Highlights

Student Community Services (SCS) is a student-led program. Every event that was held this year was planned, executed, and facilitated by students. To reflect on our year’s accomplishments, here is what the students of SCS had to say about their experiences.
Environmental Council

"This year we were able to work closely with OneCoolEarth, and held many great events mostly geared toward restoring the native plants in SLO county. One of our favorite events was when we planted trees at El Chorro Park. It was hard work for four solid hours but we were able to plant every tree we brought. We also hosted many successful beach clean-ups at both Pismo Beach and Pirate’s Cove, restoring the areas to their unpolluted beauty. Our volunteers really helped us to make an impact on SLO county’s outdoors, and we've loved our time as Program Assistants to share in the awesomeness of SLO with you all."

Ian Sicher
Vivian Cheung
Cassandra Beck

Food Insecurity & Nutrition

"We have been honored to be a part of Student Community Services as its newest additional program. We have had a blast serving the San Luis Obispo community as food ambassadors to help alleviate hunger and food insecurity by holding food drives at local grocery stores during the holiday season. We have donated quite a bit of food to the SLO Food Bank and El Camino Homeless Organization (ECHO). We also helped give a nutrition education lesson to young children at Oceano Elementary School. We are proud of the service that we and our fellow volunteers provided in a collective effort to shine a light on Food Insecurity and Nutrition and we cannot wait to see what amazing accomplishments are in store for FIN."

K’Lynn Mitchell
Maria Dionicio
Shannon Sheehan

Beyond Shelter

"As the Program Assistants for Beyond Shelter, we have had a rewarding year of learning and growth. We have had the opportunity to work closely with the team members of CAPSLO, The Poly Paws

"As the Program Assistants for Poly Paws, we have had a very fun, rewarding, and exciting year of volunteering! We got the opportunity to develop a relationship with a new community and work closely with another volunteer organization, AMK in the Center. We have been able to learn about the importance of animal adoption and the work that they do. It’s been a wonderful experience and we are excited to see what we can do in the future."

Katelyn Minter
Alyssa Kim
Sasha Thienie
Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo County, to volunteer in response to the needs of those experiencing homelessness within the great SLO community. We have had the opportunity to team up with the Maxine Lewis Memorial Shelter, Prado Day Center, and the El Camino Homeless Organization to prepare and serve meals for about 100 clients in need of a meal. We have organized events that have allowed us, and our volunteers, to gain new perspectives on what those experiencing homelessness face and how our efforts impact them. We have worked to bring together a myriad of community members through our events such as holding Food Drives at Ralphs Grocery Store, working with Humanity’s ReStore, helping facilitate the Friends of Prado Culinary Carnival, hosting a BBQ for those in need of a meal during Homelessness Awareness Week, and raising awareness for 40 Prado, the new and streamlined homelessness services center in SLO. We are so proud of the great work that all of the Cal Poly Student volunteers have put in to bettering the SLO Community in the past year and grateful to all of our community action partners for the opportunity to support SLO.”

Danny Kim
Carolyn Tingzon
Adeel Ali

Senior Services
"This was a great year for Senior Services! Throughout the year, we paired with several retirement homes, including the Manse on Marsh and Las Brisas. We put on approximately ten events, and had the pleasure of meeting some great volunteers and some amazing elderly people. Our favorite event was the series of technology classes, in which we went to the Manse every other week to spend time teaching

Students Supporting People With Disabilities (S.S.P.D.)
"Working with SSPD has been such a fulfilling and rewarding experience. We have developed so many meaningful relationships with people in the community and are grateful that we had this opportunity to engage and interact in these student’s lives. We partnered with numerous organizations in the SLO community such as Central Coast Autism Spectrum Center, Special

Cyrus Zahedi
Hannah Weinberg
Natalie Godfrey
Teaching the local seniors how to use technology. Teaching them how to use their phones, laptops, and tablets was a great experience, but our favorite memory was the relationships that we created with the people in the elderly community. It was always a genuinely good time to hear the stories, kind words, and jokes from these people who have lived amazing lives.

Trenton Scharrenberg  Amanda Alvarado
Tenney Shaffer

Olympics, Growing Grounds, Rancho de los Animales, Atypical Place, United Cerebral Palsy, San Luis Obispo High School and Cal Poly’s Disability Resource Center. We have expanded our partnering relationships and are proud to now be working with both the DRC and SLO High School. Some of our favorite events that we’ve put on this year include the field day, talent show, and game nights with Central Coast Autism Spectrum Center where we were able to interact more closely with the participants. We hope to grow the relationships we’ve created and look forward to seeing what new partnerships and events SSPD creates in the future!

Samantha Bonila
Laura Mountain-Tuller
Ray McDonnel-Horita

Students for Health and Well-Being
"For the 2015-2016 school year, Students for Health and Well-being provided Cal Poly students with over 10 volunteer opportunities with a wide range of organizations. Helping to bridge the gap between campus and the community has shown us what it really means to give back. Out of all the events that we participated in this year, our favorite was Miracle Miles for Kids. Volunteers got involved by decorating the course and starting area, setting up check-in, and cleaning up the event. Interacting with event staff and watching the hundreds of runners complete the course that we helped set-up was very special. Overall Students for Health and Well-being has had an incredible year serving within Student Community Services and we look forward to all that the program will offer in the future.”

Craig Anderson
Elyssa DuKatz

Youth Programs
"Youth Programs has had a very exciting year. We have helped support local carnivals, elementary after-school programs, and tutoring opportunities. Some of our favorite events included the Munchkin March which was an adorable parade of Halloween Costumes in October and hanging out with Santa at the Reindeer Run in December. We watched kids expand their love of Science and S.T.E.A.M. at Hawthorne Elementary school on special camp days. With the help of all our volunteers, we were able to have over a dozen events this school year. It was a magical year of volunteering with children in a wide variety of opportunities.”

Caitlyn Morrison
Jordan Ramsey
Heather Runzel
Program & Program Assistant of the Year!

Congratulations to Carolyn Tingzon who was awarded SCS's Program Assistant of the Year and Beyond Shelter which was awarded SCS's Program of the Year! Recipients were awarded at the LEAD Awards Ceremony held in Chumash Auditorium on May 25.

Volunteer Opportunities

AIDS Lifecycle

Volunteers are needed at Cuesta College on June 8 throughout the day including shifts from 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., and 12:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Responsibilities include helping prepare food, plating, selling, serving and cheering riders on. The event supports Access Support Network (ASN) in providing services in the area for people who are HIV positive or have Hepatitis C. It is the midway point for bike riders who ride from San Francisco to LA to raise money and awareness.

Sign-up here!

SCS Program Assistants-Recruiting NOW!

*Extended Deadline

Do you love SLO and want to help make it a better place? Student Community Services is recruiting Program Assistants for next academic year. Program Assistants create and execute volunteer events throughout the county with a focus on creating meaningful service opportunities for students. PAs also help plan our monthly Social Justice Series and assist in large scale events like See the Need Week and Change the Status Quo.

For more information or to view our programs and apply, go to [scs.calpoly.edu](http://scs.calpoly.edu) and click on "2016-17 Program Assistant Application," or come to the Center for Service in Action (CSA) in Building 52, room E22. Completed applications may be dropped off in the CSA or emailed to kvinther@calpoly.edu.

Interested in volunteering in SLO this summer? Please contact Kirsten Vinther at kvinther@calpoly.edu or stay updated with our calendar available at scs.calpoly.edu.

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