A FOCUS ON STUDENT SUCCESS

Student Affairs promotes student success throughout the Cal Poly experience by providing Learn by Doing opportunities, delivering innovative student-centered programs, encouraging personal growth, and empowering our students within a safe, healthy, inclusive and supportive environment.

VALUES THAT FUEL OUR ACTIONS

Champion the student
We support, guide and advocate to create an environment where all students can reach their full potential.

Create visionary programs and services
We are leaders in delivering innovative and extraordinary co-curricular learning experiences that directly impact student recruitment, retention and graduation.

Sustain meaningful partnerships and collaboration
We partner with our campus and local community to build strong relationships and engage in conversations that create impactful opportunities for student success.

Cultivate continuous learning
We match the quality of Cal Poly’s in-class experiences with exceptional out-of-class co-curricular opportunities that enhance Learn By Doing.

Promote ethics, integrity and respect
We value a diverse campus community and embrace an inclusive campus culture.
Dr. Keith B. Humphrey joined Cal Poly in December 2012 as Vice President for Student Affairs (VPSA). He leads one of the largest divisions on campus by delivering high-impact programs and services that advance student learning, development and success. This senior executive role is responsible for securing necessary funding, staffing, facilities and planning in order to successfully operate a division with more than 30 departments and 500 staff. The VPSA is an officer of the university and responsible for the care and wellbeing for more than 21,000 students, 42,000 parents and supporters, and 185,000 alumni.

The VPSA brings a strong sense of leadership, strategic planning and fiscal viability to the division and university. He leads a senior executive team to develop and implement year-round Student Affairs programming, services, and events that, research shows, will directly impact the progression, retention, and graduation rates of students. He is part of the university leadership that advocates to our community, policy makers, and Chancellor’s Office for all student engagement and campus-wide programming that occurs outside of the classroom at Cal Poly.

Prior to joining Cal Poly, Dr. Humphrey was the assistant vice president and dean of students at the University of Arizona. He was also the associate dean of students, director of orientation and served as the assistant professor of practice and coordinator of the master’s program in higher education at the university’s Center for the Study of Higher Education.

Dr. Humphrey has served the higher education community as President of ACPA-College Student Educators International from 2012-2013. In his role as ACPA President he has consulted on dozens of campuses and presented workshops on student affairs throughout the United States, Canada, China and the Caribbean.

Dr. Humphrey obtained his bachelor’s degree from the College of William and Mary, master’s degree from James Madison University and doctorate from the University of Arizona. He lives in San Luis Obispo with his husband, Brett, and two children, Isaiah and Robert.
Dr. Jo Campbell serves as Associate Vice President for Student Affairs, Leadership and Service & University Housing. In her role, she has responsibility for and leadership of University Housing, which includes residential life and education, facilities maintenance, custodial, and housing administration. As a division leader, Dr. Campbell will also develop new residential facilities, including the programming of the Student Housing South project (1,475 first-year student beds) scheduled to open in fall 2018, as well as additional residential opportunities. Cal Poly currently houses approximately 40 percent of its student body and seeks to house up to 65 percent in the future.

Dr. Campbell brings over 35 years of higher education leadership, inclusive practices and administration to Cal Poly. She was formerly a director of residential life at the University of Toledo, Ohio and Senior Associate Director of Housing at the University of Illinois at Chicago. She has served on dozens of committees and advisory boards to improve the campus climate related to academics, crisis and conduct, student enrollment, equity and inclusion, and drug and alcohol abuse prevention. Notably, she served on ACPA-College Student Educators International’s Executive Council as chair of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender awareness committee, and she chaired the committee on gay, lesbian and bisexual issues for the Association of College and University Housing Officers-International.

Dr. Campbell earned a bachelor’s degree in psychology and a master’s degree in student personnel services from the University of South Carolina, Columbia, and a certificate of business administration with a strategic planning focus from the University of Illinois at Chicago. In 2015, she earned a doctorate in higher education administration from Bowling Green State University. Her doctoral research was on the behaviors, attitudes, skills and knowledge of senior student affairs professionals and their perceptions of leadership success. She lives in San Luis Obispo with her wife Ellen Broido.

AREAS OF OVERSIGHT: University Housing, Fraternity and Sorority Life, Clubs and Organizations, Center for Leadership, Center for Service in Action
Debi Hill joined Cal Poly in July 2015 as the Director for the Disability Resource Center and Testing Services. In this position, she was responsible for advocating and administering resources that provide equal access for all students, faculty, staff and campus guests. She worked with staff to promote inclusive design, provided guidance on reasonable accommodations, and continues to assess the effectiveness of the campus experience. In winter 2019, she was promoted to Associate Vice President for Student Affairs. In her current capacity, Debi oversees the Disability Resource Center and Testing Services, Student Academic Services, Career Services and New Student and Transition Programs.

Debi obtained a Bachelor’s degree in Management and Organizational Development and a Master’s degree in Education with a specialization in School Psychology from Fresno Pacific University. She holds Administrative and Pupil Personnel Services credentials and has worked extensively in the educational setting.

Most recently, she was the Administrator for the San Luis Obispo County Office of Education in Alternative Education. In this position, she was responsible for managing more than 50 classified staff and faculty members and programs in the county’s Community School sites, Juvenile Court School, and Independent Study programs.

Debi was also a psychologist for the San Luis Obispo County Office of Education for several years and responsible for supporting at-risk and special needs students attending K-12 public schools.

**AREAS OF OVERSIGHT:** Disability Resource Center, Student Academic Services (EOP, TRIO Achievers, Upward Bound, Educational Talent Search), Cal Poly Scholars, Center for Military-Connected Students, Career Services, New Student and Transition Programs
JAMIE PATTON
Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, Diversity and Inclusion

Dr. Jamie Patton joined Cal Poly in July of 2017 and serves as the Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, Diversity and Inclusion. He is responsible for developing, implementing and managing new programs and initiatives that advance diversity and inclusion at Cal Poly. As a division-wide leader and diversity officer, he provides direction and consultation for services and policies to ensure inclusive practices across all Student Affairs departments. In addition, he helps provide campus-wide support for diversity and inclusion efforts in partnership with the Office of University Diversity and Inclusivity.

