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INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

WEEKLY NEWS 10/7

NOTE FROM DR. KIRBY

We are well into Week 3 for the Fall Quarter. For some of you this is old hat, and you are familiar with the pacing of an academic year at Cal Poly. But for our first-year students (including transfer students) this is a new experience and you might have questions as the academic year really kicks in. For this reason we will be holding two meetings this Quarter with first year IS majors including transfer students. The first meeting will be taking place this Thursday, October 9 from 11:10AM-12PM in Alan A. Erhart Agriculture 010 -0223. These meetings are meant to be check-in meetings to provide new students the opportunity to ask any questions or discuss any issues as you begin your career as an IS major here at Cal Poly. So, mark it in your calendars.

If you have any news or events that you would like to share with your fellow IS majors then please let us know at is@calpoly.edu.

My office hours this quarter will be Tu 1-3PM and Th 1-3PM. You can drop by my office (note my new office: 52-D4) at these times or you can contact me via Zoom using this link: 6247671135. As always, I am also happy to set up other meeting times if you are not able to make these office hours. Just send me an email and we can arrange a day/time.

ISLA ASSOCIATED CLUBS

SENIOR PROJECT INFO SESSION

Curious about how to get started with your senior project? Join us for an info session to learn more!



Tuesday, October 21



11:10 AM – 12:00 PM



Zoom: [Join Here](#)



Meeting ID: 385 162 8168

Don't miss this chance to get your questions answered and set yourself up for success.

ISLA ASSOCIATED CLUBS



Cal Poly ISLA Club

Instagram
[@calpolyislaclub](https://www.instagram.com/calpolyislaclub)

Slack



ISLA CLUB

A group of students has founded the ISLA club as a space for ISLA students to meet and connect! The first meeting has been held, but meetings will continue across the quarter.

Follow the Instagram @calpolyislaclub or join the GroupMe for more updates.

EVENTS

2025 CALIFORNIA

FORUM FOR DIVERSITY IN GRADUATE EDUCATION

Saturday, October 18, 2025

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

University of California, Merced

CONNECT

The Forum is a free event aimed to increase access to graduate degree programs. Learn about academic pathways and opportunities for graduate education. If you are navigating barriers or have had limited access to opportunities, this event is designed for you.

PREPARE

Choose and participate in over 20 live workshops explaining the graduate school application process, PhD and Master's education, and discipline-specific topics.

EXPLORE

Explore graduate opportunities by attending a fair with over 100 recruiters especially wanting to meet YOU!

FREE LUNCH!

The Forum is open to all California undergraduate and master's students.

Scan to
Register



Register for free here or scan QR code

<https://calstate.eventsair.com/2025-diversity-forum/student/Site/Register>

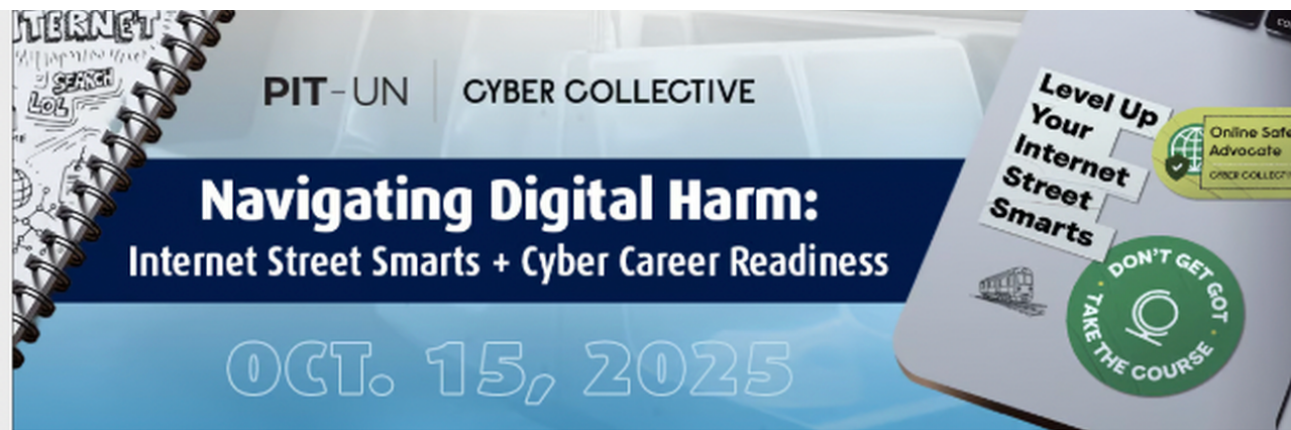
CALIFORNIA FORUM FOR DIVERSITY IN GRADUATE EDUCATION

 Thu, 10/2 | 10:10–11 a.m. | [Zoom link](#)

The California Forum for Diversity in Graduate Education will be held at UC Merced on Oct. 18. This FREE event is open to all undergrad and master's students pursuing advanced degrees. Bus transportation and meals are provided.

Register by Oct. 6 (or earlier if spaces fill): [Register here](#).

Learn more at caldiversityforum.org or join the info session.



Public Invitation. Protect Yourself Online + Explore Cyber Careers

Cyber Collective and the Public Interest Technology University Network (PIT-UN) are teaming up to bring you a **free, 90-minute interactive workshop** this fall:

Navigating Digital Harm: Internet Street Smarts + Cyber Career Readiness
October 15, 2025 | Virtual

You'll learn how to:

- Spot and prevent online scams, doxxing, sextortion, and surveillance
- Apply real-time risk assessment skills
- Discover career paths in cybersecurity and trust & safety

No tech background? No problem. You'll leave with tools you can use right away—plus insights to jumpstart a future in this field.

