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INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES

WEEKLY NEWS 4/7

NOTE FROM DR. RYALLS

Spring quarter has officially started! We are very much looking forward to celebrating our graduates this year. Prior to the CLA commencement ceremony on Sunday, June 14th at 4:30PM, the department will host a mini-graduation from 1:30-3. If are graduating and you plan to attend, please let us know: <https://forms.gle/1WnbVa8vBsUS9pi26>

My office hours this quarter will be Monday 2PM-4PM, Wednesday 11AM-1PM, and Thursday 10AM-12PM. During these times, we can meet in my office (52-D3) or via Zoom. Please be sure to schedule an appointment: <https://calendly.com/eryalls/dr-ryalls-s-office-hours>. 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.

The Palm Theater is beginning a monthly series called Professor Picks. This Thursday, April 9th at 7PM, this professor 😊 picked the incredible Oscar nominated documentary Cutting Through Rocks. I hope to see you there!

PROFESSOR PICKS



THURSDAY, APRIL 09

CUTTING THROUGH ROCKS

Introduction by Dr. Emily D. Ryalls,
Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies
in the Liberal Arts Department
at Cal Poly.

Her research and teaching interests are in the areas of critical/cultural studies and feminist media studies. Dr. Ryalls's research has explored issues of age, race, class, gender, and sexuality.



👋 MEET KEELY AND AKSHARA - YOUR ISLA STUDENT ASSISTANTS!

Hi everyone! I'm Keely, a fourth year ISLA major/STS minor. I am also the ISLA student assistant!

Hello! I'm Akshara, a second year ISLA major with a concentration in Ethics, Law and Social Justice!

We create these newsletters, run our ISLA social media, and support events throughout the quarter. We are also here as a resource for you — whether you have questions about the ISLA program, need help navigating course selection or declaring a concentration/minor, or want to get more involved in the ISLA community.

 **Our contact information:**

Keely: kfrobot@calpoly.edu

Akshara: amadabus@calpoly.edu

We'd love to hear from you — don't hesitate to reach out, connect, or say hi around campus!

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.



The graphic features a green background with a white border. On the left is a cartoon illustration of a brown and white mustang horse. To its right, the text "MUSTANG FILM SOCIETY" is written in large, bold, dark blue letters. Further right is a yellow and black film clapperboard. Below the horse is the Instagram logo, followed by the text "Instagram @mustangfilmsociety". Below that is an email icon followed by "For more info contact eryalls@calpoly.edu". On the right side, there is a rounded rectangular box containing two yellow stars and the text "CONNECT WITH PEERS INTERESTED IN FILM!" and "BUILD IMPORTANT INDUSTRY SKILLS!".

MUSTANG FILM SOCIETY

Mustang Film Society is a new club on campus aimed at fostering a community around film and providing students interested in film with opportunities to connect to others in the film industry and explore their interests! This may be of interest to any MAST minor students.

If interested, please contact Dr. Emily Ryalls at eryalls@calpoly.edu or follow the Instagram @mustangfilmsociety

CAREERS & INTERNSHIPS



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COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & OFFICE OF STUDENT SUCCESS
PRESENTS

ACE INTERNSHIP SUCCESS ENHANCEMENT



In the College of Liberal Arts? The ACE programs hopes to support low-income & first-generation students by enhancing internship opportunities. You can earn up to \$2500!

Requirements

- ✓ Maintain a qualifying Spring 2026 internship as defined by Cal Poly
- ✓ Ability to attend cohort-based reflections and meet-ups
- ✓ Completion of ACE Internship ePortfolio

Earn up to \$2500 today!



ACE is open and available to all who are interested to apply and/or participate, regardless of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin.



For this Spring only, ACE is offering a \$1500 supplement to the ACE \$100 base stipend to low income and/or first generation college students who have an internship lined up for spring quarter. For more information or to apply, visit the [ACE website](#).