A native of north Philadelphia, Dr. Patton is a first-generation college graduate with more than 15 years of experience as a higher education administrator. Prior to Cal Poly, he served as the Assistant Dean of Students for Ohio University, where he directed the Parent and Family Program, co-initiated programming to increase graduation and retention rates among African-American male students, and implemented social justice development workshops for Student Affairs staff. Dr. Patton found his passion for a career in Student Affairs at Lock Haven University in Pennsylvania, where he held student leadership roles as Vice President of the Student Cooperative Council, President of the Black Student Union and founder of the Distinguished Gentlemen. He later served in several positions during a nine-year period at Northern Arizona University, including Director of the Student Learning Centers and Director of Inclusion and Multicultural Services.

Dr. Patton earned his Bachelor of Arts degree at Lock Haven University, and his Master of Education and Doctor of Education degrees at Northern Arizona University. He resides with his wife Elisa and their two daughters in San Luis Obispo.

AREAS OF OVERSIGHT: Student Diversity and Belonging (MultiCultural Center, Pride Center, Gender Equity Center, Men and Masculinity, Dream Center, Black Academic Excellence Center).
TINA HADAWAY-MELLIS
Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, Health and Wellbeing

Tina Hadaway-Mellis serves as Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, Campus Health and Wellbeing. She joined Cal Poly in June of 2018 and is responsible for leading all aspects of student health and wellbeing, including medical services, counseling services, health education and campus wellbeing. Additionally, Tina is responsible for developing funding and entrepreneurial partnerships with on- and off-campus entities, including private providers, to enhance health and wellbeing at Cal Poly.

Tina has more than 20 years of experience in healthcare, including more than a decade as a healthcare professional for a variety of hospitals, medical centers and surgery centers in northern California. In 2006, she transitioned into a health administration role for Sequoia Surgical Pavilion in Walnut Creek. Prior to her arrival at Cal Poly, she spent four years serving as the clinical services director for the UC Berkeley, where she was responsible for managing the department’s strategic development, fiscal performance, operational oversight and organizational planning, among other duties. In addition, Tina has served as a surveyor for the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care since 2009.

Tina earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing at Saint Mary’s College. She also earned a Master of Business Administration, with an emphasis in health care administration, from the University of Phoenix. She also holds licenses and credentials as a registered nurse and surveyor for the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Healthcare. In her spare time, Tina enjoys hiking, photography, travel and spending time with her husband, Foti, and beagle, Beauregard.

AREAS OF OVERSITE: Medical Services, Counseling Services, Campus Wellbeing, Health Education, Safer
Michelle Crawford began her employment with ASI as a student in 2002 and served as Interim Executive Director beginning in spring 2021. In May, 2022, she was formally approved as ASI's Executive Director.

Throughout her career with ASI, Michelle has held numerous positions, including student manager, temporary assistant coordinator, coordinator, assistant director, associate director, and most recently director – University Union. In each of her roles, Michelle combined her passion for student development and commitment to being a strong steward of student fees with the responsibility to provide outstanding programs and services to Cal Poly students. She received the ASI Outstanding Service Award in 2009 and the Student Affairs Chandler Award in 2014.

In her role as Executive Director, Michelle is accountable for the financial, legal, and administrative management of ASI. In addition, she is responsible for the general management of all ASI resources, programs, and managed facilities, ensuring that ASI effectively supports and complements the educational mission of Cal Poly.

Michelle has bachelor’s and master’s degrees in recreation, parks, and tourism administration, both from Cal Poly.

AREAS OF OVERSIGHT: Student Government, Cal Poly Rose Float, Recreational Sports, Intramural Sports, Poly Escapes, Craft Center, Recreation Center, University Union, Doerr Family Field, Orfalea Family and ASI Children’s Center, Sports Complex
DON OBERHELMAN
Director of Cal Poly Athletics

Don joined Cal Poly in 2011 as the director for Cal Poly Athletics. In this leadership role, Don supports hundreds of student-athletes in obtaining their academic and athletic achievements. He manages a large group of athletic and administrative staff by providing strategic leadership in the areas of athletic compliance, academic services, advancement, sports information, sports marketing and communications, ticketing, athletics medicine, strength and conditioning, event management and Mustang Sports Properties.

Don brings more than 20 years of experiences to the Cal Poly Athletics program. Prior to Cal Poly, he served as the chief operating officer and senior associate athletics director at San Diego State University. Don has served in a number of NCAA and conference leadership roles, including The NCAA Division I Council. The 40-member council is charged with managing the new governance structure, the many changes taking place in college athletics, and the day-to-day decision making for all of Division I. In April 2015, he was appointed by the NCAA to chair the newly formed NCAA Division I Legislative Committee to review legislation and communicate positions to the Division I Council. Don has served on many working groups for the NCAA, currently serving in a review of the future of amateurism within the collegiate model. He is a current member of the Executive Committee for the Big West Conference.

Don also serves on the Board of Directors for the Hearst Cancer Center, as well as the board of the American Heart Association.

Prior to his tenure at San Diego State, Don served several roles at Southern Mississippi, most recently as the senior associate athletic director (2002-2007), education coordinator for athletics at Texas A&M (1998-2002), and as a compliance assistant at Florida State University (1995-1998).

The native of rural Kansas, Don earned his bachelor’s degree in business administration at Kansas State and his master’s degree in athletic administration at Florida State. He resides with his wife D.D. in Avila Beach.

