

# GUIDE FOR GETTING INVOLVED

Cal Poly campus was pretty quiet during the pandemic, but that's all about to change. You may not know it, but as a Mustang, you are a part of a community of students who are eager to build relationships and get involved. It's in our DNA. Here are a few of the benefits and tips on how to get plugged in.

## **Meet new friends.**

If during your college experience, you limit your relationships to classmates and roommates, you're selling yourself short. By getting involved in a club or other community, you'll build new friendships with others who share your interests. It's a great way to connect with students who may come from a different background, culture, or year in school.

## **Do what you love.**

When you join a community, you'll meet people who share your vision and passions. Whether it's a recreational club, faith-based group, professional society, or service team, you should explore what Cal Poly has to offer to find a pursuit that excites you. Just ask any group member or leader what they love doing with their community, and watch their eyes light up.

## **Prepare for the future.**

You'll have the opportunity to take part in some great experiences outside the classroom, something many employers are looking for. While many clubs offer professional connections, all of them have the opportunity to step into leadership roles that can teach you a lot about working with people.



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## GET PLUGGED IN

Ready to jump in? Here are a few tips on getting connected at Cal Poly:

- Visit [now.calpoly.edu](http://now.calpoly.edu) and search for groups that might be interesting to you. Then email the contact to ask to join their email list so they can update you about their next get-together.
- Go with a buddy. If visiting a new group in person is intimidating, ask a friend or roommate to go with you.
- Give it a try. There's no way to know if a group of students will be a good fit until you meet them (preferably more than once). If you don't like it, try something else. It's normal to be a part of different groups during your college career.



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