SEMESTER CONVERSION



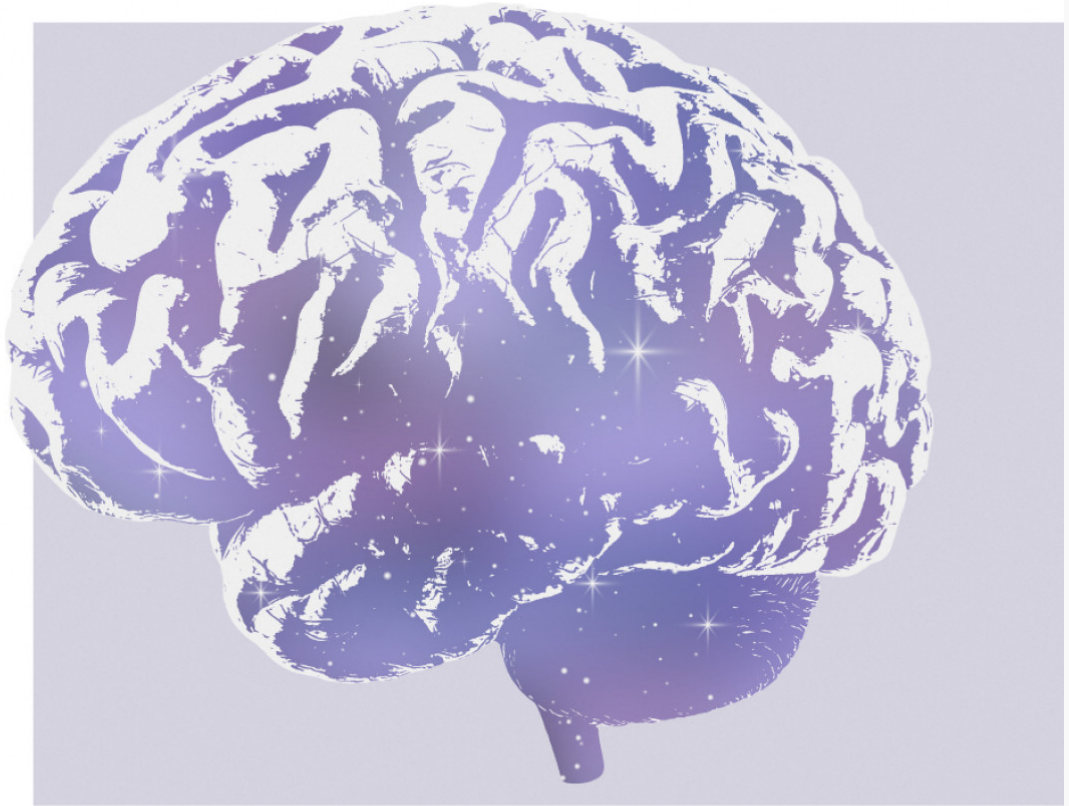
A note about Cal Poly's Move to Semesters

Cal Poly will transition from the quarter system to a **semester calendar beginning Fall 2026**. This change will affect several things, including the length of terms, how courses are scheduled, and how students plan their academic year. Instead of three 10-week quarters, the academic year will include **two 15-week semesters (Fall and Spring)**. All students will be taking **semester-based courses starting Fall 2026**, and most students will take about **15 units per semester**.

Because this transition will affect course planning and degree progress, it's a good idea to stay informed and start thinking ahead about your schedule. The **CLA Advising Center** has resources to help you understand what the move to semesters means for you, including course equivalencies and planning tools. Visit the **CLA Advising semester conversion website** (See QR code) for updates and guidance, and follow **@CLAadvisingcenter on Instagram** for tips, reminders, and helpful information as Cal Poly prepares for the move to semesters.

EVENTS

INHERITANCE



INHERITANCE *PAINTING* *MEMORY*

4/7 – 4/16

Dexter Building, Room 166



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Center for Expressive Technologies

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

INHERITANCE

An interdisciplinary collaboration between Art and Design and Sociology, exploring memory, supported by the Center for Expressive Technologies.