AREAS OF OVERSIGHT: NCAA Athletics, University Marching Band
Dr. Joy Pedersen has worked at Cal Poly since 2003 and currently serves as Interim Dean of Students. In this role, she serves as the point of contact for student crisis intervention and is responsible for directly supporting the success and wellbeing of Cal Poly students. She is passionate about social justice and helping all students achieve their full potential.

Originally from the Central Coast, Dr. Pedersen returned to San Luis Obispo to work in the non-profit sector before transitioning to higher education. At Cal Poly, she has overseen the Center for Service in Action, Multicultural Center, and Center for Military-Connected Students. For the past five years, she has served as Associate Dean of Students for Student Success, Support, and Retention. In each of her roles, Dr. Pedersen has worked collaboratively with campus- and community-partners to create equity, access, and opportunities for students.

In addition to her leadership experience in student affairs, Dr. Pedersen has held positions in academic affairs and in the community. She has taught undergraduate and graduate courses at Cal Poly and Brandman University. She has served as a Board Member of United Way. And currently, she serves as a Board Member of Transition-Mental Health Association and SLO Chamber of Commerce Ambassador.

Throughout her tenure, Dr. Pedersen has been intimately involved in campus climate concerns and student safety. She is a founding member of the Asian Pacific Islander Faculty and Staff Association (APIFSA), the Bias Incident Response Team (BiRT), and the Peace Ambassador program at Cal Poly. She also oversees the Students of Concern Team and the Basic Needs Task Force.

Dr. Pedersen earned a bachelor’s in psychology from Claremont McKenna College, master’s in higher education counseling and guidance from Cal Poly, and doctorate in educational leadership from UCSB. She lives in Morro Bay with her daughter, Jade, and two Great Pyrenees. Dr. Pedersen enjoys paddle boarding and spending time with her family.

**JOY PEDERSEN**

*Dean of Students*

**AREAS OF OVERSIGHT: Office of the Dean of Students, Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities, Cal Poly Cares**
YUKIE MURPHY
Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs,
Administration and Divisional Operations

Yukie Murphy joined Student Affairs in 2014 as the director of marketing and communications. In 2017, she advanced as the Director of Educational Research and Communications, and in 2020 became the assistant vice president for Student Affairs, Administration and Divisional Operations. In this position, Yukie is responsible for the management, organization and oversight of the divisional assessment and research programs, communications, Student Affairs technology, budget and fiscal management, operations and business transformation. In addition, she has oversight of commencement, Parent and Family Programs, and WITH US: Center for Bystander Intervention. She works closely with many departments and programs in Student Affairs and university to help create new ways to advance the organization as a data-informed culture, focused on supporting students through graduation and beyond.

Yukie brings more than 15 years of comprehensive experience in marketing, brand management, and community development programs. She has built multi-million dollar marketing departments for industry leading companies and has opened several new markets across the country. She has outstanding experience in building and managing teams, fostering collaborations, creating strategic initiatives and communications campaigns.

Yukie has a bachelor’s of science degree from Cal Poly and lives in San Luis Obispo with her husband, Chris. She is passionate about supporting Cal Poly students and is actively involved several local community efforts.

AREAS OF OVERSITE: Divisional Communications, Assessment and Research, Budget and Fiscal Management, Operations and Business Transformation, Technology; Parent and Family Programs, Commencement, With Us: Center for Bystander Intervention
Rick Salomon joined Cal Poly in 2008 and has held numerous roles both on the academic side and in Student Affairs. He led the development of the Student Affairs Technology department as the Director of Student Affairs Technology before he was promoted to Director of Business Transformation & Process Improvement. In 2020, Rick advanced to his current position as Senior Director of Operations and Business Transformation for the division of Student Affairs. In his role as Senior Director of Operations & Business Transformation, Rick serves a key responsibility as the division’s operations, fiscal and human resource leader. In addition, Rick provides strategic leadership to a portfolio of transformational opportunities that champion student success. Rick continues to utilize his expertise in strategy, business process, administration, and operations to enhance the student experience through effective collaborations and process improvement initiatives. In recognition for his work, Rick was awarded the Division of Student Affairs’ Chandler Award for Outstanding Service to students and the profession in 2015.

Rick brings more than two decades of experience to his position at Cal Poly. He has previously served as a leader in many sectors, including hospitals and healthcare organizations, software development firms, Fortune 500 corporations, financial and educational institutions. He has extensive experience managing product teams, infrastructure projects, and digital transformation initiatives with clients ranging from small business to U.S. government agencies, including the Department of Defense, FBI and Department of Homeland Security.

Rick obtained his undergraduate and master’s degree from Cal Poly. He lives in San Luis Obispo and enjoys the central coast lifestyle, traveling, camping, and supporting community organizations.

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.

Student Government

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors serves as the official voice of the students. These 25 student-elected representatives provide oversight for ASI corporate activity, in addition to advocating for students in a variety of other capacities within the campus community.

University Union Advisory Board

The UU Advisory Board reviews financial matters and makes recommendations to the University President and the ASI Executive Director regarding the Cal Poly Recreation Center, Julian A. McPhee University Union, and the Cal Poly Sports Complex.

Executive Cabinet

The Executive Cabinet is a group of students appointed by the ASI President and Chief of Staff to support the ASI President’s goals for the year. Cabinet positions vary annually to meet Student Government objectives.
ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.

CONNECTING STUDENTS TO THEIR ULTIMATE COLLEGE EXPERIENCE.

Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) is an inclusive, empowering, student-driven organization committed to providing programs, services, and facilities that enhance and develop the student learning experience. Cal Poly students are stakeholders in ASI and have access to leadership positions through Student Government and on-campus employment. All of these opportunities are designed to complement Cal Poly’s educational mission, support a balanced education, and give students ownership and pride in their college experience.

ASI CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS
The Orfalea Family and ASI Children’s Center provides quality early care and education services to children from four months of age through kindergarten. Student parents receive first priority enrollment, followed by faculty and staff, alumni and community members.

