Welcome back to Cal Poly for a new academic year! There will be plenty of opportunities that will be of interest to STS minors this year. This weekly STS newsletter will keep you up to date on information that is important for STS students. For those recently enrolled in an STS minor, the newsletter is a place to share news and to let STS students know about internal/external events, research opportunities, and career services’ programs relevant to them. If you have any news or events that you would like to share with your fellow STS students then please let us know at sts@calpoly.edu.

Please let me know if there is anything I could help you with during the quarter. My office hours this quarter will be Tu 1-3PM and Th 1-3PM. So during these times you can drop by my office 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 Course Offering ~ Innovation and Sustainability

There is a new course being offered this Fall that would be appropriate for many STS students. It is scheduled for MW 12:10-2. Please let Dr. Kirby know if you are interested in taking the course and we can discuss a potential substitution into your minor.

IME/ISLA 470 - Innovation and Sustainability in the Start-Up Nation

Innovation and sustainability are topics of significant importance in current work environments, and necessary factors in process design. The combination of these topics has the potential to transform processes and improve modern economy. This course prepares students to meet Industrial and organizational needs in the intersection of these areas. This course will provide knowledge that will be both helpful and expected of graduates upon entry into the workforce.
Come Dragon Boating With Us!

Dragon boating is a team watersport that originated in ancient China. If you like kayaking, rowing, canoeing (outrigger or otherwise), or other paddle sports, there's a good chance you'll enjoy dragon boating.

We're trying to form a Cal Poly dragon boat team and are looking for folks who might want to be part of it! We're holding a free paddling clinic/workshop in Morro Bay on Sunday, October 8 from 9am-1pm—no prior experience or equipment is necessary! If you think you might be interested in joining the team and/or attending the clinic/workshop, please take a second to fill out this short interest survey and Dr. Anne Jansen will be in touch with more information; you can also reach out to her directly at amjansen@calpoly.edu.
If you have questions or want a little more information, you can attend an optional info session on Tuesday, October 3 from 11:00-12:00 in Building 38, Room 114. Stop by and bring a friend or two!

Guest Speaker: Joanna Schwartz

Joanna Schwartz will be giving a talk about police violence and its legal dimensions on Friday, October 6th. The event is open to the public and will be held in Building 180, Room 107 from 3:10-5:00PM.
A note from Madi Walker:

My name is Madi Walker, and I am an AmeriCorps VIP Member at Big Brothers Big Sisters of San Luis Obispo County, a local non-profit in the area! I am reaching out to you with an opportunity for students in ISLA and STS.

In May 2024, we are hosting our annual BIG Event, a fundraising event that raises critical funds and encourages people in the community to become a mentor to an at-risk child in the area. We

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**Videographer Opportunity at Big Brothers Big Sisters**

Potential for:
- Senior project/internship credit
- Real-world skills application
- Serving a local non-profit

Time frame: Fall & Winter Quarter

More information:  (805) 540-1926  caity@slobigs.org

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**What's in it for me?**
are currently looking for a Cal Poly student to create a short 4-5 minute film with the guidance of our Development Director. This film will highlight the stories of a few matches in SLO County as a way to show the power of mentorship and encourage more community engagement with our organization that we can share at the BIG Event.

OPPORTUNITIES

Sketch Comedy Club Auditions!

Auditions for The Nightcap are THIS MONDAY at 8:10PM in Construction Innovations C100! Our cast is split into two teams: writers and production. Our writers pitch ideas, write scripts, and act in our sketches. Our production team takes care of everything else: video production, video editing, graphic design, marketing, stage crew, and more. If you’re interested in comedy, entertainment, theatre, or the arts, this opportunity is for you!

Monday, October 2nd
Building 186 - Rm C100
8:10 PM!

Check out our Instagram for more on how to prepare for auditions, and our Youtube for content from our previous shows, both at the link below!

https://linktr.ee/thenightcapslo
Interested in Sustainable Global Development?

Engineers Without Borders, Cal Poly is a student-led non-profit organization that supports community-driven development programs worldwide through the design and implementation of sustainable engineering projects, while creating multidisciplinary and leadership experiences for students. With four international project teams in Fiji, Kenya, Nicaragua, and Local, we work to address issues such as water, education, food security, sanitation, and energy by collaborating with our partnered communities.

We are hoping to diversify the majors represented in our club in order to fill roles in business and cultural sub teams as well as to harness cross-disciplinary perspectives in designing holistic solutions that fit the needs of our communities.
Whether you’re passionate about business development, cultural insights, leadership opportunities, or making a positive impact, EWB has a place for you.

Join us for Crash Course (7-9 PM on 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, and 10/23 in the ATL (Room 07-02)), where you’ll learn about the EWB project process, community-centered design, and everything you need to know to join a project team and make a difference!

Go to linktr.ee/ewbcalpoly to sign up for our mailing list, club Slack channel and all other links.

Cal Poly Theatre and Dance is hosting **AUDITIONS** for its Fall productions, **Dead Man’s Cell Phone**, by Sarah Ruhl, and **A Cat Found God**, by Benjamin Sulzberger.

**Sunday, September 24, 1p - 4p Building 45 (Davidson Music)**
- **Dead Man’s Cell Phone - Room 212 Black Box**
- **A Cat Found God - Room 202 Design Lab**

The Cal Poly Theatre and Dance department is committed to casting individuals of all backgrounds, beliefs, ethnicities, social classes, genders, gender identities, gender expressions, national origins, documentation statuses, religious affiliations, sexual orientations, ability – and other visible and non-visible differences.

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**Dead Man’s Cell Phone and A Cat Found God Auditions**

The Cal Poly Theater and Dance Department is hosting auditions for its two fall productions! The auditions will happen on Sunday, September 24, 1pm - 4pm in Building 45 (Davidson Music). To find more information, go to the [theater department website](#).
Cal Poly Student Startup: Ryde

Ryde is a service for Cal Poly students that helps you travel more affordably and comfortably! If you’re driving home, Ryde can connect you with other Cal Poly students that will split your cost of gas. If you’re looking for a way home, Ryde can connect you with/to students driving your way.

Want to learn more about us?

- About Us
- Cal Poly CIE – Summer Accelerator Spotlight
- Cal Poly CIE – Demo Day Pitch
- Mustang New – Ryde
- Cal Poly Corporation Highlight

Join the STS Linkedin Page!

Please follow the Cal Poly STS Linkedin page. You can access this page through https://www.linkedin.com/company/science-technology-and-society-minors-cal-poly sts/
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.
Financial Aid for Food: Get up to $250/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 here](#) 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
Corona Virus Updates: The safety, health, and wellbeing of all campus community members and visitors is a primary commitment for Cal Poly. For the latest updates and information regarding coronavirus and our campus preparedness, please visit https://chw.calpoly.edu/coronavirus.

The Basic Needs Task Force: Cal Poly wants every student to have access to food and housing in order to focus on their education. There are many resources to help students meet their basic needs. To learn about the food pantry, meal vouchers, emergency grants and more visit here.

To learn more about other Resources, like Health & Counseling or Disability, you can visit the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities.

If you have any further questions:

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