



CAL POLY

Office of the President

Dear Colleagues,

Welcome back to campus and to a very special year in Cal Poly's history.

In 2026, we celebrate 125 years of excellence in polytechnic education and a commitment to student success.

The anniversary festivities begin this **Thursday, Jan. 8, during UU Hour from 11:10 a.m. to noon**. We invite you to wear your Cal Poly gear and join the celebrations.

- UU Plaza – Cheer and Dance, photo ops, giveaways.
- Kennedy Library – Photo ops, giveaways.
- Mayo Hall Patio – Photo ops, giveaways, sweet treats.
- Mustang Business Park – Photo ops, giveaways.

Throughout the year, we will honor Cal Poly's legacy and the Learn by Doing approach that sets us apart. From our humble beginnings with 20 students to more than 23,000 today, our growth and reputation reflect the extraordinary work of faculty and staff who have continually taken on the difficult challenges and succeeded.

Founded on March 8, 1901, we are the fourth-oldest university in the CSU system. We have a proud history — and thanks to you, an even brighter future. Let's celebrate how far we've come and the impact we continue to make together.

Thank you for all you do to advance Cal Poly's mission and inspire generations of learners.

Go Mustangs!

Jeffrey D. Armstrong
President



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