WORK FOR ASI
More than 600 ASI student employees are the driving force behind the organization’s ability to create quality programs and services for all students. On-campus employment provides students with valuable work experience and leadership opportunities in a variety of positions.

ASI STUDENT GOVERNMENT
ASI Student Government is comprised of elected and volunteer student leaders that act as the collective voice of the student body. Through the three branches – ASI Executive Cabinet, ASI Board of Directors, and University Union Advisory Board – student leaders work together to practice shared governance, student advocacy, and collaboration with campus and community entities.

CAL POLY ROSE FLOAT
Students of Cal Poly Universities in San Luis Obispo and Pomona work together yearly to create the only student built float that participates in the Tournament of Roses Parade.
ASI EVENTS
ASI Events offers a variety of fun activities and social events to enjoy at little to no cost, including the annual Spring Stampede concert. From karaoke and concerts to bowling and bungee trampolines, ASI Events provides over 50 opportunities throughout the year for students to build connections and experience college life outside of the classroom.

ASI CRAFT CENTER
Create, design, relax, and restore in the ASI Craft Center with a variety of class offerings and studios for all skill levels to explore. Student instructors lead creative classes that all students and Cal Poly community members can experience at low costs including ceramics, baseball bat and skateboard making, flameworking, and surfboard shaping.

ASI CLUB SERVICES
ASI Club Services connects students to over 400 Cal Poly clubs, working as a partner with the University to administer day-to-day club operations.

ASI POLY ESCAPES
Limitless adventure awaits with ASI Poly Escapes, a premier outdoor adventure program with guided trips throughout San Luis Obispo County and California. Reach new heights at the Poly Escapes outdoor Climbing Park at the Cal Poly Recreation Center, or check out the Rental Center for a variety of low-cost equipment rentals to help students and community members gear up for their next adventure.

ASI RECREATIONAL SPORTS
Students have access to numerous activities and programs that provide opportunities for them to go above and beyond their recreational ambitions with ASI Recreational Sports.

AQUATICS The Recreation Center boasts an impressive aquatics facility complete with an Olympic-size lap pool and leisure pool featuring swim instruction classes, scuba and safety certifications, and pool deck relaxation.

ASI INTRAMURAL SPORTS A variety of indoor and outdoor team sports, leagues, and tournaments are available at low costs to keep over 7,000 participants in the game all year long including basketball, soccer, flag football, dodgeball, and more.

FITNESS Group fitness classes at the Recreation Center offer a unique mix of fun, specialized workouts designed to get participants moving. Private group classes are available at the Recreation Center or off-site, and may be one-time or on-going taught by a trained instructor.

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**Through February 2023, Business Services will operate out of the Cal Poly Recreation Center Ticket Window (Building 43, Room 107)
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ASI MISSION STATEMENT

ASI’s mission is to enhance the quality of student life and to complement the educational mission of Cal Poly through meaningful social, cultural, recreational, and educational programs. We provide valuable experiences through student advocacy, shared governance, student employment, and leadership opportunities.
ASI MANAGED FACILITIES

CAL POLY RECREATION CENTER

The Cal Poly Recreation Center is the premier destination for fitness, recreation, relaxation, and wellness on campus. This cutting-edge facility offers multiple exercise rooms, state-of-the-art equipment, an indoor track, six gymnasium courts, six racquetball courts, a wide variety of group fitness classes, equipment check out at The Pro Shop, personal training, an Olympic-size lap pool, leisure pool, beach volleyball courts, recreation areas, relaxation zones, and the ASI Poly Escapes Climbing Park and Rental Center.

CAL POLY SPORTS COMPLEX

The Cal Poly Sports Complex offers over 40 acres of outdoor space for the Cal Poly community to play, socialize, and recreate through a variety of sports and activities. The Sports Complex features lighted playing fields, five basketball courts, four soccer fields, three softball fields, and three turf fields available for general or reserved private use.

DOERR FAMILY FIELD

Opened in spring 2018, the Doerr Family Field is a synthetic turf field lined for flag football, NCAA football, and soccer. The field is open to the Cal Poly community for frisbee, football, soccer, or fitness conditioning and used for student recreational sports programs, intercollegiate athletics, and special events.

JULIAN A. MCPHEE UNIVERSITY UNION

Whether it is for studying, socializing, or guests touring campus, the Julian A. McPhee University Union is the gathering place for the Cal Poly community. Commonly referred to as the UU, it is fashioned with a variety of seating areas, computer kiosks, charging stations, Wi-Fi and hydration stations. The UU is home to the majority of ASI programs in addition to numerous University organizations, dining establishments, conference rooms, Chumash Auditorium, lounges, and the UU Plaza which are available for reservation to hold meetings, conferences or events.

ORFALEA FAMILY & ASI CHILDREN CENTER

The Orfalea Family and ASI Children’s Center provides early care and education services for the children of Cal Poly students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the local San Luis Obispo community. The center features seven classrooms and an accredited outdoor area for play and discovery.
Intercollegiate athletics strives to promote the moral and ethical values reflected in all university programs. Cal Poly operates its athletic program with integrity and in full compliance with institutional, conference and NCAA guidelines. Student-athletes, coaches and staff are expected to compete with honesty, sportsmanship, and fair play at all times within the guidelines of amateur athletics.

The department of athletics provides equitable opportunities for all students and staff, including women and minorities. In addition, the athletic program provides a form of educational activity which is traditionally accepted as a part of collegiate life, and which provides a common rallying point for a diversified student body, faculty, staff, and alumni. The program strives to generate interest in the university within the local community, the state, and the nation.

Student athletes are made aware of the important responsibilities they accept when they become members of Cal Poly’s athletic teams. These responsibilities include performing at an optimum level both academically and athletically, giving their best efforts toward the success of their team, and conducting themselves in a manner which will reflect well on themselves, their team, and Cal Poly.