[Register Now](#)

Seats are limited. Let's make the internet safer, together.

[The Public Interest Technology University Network](#)

[View this email in a web browser](#)

PIT UN CYBER COLLECTIVE

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OPPORTUNITIES

SAFER DVAM SYMPOSIUM

Call for Presenters!

Safer is hosting the Gender- & Power-Based Violence Symposium on October 14, 2025 for Dating Violence Action Month. This year's theme is *Answer the Call: Connect. Empower. Transform.*

Keynote: Author *Myriam Gurba* (*Creep, Mean*).

Apply to present by Sept. 24: [Application Link](#)

Open to students, faculty, staff & community members.

Questions? Email clope105@calpoly.edu.

NEW MUSTANG MAKERSPACE

OPEN TO ALL CAL POLY STUDENTS!

ABOUT US

A completely free space open to all students, regardless of major.

No engineering experience necessary. Work on class projects, senior project,s or even personal projects!!

LOCATION

In Bonderson,
Building 197, Room 110



HOURS

Fall Quarter, Weeks 2-7
Mon-Fri: 10-7pm
Sat: 9-6pm



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OUR SERVICES

- 56 easy-to-use 3D printers ●
- Lasers for wood, acrylic, vinyl and more ●
- Embroidery and Sewing Machines ●

Link to
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MUSTANG MAKERSPACE

The Cal Poly Machine Shops (College of Engineering) are excited to welcome students to the Mustang Makerspace, **located in Bonderson (Building 197), next to Mustang '60. This free, all-major space is your go-to hub for digital fabrication, creativity, and hands-on learning.**

Inside you'll find **56 3D printers (Bambu, Prusa, Elegoo, Formlabs, MarkForged), 4 laser cutters, an embroidery machine, an industrial Cricut vinyl cutter, and sewing machines.** Whether you're working on a class assignment, a senior project, or just a personal idea, the Makerspace has the tools to help bring your vision to life. **No prior experience is needed—our shop techs are here to teach you, answer questions, and support your projects.**

 Fall Quarter Hours (Weeks 2–10):

- Monday–Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
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3D printers are open to everyone without training, but you'll need a Red Tag Certification for lasers and some other equipment. Learn more and sign up for trainings at machineshops.calpoly.edu.

 **Questions? Email calpolyshoptechs@gmail.com |**  **Aero Hangar: (805) 756-2266 | Mustang '60: (805) 756-5634**

Come explore, create, and make your ideas a reality—see you in the Makerspace!

ULA

1ST MEETING OF FALL QUARTER
OCTOBER 9, 11:00 AM
FROST BUILDING ROOM (181-102)



INTERESTED IN LAW, POLICY OR ADVOCACY? JOIN ULA!

The **Undergraduate Law Association (ULA)** will host its **first meeting of the Fall Quarter** on **Wednesday, October 9 at 11:00 AM** in **Frost Building Room 181-102**.

The meeting will cover information about the organization, plans for the year, and guidance on **law school admissions**.

All majors are welcome—come meet fellow students interested in law and public service! Those unable to attend can email to be added to the ULA mailing list.

Follow @calpolyula on Instagram for updates!

STUDENT SUPPORT

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CAL POLY



The College of Liberal Arts partners with College Possible's Catalyze program to connect students with near-peer success coaches. Coaches support academics, study skills, financial literacy, career exploration, wellness, and more.

Learn more by contacting Multicultural Academic Advisor Alejandra Cebreros at alcebrer@calpoly.edu or check out the attached infographic.



FINANCIAL AID FOR FOOD: GET UP TO \$250 A MONTH FOR GROCERIES

The CalFresh Outreach Team can help connect you with up to \$250 a month to buy groceries at your favorite stores and many farmers' markets! Get money to buy food, eat better, work less and focus more on school. It's easy to set up an appointment with a CalFresh Student Advocate to determine your eligibility, walk you through the application and answer any questions you may have.

Visit calfreshcalpoly.org/ to schedule an appointment today! **Hours are: M-W 10am to 7pm and TH 10:00am to 5pm.**

Although you can [apply online](#) on your own, we encourage you to apply with the help of the CalFresh Outreach Team to help with any questions or concerns.

Follow the CalFresh team on Instagram @calfreshcalpoly



SLO Solutions



SLO SOLUTIONS CONFLICT RESOLUTION

Are your students having a hard time focusing on schoolwork due to roommates or neighbors disagreeing about issues around noise, dishes, or house rules?

Students can find themselves overwhelmed by conflict with landlords, roommates, and neighbors! We can help! SLO Solutions may be able to help students and residents with access to FREE conflict resolution and mediation, funded by a partnership between the City of San Luis Obispo, Cal Poly, Cuesta College, and Creative Mediation. For more information, click [here](#).



Morning, Mustang



MORNING, MUSTANG - NEWS SOURCE FOR CAL POLY STUDENTS

Carly Heztel, a second year journalism student, has published a news source for Cal Poly students that summarizes every day's most important campus, San Luis Obispo and California stories in two-minute emails. Carly is working in cooperation with the nonprofit College Brief to create accessible and relevant news for college students.

Read some of the stories [here](#).



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