Opening Reception
April 7th, 5:30 – 7:30 PM

4/7 – 4/16

Dexter Building, Room 166

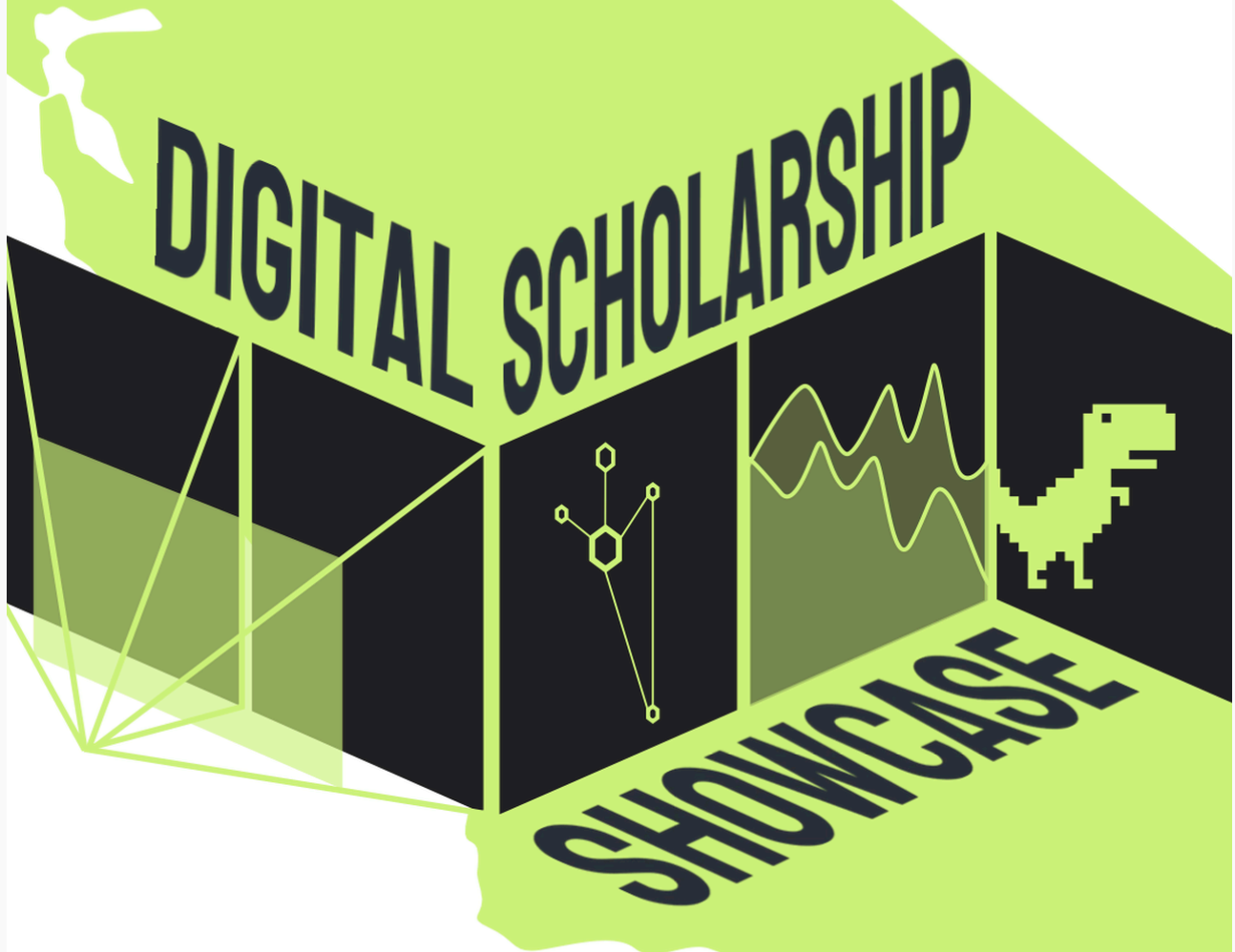
Inheritance: Painting Memory

Explore the intersection of art, design, and sociology at *Inheritance: Painting Memory*, an interdisciplinary exhibition supported by the Cal Poly Center for Expressive Technologies. This

thought-provoking showcase examines how memory is created, preserved, and reimagined through creative practice.