**CAL POLY ATHLETICS AT A GLANCE**

- Cal Poly Athletics supports 21 varsity sports teams
- Most of our sports compete in the Big West Conference, though football competes in the Big Sky Conference, wrestling competes in the PAC-12 and Swimming & Diving competes in the MPSF
- Cal Poly has won 35 national championships, 168 conference championships, and sent numerous student-athletes into professional sports
- All sports compete at the NCAA Division-I level, the highest level in college athletics
ABOUT CAMPUS HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Campus Health and Wellbeing provides comprehensive medical, psychologic and holistic wellbeing services to support student success at Cal Poly. We believe health is a “state of complete physical, mental, and social wellbeing, and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity” (World Health Organization). Our skilled team of board-certified physicians, licensed clinicians, mental health professionals, and compassionate and caring staff ensure that we are not only providing excellent care but educating our students to be future health care consumers and advocates for their personal health and wellbeing. It is our purpose to offer comprehensive care, advocacy, empowerment and education for students to develop and live to their full potential.

Tina Hadaway-Mellis, RN, MBA
Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs Health and Wellbeing

“Health and Wellbeing are integral parts of ensuring the continued success of our campus community. Addressing the needs of the Cal Poly community from a holistic perspective will foster healthy habits and create future leaders who will live their fullest possibilities long after graduation.”
**HEALTH**

We offer a variety of medical services ranging from primary and walk-in medical care, preventative care, nursing care, pharmacy, lab, x-ray and immunizations. Our board-certified physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and nursing staff are trained experts in college health. We believe in providing student-centered health services that support their success at Cal Poly.

**COUNSELING**

We offer a wide array of confidential services including short-term individual therapy, group therapy, crisis support, emotional wellbeing workshops, outreach, and referrals. Our licensed mental health clinicians have significant experience and expertise in college mental health and intentionally create safe, inclusive and welcoming environments for all students, whether they have experience with counseling in the past, or it's their first time exploring therapy.

**WELLBEING, HEALTH EDUCATION & BASIC NEEDS**

Are committed to helping our campus community be well. Our team of health educators and service professionals are subject matter experts in substance use and misuse, mental & emotional wellbeing, sexual health, healthy relationships, and providing inclusive and equitable student support. As public health practitioners, our goal is to prevent physical or emotional harm from occurring and promote long-term healthy communities.

**SAFER**

Provides confidential advocacy, support and prevention education related to sexual assault, intimate partner violence, stalking, sexual exploitation, and sexual harassment. We are committed to co-creating a campus culture that is inclusive and affirming of all identities and experiences.

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Career Development and Planning
Career Services empowers Cal Poly students to achieve a lifetime of meaningful career success by engaging with Cal Poly’s vibrant network. Ensuring students have the support they need is our highest priority. We offer a range of career development programs and resources encouraging students to tap into their unlimited possibilities.

CAREER COUNSELING SERVICES
Career Services offers a variety of career counseling services to help students achieve success and obtain meaningful careers after graduation. Our Freshman Focus Team connects first-year students with counselors to clarify majors and develop career plans. Our College Specialist Team works closely with the six academic colleges. They deliver tailored programming and services to help students explore and prepare for future graduate school and career opportunities.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS, EVENTS, AND RESOURCES
Career Services offers workshops and classroom presentations to expose students to valuable professional skills such as resume writing, interview techniques, job search strategies, networking, changing majors, etiquette and salary negotiations. Career Services offers exploration events and meetings with industry experts to expose students to a multitude of exciting new career opportunities. In addition, several virtual career resources are available to students including an online networking and mentoring platform, Cal Poly Career Connections.
STUDENT/ALUMNI/EMPLOYER PARTNERSHIPS

Recruitment and Networking Opportunities
Career Services hosts quarterly Career Fairs during the academic year to provide students with direct access to professional job and internship opportunities. The robust campus interview program brings hundreds of employers and students together. Students are engaged in several information and networking sessions during the year to interface with potential employers, giving students more exposure to opportunities and future careers.

Developing Long-term Relationships
The Employer Partnerships Team is dedicated to fostering enduring connections with our recruiters. By working together to create customized recruiting solutions, our staff can help ensure connections are made to campus communities most beneficial to each employer. Specialists are conducting meaningful outreach to businesses, nonprofits and government agencies to increase opportunities available to all students.

RETURN ON INVESTMENT
Career Services conducts annual graduate status surveys to track graduates success in their careers and graduate and professional school studies. The data collected from students and post-graduates are used to support the value of a Cal Poly education, program review and accreditation across the university.

IN 2020-21, CAREER SERVICES:
- Hosted 1000 companies at 14 career fairs
- Posted over 93,000 job and internship positions through the online recruitment platform MustangJOBS
- Conducted approximately 5,000 individual career counseling appointments
- Delivered over 400 career education programs
- Posted nearly 4,000 local part-time, on-campus jobs, and work-study opportunities

Graduate Outcomes
- 95% Positively Engaged
- 78% Working Full Time
- 2% Working Part Time
- 13% Attending Graduate School
- 5% Still Seeking
- 2% Other Pursuits*

Major-Related Jobs
- 96% Found jobs related to their major

Employment Timeline
- Of those employed, 100% had jobs within nine months of graduation.
- 69% Before Graduation
- 17% Within Three Months
- 10% Within Six Months
- 4% Within Nine Months

Starting Median Salary
$68,600

*Data is based on 2,755 student responses collected within nine months of graduation; 52% overall response rate. For a detailed breakdown by college and major, go to: careerservices.calpoly.edu/gsr. **Other pursuits include intentional plans such as travel, gap-year experience, artistic pursuits, and personal commitments.
MISSION
The Center for Leadership fosters socially responsible leadership development through high-impact practices, programs, and events that are innovative, inclusive, and educational.

