

2019-20 RESIDENTIAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES

First-year students

Collaborative Leadership – In collaboration with the Center for Leadership, this residential learning community fosters socially responsible leadership development through events and initiatives that are innovative and educational. All members of this community will complete the not-for-credit Emerging Leadership Certificate together during Fall 2019. More information visit bit.ly/cp_leader

College-Based (CAED, CAFES, CENG, COSAM, CLA & OCOB) – These six communities afford students the opportunity to live with others in their college or major, often sharing the same classes, while participating in activities that center around their academics, careers and social interests.

CP Scholars – An invitation-only program that provides a two-year residential experience for students from selected California high schools. The key goals of this program are to think critically and creatively, build respect for diversity and work collaboratively and to build scholarly expertise and lifelong learning.

Cultural & Identity Communities – Cultural and Identity learning communities provide opportunities for all incoming first-year students — especially underrepresented students on campus — to create cultural, social, and academic connections. These communities also serve as safe spaces for these students who identify within the Cultural and Identity community.

We offer the following Cultural & Identity communities in the application:

- Asian-Pacific Islander Scholars
- Black Scholars
- Chicanx/Latinx Scholars
- Cross Cultural Scholars
- Native & Indigenous Scholars
- SWANA (Southwest Asia and North Africa) Scholars

Communities will be formed based on student interest. If there is not enough interest in a specific Cultural and Identity community, students will be offered a space in the Cross Cultural Community.

Entrepreneur iCommunity – This community offers an opportunity for all majors to embrace the entrepreneurial “learn by doing” spirit, providing an environment to learn



about communication with clients, leading emerging markets, managing projects and utilizing your creativity.

PRIDE Community – A community for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer/Questioning (LGBTQ+) identified students and their allies that specializes in strong community, leadership and identity development and education on issues pertaining to sexual and gender diversity at Cal Poly and in the San Luis Obispo community. This living option features gender-inclusive assignments, gender-inclusive restrooms, and programmatic offerings through the Pride Center.

Global Living – Global living is an opportunity for students to study abroad without leaving the country! This learning community is built around the ability to relate to and connect with people in our world through practicing other languages, learning about cultures, exploring study abroad and alternative breaks.

Honors – A community where members of Cal Poly's Honors Program live together to seek challenges, participate in experiential and interdisciplinary learning, grow as individuals, and expand the boundaries of their academic potential.

Mindful Living – In this wellness-focused community, you'll learn about mindfulness and holistic well-being for all areas of your life including tools to be more present, self-aware, and connected with others. Topics for events include physical wellness and nutrition, cultural exploration, stress management, healthy relationships, spirituality, career, and emotional well-being.

Poly Tech – A theme for anyone from techies to trekkers. For gamers, geeks and the future-focused student who likes to live and learn on the cutting edge.

Pre-Med & Health – This community connects students with academic faculty, advising and career professionals early so they can explore and prepare for a health professions career.

Substance Free – For those committed to a living environment of wellness and having a great time without tobacco, drugs, or alcohol.

TRIO Achievers and Educational Opportunity Program – An invitation-only program focused on helping improve the access, retention and graduation of students through encouraging success, community building and empowerment.