, yet most students claim they studied only 3-5 hours per week outside of class in high school. If they double or triple that out-of-class time at Cal Poly, they will be studying independently more than they ever have and in turn feel an understandable sense of pride and confidence in their ability to succeed. However, they will need to commit an even greater amount of time to studying outside of class to learn deeply and enjoy intellectual and academic success. Thus, we are reiterating and reinforcing this essential commitment to out-of-class studying.

While following the Study 25-35 guidelines promotes academic success, we know that an inclusive and equitable college community also contributes to a student's overall success. Building an inclusive and equitable community is a college priority. To this end, CSM faculty and staff developed the Love, Empathy, Respect campaign, which has taken hold across campus. Your student will be accepted into our community and encouraged to learn from others, to be understanding and respectful of our differences, to celebrate the diversity and uniqueness of all individuals within our Cal Poly community, and to take an active role in making our society a better place for everyone.

We encourage you to discuss the 25-35 and Love, Empathy, Respect guidelines with your student so that they start thinking about their overall success at Cal Poly. Please consider putting the enclosed magnet on your refrigerator. We want all of our students to start off the school year prepared to practice the techniques, utilize the tools and embody the mindset for success. We know you feel the same way. For the latest updates on campus plans and community safety during this challenging time please visit:

<https://www.calpoly.edu/roadmap>

<https://coronavirus.calpoly.edu/>

Our best wishes to your family in this exciting and important transition.

Sincerely yours,

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