VISION
The Center for Leadership creates innovative partnerships and programs to engage students in a leadership laboratory, that exemplifies Learn by Doing. Our programs and resources combine both leadership theories and action based approaches that grow students in leadership skill development, leadership competencies, assumption of leadership/service roles, and the continuation of leadership and service after graduation.

EMERGING LEADERSHIP SERIES
The 8-week Emerging Leaders Series (ELS) focuses on students’ personal and professional leadership exploration. Students in ELS are paired with a mentor, participate in a day of service, and develop their own leadership philosophy.

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SERIES
This certificate focuses on global cross-contextual, and cross-cultural leadership.

SOCIAL CHANGE LEADERSHIP
The 8-week Social Change Leadership (SCL) encourages students to explore leadership and identity through a critical social lens based on the Social Change Model of Leadership Development.

POSITIONAL LEADERSHIP
This series aims to increase student’s competency related to positional leadership roles they hold, or aspire to hold. By increasing their confidence and expanding their toolkit.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS
Continually striving to meet the needs of the students and university. These programs include Emotionally Intelligent Leadership, Relational Leadership, and embedding the diversity, equity, and inclusion lens into all. Any requests can be made through our website.

LEADERSHIP CONSULTING & FACILITATION
The Center for Leadership staff and the peer leaders provide tailored leadership sessions for students, groups, classes, and organization across campus. Our staff works with each individual group to create a relevant engaging experience.

LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATES
The Center for Leadership offers multiple free cohort model series open to all Cal Poly students. Register on our website.
The Student Leadership Institute (SLI) is an opportunity for all Cal Poly students to engage in leadership development opportunities and learn from and with peers. SLI takes place in the fall and is a free student leadership conference focused on building and expanding one’s leadership tool kit.

LEAD AWARDS
The Leadership and Engagement Achievements of Distinction is a collaborative awards ceremony that showcases leadership and service efforts from outstanding students across the university. LEAD Award categories available for nomination:
- Leadership in Action
- Collaboration Award
- Program or Event of Distinction
- Allyship

PEER LEADERS
The center is supported and led by students. The peer leaders co-facilitate certificate programs, engage in dynamic outreach, participate in building a curriculum, and support multiple projects within Leadership and Service.

GIVING AND ENGAGING WITH THE CENTER FOR LEADERSHIP
The Center for Leadership has positively impacted thousands of student’s lives through its programs and facilitations. We strive to continue learning on how to educate and prepare the leaders of tomorrow. Please collaborate with us by becoming an alumni mentor for the Emerging and Developing Leaders Series, a volunteers for one of our many events, host a dialogue with students, facilitate a session or keynote, or any other opportunity to help enrich the leaders within.

We believe that every student is a leader; quiet leader, loud leader, extrovert, introvert, and all the combinations. Please join us in creating one of the most innovative and collaborative approaches to building today’s leaders. We welcome all forms of donations to help maintain leadership certificates, scholarships and assistantships for undergraduate and graduate students, and assist with sponsoring events.

Thank you for your support and please reach out to us at leadership@calpoly.edu

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Building: UU Bldg 65, Rm 217

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The center has been a place for me to find community and comradery amongst a group of students who all share a growth mindset. Through the Emerging Leader Series and time spent with fellow Peer Leaders, I have been able to define and explore my personal leadership philosophy, strengthen my emotional intelligence, and become a more flexible and dynamic individual.

— RENEE BOETTNER, Peer Leader (CLA)
MISSION
Clubs and Organizations at Cal Poly provide opportunities that incorporate community, scholarship, and service in a Learn by Doing environment. The Clubs and Organizations’ hands-on approach develops leadership skills, enhances social growth, and complements the academic curriculum.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE
Matt Bianchi
Cal Poly Accounting Club

“My favorite aspect of the Cal Poly Accounting Club would have to be the people. It’s truly incredible that this academic club is run … entirely by students volunteering their own time. From board members to club members, everyone who is involved in CPAC eventually will have an opportunity to land an internship or full-time job if they utilize the resources that the club provides.”

CORE VALUES
Growth
Leadership Development
Relationships
Diversity
Collaboration

STUDENT LIFE STARTS NOW
Cal Poly has over 400 recognized student organizations to keep students involved and connected.

Cal Poly Now is your go-to guide to:
- Clubs: Search more than 400 student organizations by name, type, and more.
- Events: Search thousands of organization and department events.
- More: Find service opportunities and other ways to engage with your Cal Poly community.

Get connected at now.calpoly.edu
**CLUB SPORTS**

The mission of the Club Sports at Cal Poly is to develop a safe, fun, and competitive environment, experience recreational and competitive athletic events, and represent Cal Poly at competitions across the nation.

Cal Poly Club Sports promotes the positive values of physical activity, learned skills, team development, and sportsmanship acquired through participation in competitions and organized activities.

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**STUDENT EXPERIENCE**

Samuel Lopez  
*Cal Poly Swim Club*

“Swim Club provided me a foundation at Cal Poly to build new relationships and find my place on campus. The bonds I’ve built through the team will undoubtedly last a lifetime.”

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**FUN FACTS**

- 60% of our teams qualify for Nationals every year
- 10 of our teams duplicate Cal Poly Athletics teams to give participation opportunities to more students and the other 19 teams are unique to Club Sports
- We have 28 teams representing 1,450 athletes.

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**CONTACT**

**CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS**

Event approval, policies, risk assessment, recognition of student organizations, oversight of the judicial process, policy enforcement, etc.

Email: clubs@calpoly.edu  
Instagram: calpolyclubs  
Websites:  
» clubs.calpoly.edu  
» now.calpoly.edu

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**CLUB SPORTS**

Athlete eligibility, risk management, and event support for our competitive clubs at Cal Poly

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Website: clubs.calpoly.edu/club-sports
MISSION
The Center for Service in Action (CSA) at Cal Poly connects students with meaningful community service opportunities that complement their educational experience, strengthen their understanding of diversity and social responsibility, and develop skills to become ethical and knowledgeable leaders who contribute to a global society.

