Office of the President

Cal Poly Students,

For more than a century, Cal Poly has been committed to providing an exceptional Learn by Doing education. When I arrived 16 years ago, I embraced that mission with a clear goal: strengthen Learn by Doing while expanding access for qualified California students.

You know firsthand how hard you worked to earn your place at Cal Poly. Every year, thousands of other talented and qualified students apply but are unable to attend simply because we do not have enough space to meet the demand.

That's why we're adding Year-Round Opportunities (YRO) to high-demand majors, an initiative designed to deliver a high-quality Learn by Doing education to more students while preserving the strong academic experience that defines our university. Equally important is our commitment to maintaining a robust student experience, including access to the programs, services, support and campus life that are essential to student success and belonging.

As a current student, the most important thing to know is this: **You will remain on the current academic calendar unless you choose a different option.**

To help explain what YRO is and what it means for Cal Poly, Vice President for Strategic Enrollment Management and Student Success Terrance Harris and I have put together a short video outlining the year-round model, its goals and what you can expect as planning moves forward.

WATCH THE YRO VIDEO

Student perspectives will also play an important role in YRO planning and implementation. We are establishing a YRO Student Advisory Council with representation from across academic colleges, student organizations, club sports, fraternity and sorority life, and other student communities. The council will provide opportunities for students to share feedback and help inform the policies, practices and student experience considerations that will shape YRO implementation.

I encourage you to visit the YRO webpage for more information, frequently asked questions and ongoing updates as planning progresses.

Together, we're building on Cal Poly's tradition of excellence while ensuring that the student experience remains central to how we expand opportunities for future generations.

Go Mustangs!

Jeffrey D. Armstrong
President

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