Join us for the opening reception on April 7th from 5:30–7:30 PM in Dexter Building, Room 166. The exhibition will be on view from April 7–16. Don't miss this unique opportunity to experience innovative work that bridges disciplines and sparks conversation.

Kennedy Library
Digital Scholarship Studio



METHODS • TOOLS • PEDAGOGY
Project Gallery • Presentations • Networking

Register:



11am-12pm
Thursday, April 9th, 2026
Kennedy Library 35-103

Digital Scholarship Showcase

Please join the Kennedy Library Digital Scholarship Studio/Digital Projects Lab for our inaugural Digital Scholarship Project Showcase on **Thursday, April 9th, 2026, at 11am-12pm** (UU hour). We hope that this will be the start of a yearly tradition of showcasing the creativity and collaboration happening across campus. Our goal is to provide a space where faculty, staff, and students from all disciplines who are interested in digital scholarship can connect through the library and get inspired. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Safer Presents:
SEXUAL ASSAULT ACTION MONTH

The Power of Stories:
Multigenerational Storytelling for Healing

Tuesday, April 14th

6:30 - 8:00pm

Hear from 5 multigenerational speakers as they share their experience as a survivor and/or their work supporting survivors. Cookies and lemonade served!

The Forum

Content Warning:

Speakers will be sharing real life experiences with topics related to Gender and Power Based Violence

SAFER, STRONGER.
MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

Learn more about Safer's Sexual Assault Action Month events:



@calpolyhealthandwellbeing



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CAMPUS HEALTH
& WELLBEING

Make an appointment with a confidential professional advocate:



The Power of Stories: Multigenerational Storytelling for Healing

Join Cal Poly Safer Campus Health & Wellbeing for a powerful evening of storytelling during Sexual Assault Action Month. *The Power of Stories: Multigenerational Storytelling for Healing* brings together five speakers to share personal experiences and perspectives on supporting survivors, highlighting the strength of community and the impact of lived stories.

The event will take place on Tuesday, April 14th from 6:30–8:00 PM at The Forum. Cookies and lemonade will be provided. Please note that speakers will discuss real-life experiences related to gender- and power-based violence.

Come listen, learn, and stand in solidarity as we move forward—safer and stronger—together.

2026 CHELSEA REDEKER MILBOURNE MEMORIAL



Chelsea Milbourne



Sophie Wang

ZINES AS CRITICAL RESEARCH- MAKING

SCIENCE, ART, AND TRANSLATING RESEARCH
INTO POLITICAL EDUCATION

TUESDAY APRIL 14
3:10 - 5:00 PM

HYBRID EVENT

IN-PERSON LOCATION: ATL
MASKS HIGHLY ENCOURAGED

FOR ZOOM LINK REGISTER AT
[BIT.LY/2026CMMEMORIAL](https://bit.ly/2026CMMEMORIAL)

The Chelsea Redeker Milbourne Symposium honors former Cal Poly faculty member Chelsea Milbourne. Chelsea was a valued teacher, scholar, and member of the department of English and the Science, Technology, and Society (STS) Executive Committee. This symposium aims to preserve her legacy by featuring scholarly talks in the areas of technical communication, STS, and public science.

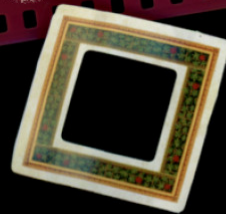
SYMPOSIUM

2026 Chelsea Redeker Milbourne Memorial

Please join the Chelsea Redeker Milbourne Symposium as they honor former Cal Poly faculty member Chelsea Milbourne. Chelsea was a valued member of the Science, Technology, and Society Executive Committee. This symposium features scholarly talks such as "Zines as Critical Research-Making" and "Science, Art, and Translating Research into Political Education" to preserve her legacy at Cal Poly and honor her admirable contribution to student's education. This memorial is a hybrid event, and we welcome you to join us **Thursday, April 14 from 3:10-5:00 PM** in the **Advanced Technology Labs** (masks highly encouraged), or register for the zoom link [HERE](#).

short films by cal poly students

SHORT CUTS



Monday.