CSA STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM (CSALT)
The CSA Student Leadership Team (CSALT) is a student-run program that organizes on-going community service outreach events. CSALT provides the opportunity for students to act as vital members of the community, share their resources with others and develop skills and leadership abilities while creating meaningful social change.

ALTERNATIVE BREAKS TRAVEL. SERVE. LEARN.
Alternative Breaks occur at each academic break where student teams go across the country or around the world to address community needs through cultural immersion. Students learn about social issues from a global perspective while practicing intercultural humility.

Past Locations:
» New Orleans
» New York City
» Cuba
» Vietnam
» Cape Town, South Africa

SERVICE LEARNING
Service Learning is an intentional and structured community service experience that enhances classroom learning and allows students to practice Cal Poly’s Learn By Doing philosophy. The Center for Service in Action supports faculty to allow students to engage in service and reflect on their social responsibility.
My service hours really helped me to observe and put into action the leadership skills that we had learned in class. I believe that they made me feel much more involved in my local community, leading to a positive outlook on those around me!

VOLUNTEER SERVICE MATCHING

The CSA offers personalized service matchmaking sessions that help connect students or student groups to service opportunities with over 100 of our non-profit community partners in San Luis Obispo County. Through a peer-advising model, students will be offered a curated list of service sites based on interests, career goals, major course of study, and past positive service experiences.

CHANGE THE STATUS QUO

Started by students for students, the Change the Status Quo Social Justice Leadership Conference aims to empower students to use the Learn by Doing spirit to challenge social norms, ask critical questions, demand solutions and make lasting social change. Through inspiring workshops, other guest speakers, and engaging panel discussions, students will gain a newfound sense and understanding of social justice and how they can take ownership of their role to advance social change.

AMERICORPS PROGRAMS

Americorps VIP

The AmeriCorps Volunteer Infrastructure Project (VIP) is a bridge between the university and the community. AmeriCorps, also known as the domestic Peace Corps, places members in local community agencies to develop the capacity of the agency by building and strengthening volunteer programs.

College Corps

The College Corps program aims to provide 6,500 college students statewide with service-learning opportunities over the span of one academic year to tackle statewide challenges in climate action, K-12 education, and food insecurity. Students in this fellowship receive a living stipend and an educational award upon completion.

CONTACT

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Phone: (805) 756-5834

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AMERICORPS-VIP
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CAL POLY
Leadership & Service
ABOUT

The Commencement Office provides graduates and their guests with a memorable and meaningful graduation experience that symbolizes the culmination of their academic achievements.

The office aims to enhance and enrich the culmination of a student’s academic achievement through honored university tradition and festive celebration. It also aims to collaborate and build strong alliances with campus partners in this university-wide effort.

Commencement is a time of celebration, pride and reflection for students, families, friends, faculty and staff. As graduates embark on the next chapter of their lives, they are welcomed to the Cal Poly Alumni Association and encouraged to continue their engagement as "Mustangs Forever."
CELEBRATING AND HONORING MUSTANGS FOREVER

A UNIFIED UNDERTAKING

COMMENCEMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
Comprised of leaders representing the academic colleges, Facility Services, University Police, Alumni Association, Disability Resource Center, Music Department, Mustang Media, University Store and many more.

COMMENCEMENT POLICY COMMITTEE
A university-wide standing committee that advises and recommends commencement policy to the President.

COMMENCEMENT TEAM
A team of staff, students and volunteers who execute commencement events.

HIGHLIGHTS AND FACTS

• Each year, Cal Poly confers more than 5,200 degrees upon deserving scholars at its fall and spring commencements.

• Cal Poly welcomes more than 50,000 supporters to the campus and community to help honor and celebrate graduates.

• Cal Poly honors the passage of students to alumni through a Cal Poly Proud pinning ceremony in which all graduates place a pin on their fellow graduate and stand as white doves are released, symbolizing the hope that all graduates will soar, succeed and fly home to their alma mater.

• Cal Poly hosts more than 50 college and department events on campus, providing an intimate opportunity for graduates and guests.

• Cal Poly hosts nine cultural commencement ceremonies that honor the diversity of its students, acknowledge their identities and celebrate their achievements.

FOR MORE INFO

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SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS

The Office of the Dean of Students enhances student success and retention and facilitates a respectful, diverse and inclusive campus. It provides direct support, advocacy and resources for successful navigation of campus life.

LEADERSHIP

JOY M. PEDERSEN, Ph.D.
Dean of Students

BLANCA MARTINEZ-NAVARRO, Ph.D.
Associate Dean of Students
Student Support, Success and Retention

DAVID GROOM, Ph.D.
Associate Dean of Students
Student Rights and Responsibilities
PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

STUDENT SUPPORT, SUCCESS AND RETENTION
Serves as a resource to help students resolve university-related issues and concerns to help them obtain their degrees. The office ensures student success by facilitating referrals, support and advocacy through nonclinical interventions. It also provides follow-up services in collaboration with other university departments or individuals, community agencies parents or guardians, and stakeholders in the students’ success.

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES
Administers the California State University Standards for Student Conduct. The office ensures a fair and impartial administration of the disciplinary process while educating students about their responsibilities and protecting the rights of all members of the university community. It also addresses student behavioral problems in a developmental and educational manner, with the goal of fostering the ethical development and personal integrity of students.

CAL POLY CARES
Supports students with critical and urgent needs by providing emergency grants to help offset core expenses — from housing and meals to academic supplies, unplanned emergencies and many things in between.

