

The LAES Frontier

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A monthly newsletter keeping the Liberal Arts and Engineering Studies program connected and informed.

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Thank You for Attending!



LAES Advising Event

We had a great turnout at our Week 2 LAES advising event. Current and prospective LAES students were able to ask questions about senior project, study abroad, concentrations, research opportunities, and more with all the advisors and faculty present to provide answers. The big topic of the day, however, was semester conversion. Have more questions about semester conversion? Check out Mission Control (pg. 5) for links to the Semester Conversion slide deck and other helpful resources.

HIVE Series: ox&öl

As part of a larger sympathetic sound series called HIVE (Human Intelligence in Vibratory Experimentation), the Expressive Technology Studios was fortunate to host [ox&öl](#) (Simone Keller and Philip Bartels) from Germany for two events in January: An Open Studio Session where students got hands-on with instruments, and a Presentation & Discussion on their extensive and varied [body of work](#) in the fields of experimental music theatre and participatory educational programs.



Upcoming Events

Feb. 5th, 7:30pm - Concert: Playgrounds of Sound



- Expressive Technology Studios (181-104)
- The multimedia duo Meoark (Michele Cheng & Hassan Estakhrian) use everyday objects and technologically altered instruments to create compelling textures and sonic landscapes
- Learn more about their work at meoark.com

Feb. 9th, 10:10am-12pm -Immersive Narrative Design Workshop: Andy Crocker



- Expressive Technology Studios (181-104)
- Andy is an Experience Designer/Director with background in Theatre, Television, & Immersive Events. Clients include The LA Public Library, adult swim, The Second City, The Bezark Company, Center Theatre Group, Knott's Berry Farm, & Walt Disney Imagineering
- Learn more about Andy's work at andycrocker.com

Feb. 9th, 1:30-3:30pm - Andy Crocker Open Studio and Q&A



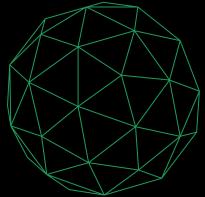
- Expressive Technology Studios (181-104)
- Informal presentation/activity and discussion on work with ample time for Q&A



All listed events are **FREE** with limited seating - Email laes@calpoly.edu with any event questions



More Alumni Needed!



LAES Alumni, we need
your help!

Please [Complete this](#)
[brief form](#) so we can
spotlight you. Thank you
for your time and support
of the program.

*Your words of wisdom
here. And some priceless
experience over here.*



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Earn a \$50 amazon Giftcard



Michelle is an alumni of LAES (graduated in 2019) and running a study about the experiences of LAES students related to engineering leadership and engineering identity.

Your participation in the study would entail the following:

- One interview (about 1 hour long, virtually over Zoom) about LAES and engineering leadership
- One interview (about 1 hour long, virtually over Zoom) about LAES and engineering identity.

If you decide to participate in and complete the interviews for this study, you will receive a \$50 Amazon gift card after the completion of both interviews.

If you have any questions or would like to schedule an interview, please reach out at mchoiausman@vt.edu . Thank you for considering this opportunity!

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Mission Control

Stand by for transmission...

Semester Conversion Resources

LAES is here to help you navigate the change to semesters.

Semester Conversion Presentation Slides

In case you missed the Week 2 LAES Advising Event or want a refresher

[Link to slides](#)

LAES Quarter Equivalency Guide

For those staying on the quarter catalog and finishing those course requirements using semester courses

[Link to PDF](#)

LAES Semester Equivalency Guide

Designed for students who will change to the semester catalog and want to know how their quarter courses will apply towards those semester requirements

[Link to PDF](#)

Questions?

The LAES Academic advisors are here to help! Make an appointment with Katie or Sabrina from their Calendly links on the LAES Website:

<https://laes.calpoly.edu/contact-us>

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