April 27

@ 7 pm



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Lights, camera, Cal Poly! 🎬

Don't miss **Cal Poly Short Cuts**, a dynamic showcase of six original short films written, directed, and produced by students in ISLA 341 in collaboration with ART 483. These creative projects will premiere on **Monday, April 27 at 7 p.m.** at the Fremont Theater as part of the SLO International Film Festival. This is a unique opportunity to support student filmmakers and experience powerful storytelling on the big screen.

Tickets are just **\$5 for students**, so grab your friends and be part of an unforgettable night of film.

🎫 Get your tickets here: <https://slofilmfest2026.eventive.org/schedule/cal-poly-short-cuts-69bb731aaf14c474487626df>

🌐 Learn more and explore behind-the-scenes content:
<https://sloshortcuts26.wixsite.com/shortcuts2026>

CAN YOU NARCAN?



Tuesdays at 3:00-5:00pm

Thursdays 3:30-5:30pm

 **HEALTH CENTER (BLDG. 27)**

**Interested in learning more about the life-saving benefits of
Naloxone?**

Training only takes 15 minutes!

Where else can you get Naloxone?

**Naloxone, test strip refills and overdose prevention kits are also available
by appointment.**

**Email wellbeing@calpoly.edu for more information or for group training
inquiries.**

Make an appointment here:



 **ODPREVENTION@CALPOLY.EDU**

 **CAL POLY**
Health Education
CAMPUS HEALTH
& WELLBEING

Opioid Overdose Prevention & Free Narcan Kits

Cal Poly's Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Prevention team is partnering with ISLA to support student safety and wellness. With fentanyl-related overdoses on the rise nationally and locally, it's more important than ever to know how to recognize an overdose and respond effectively.

Join us for a brief, interactive training covering:

- How to identify an opioid overdose
- How to safely administer Narcan (Naloxone)
- How to access free Narcan + Overdose Prevention Kits

Students can pick up supplies at Building 27 (Health Center) or during weekly distributions:

Tuesdays, 3–5 PM and **Thursdays, 3:30–5:30 PM** on the Health Lawn.

Want us to come to your space for a distribution or presentation? We're happy to schedule a time that works for you!

OPPORTUNITIES

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!!

OUR SERVICES

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

LOCATION

In Bonderson,
Building 197, Room 110



HOURS

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



CONTACT INFO

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Link to
our
website



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.**

 **Spring Quarter Hours (Weeks 2–10):**

- Monday–Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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!



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Spring 2026 Workshops at the Digital Scholarship Studio

Apr 10 Intro to Git and Github

Apr 17 Data Discovery for Your GIS Project

Apr 23 Research Poster Design with Figma

Apr 30 Intro to Field Maps and GPS

May 7 Map Design and Cartography

May 15 Intro to Adobe Illustrator

May 21 Intro to Adobe Photoshop

May 28 Business Cards with Adobe InDesign



Everyone is welcome!

Details and registration:

guides.lib.calpoly.edu/DPL/workshops

Open Workshops at the Kennedy Library Digital Scholarship Studio

The Kennedy Library Digital Scholarship Studio holds weekly open workshops to introduce basic computing, design, mapping, and visualization topics. These workshops do not require any prior experience, and we welcome beginners and experts from all disciplines.

Additionally, the Digital Scholarship Studio offers consultation support for students, staff, and faculty working on projects and research involving data, design, GIS, and data visualization. Appointment times can be found [here](#). Meetings take place in-person at the Digital Scholarship Studio on Level 1 of Kennedy Library, or on Zoom.

STUDENT SUPPORT

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 COLLEGE POSSIBLE AT 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](#).



KEEP UP TO DATE WITH CAMPUS NEWS!

Interdisciplinary Studies Students and Staff! Are you eager to be in the know about the latest campus news and updates? Do you want the most up-to-date headlines conveniently sent to your email? Look no further! Subscribe to the Mustang News Roundup today! Our Roundup newsletter brings you the freshest Mustang News and KCPR content, and is delivered straight to your inbox every Monday through Friday of the school year. Don't let this opportunity to stay well-informed pass you by!

Subscribe here: <https://mustangnews.net/the-roundup/>