GUARDIAN SCHOLARS PROGRAM
Serves incoming first-year, transfer, and continuing students who have experienced foster care. We are committed to helping students earn a degree by providing a community of support where students can succeed and thrive.

STUDENTS WITH DEPENDENTS PROGRAM
Provides support to Cal Poly undergraduate and graduate students who are parents, guardians, and caregivers. We are committed to promoting student success through advocacy and support.

OFF CAMPUS HOUSING PROGRAM
The Off Campus Housing Program supports students transitioning from on-campus to off-campus housing; helps students gain access to safe and affordable housing; and prepares students to be responsible renters.
ABOUT DRC PROGRAMS

The purpose of the Disability Resource Center (DRC) is to cultivate an accessible university community where students with disabilities have an equal opportunity to fully participate in all aspects of the educational environment. The center offers assistance for both temporary and long-term disabilities and is open to students who are questioning their need for accommodations. The center’s staff is passionate about leveling the playing field for students with disabilities.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

DIRECT ASSISTANCE AND ACCOMMODATIONS
Assistive technology exploration and training, audio textbooks, note-taking, on-campus transportation, sign language interpreting and exam accommodations.

ADVOCACY AND SUPPORT SERVICES
Disability-management advising (optional bi-weekly meetings to review strategies & progress), special exception registration, reduced course load, learning assistance, and liaison with faculty.

UNIVERSALLY DESIGNED LEARNING
Technical assistance on universal design in learning, evaluating classroom accessibility, video captioning assistance and ADA training.

CONNECTIONS
Connections Club promotes social connection through fun events and activities. Whether students have social anxiety, autism, or simply want to meet other students, all are welcome to attend these free events on campus.
**Mission**
The mission of the Fraternity & Sorority Life office is to foster the learning and development of students who affiliate with the social fraternities and sororities at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.

**IFC Chapters**
- Alpha Epsilon Pi
- Alpha Gamma Rho
- Alpha Sigma Phi
- Beta Theta Pi
- Delta Chi
- Delta Upsilon
- Kappa Sigma
- Lambda Chi Alpha
- Phi Delta Theta
- Phi Gamma Delta
- Phi Kappa Psi
- Phi Sigma Kappa
- Pi Kappa Phi
- Sigma Nu
- Sigma Phi Epsilon
- Sigma Pi
- Theta Chi
- Zeta Beta Tau

**PHA Chapters**
- Alpha Chi Omega
- Alpha Epsilon Phi
- Alpha Omicron Pi
- Alpha Phi
- Chi Omega
- Delta Gamma
- Gamma Phi Beta
- Kappa Alpha Theta
- Kappa Kappa Gamma
- Sigma Kappa

**USFC Chapters**
- Alpha Kappa Delta Phi
- Chi Delta Theta
- Epsilon Sigma Rho
- Gamma Zeta Alpha
- Lambda Sigma Gamma
- Lambda Theta Alpha
- Latin Sorority, Inc.
- Lambda Theta Nu Sorority, Inc.
- Lambda Theta Phi Latin Fraternity, Inc.
- Nu Alpha Kappa
- Omega Xi Delta
- Sigma Omega Nu Latina Interest Sorority Inc

**Community at a Glance**

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**FIND YOUR COMMUNITY**

18% of students at Cal Poly are part of FSL (As of Spring 2022)
**ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT**
*(As of Spring 22)*

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**LEADERSHIP AND EDUCATION SERIES**

*Leadership series*
- Greek Leadership Institute
- Standards of Excellence

*Education Series*
- Safer Education Series
- Diversity & Inclusion Education Series
- Welcome Institute
- Social Risk Management Training
- Hazing Prevention Week

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**
*(From 2021-2022)*

- **60,000** hours of community service
- **$304,000** dollars raised for philanthropy

**PILLARS**
To accomplish our mission, the Fraternity & Sorority Life office will provide opportunities and support to meet the Standard of Excellence set within the six pillars of our community through the following:

**SCHOLARSHIP & LEARNING**
**LEADERSHIP & VALUES**
**COMMUNITY SERVICE & PHILANTHROPY**
**SAFETY & RISK MANAGEMENT**
**UNITY & BELONGING**
**DIVERSITY & INCLUSION**

**CONTACT**
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*Instagram:* @cpfsl
ABOUT US

Welcome to Orientation at Cal Poly! New Student and Transition Programs serves as a home and resource to all new students and their supporters to ensure their successful orientation and transition to life at Cal Poly.

Our department works year-round to improve and grow the student and supporter orientation experience across three flagship programs: Open House, Student Life Orientation Days (SLO Days), and Week of Welcome. With roots dating back decades, our programs provide Learn by Doing experiences for student leaders and volunteers supporting our three programs. These student-driven traditions are backed by a seasoned professional staff that works diligently to build on its strong, positive reputation as one of the nation’s renowned university orientation programs.

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

OPEN HOUSE
Open to all admitted students, their supporters, and the San Luis Obispo and Cal Poly alumni communities, Open House is a three-day event in April that showcases the Cal Poly experience and offers a glimpse into life as a Mustang. With roots dating back to our predecessor, Poly Royal, Open House celebrates the best of our Learn by Doing philosophy.

SLO DAYS (mandatory orientation pt. 1)
SLO Days is our summer orientation program and is mandatory for all new students. New students will get their first on campus experience as Mustangs and make connections with other students, leaders, and their college as they explore campus and the San Luis Obispo community in this two-day, overnight event. Parents and supporters are also encouraged to attend SLO Days supporter tracks, which help them connect with other parents and supporters, learn more about Cal Poly, and the best ways to support their new Mustang.
WEEK OF WELCOME (mandatory orientation pt. 2)

Known simply as WOW, Week of Welcome is a 60-year-old tradition that begins each September leading up to the first days of class. New Mustangs start their Cal Poly careers with move-in and the Big Fall Welcome, while exploring the central coast and learning more about their place in the Mustang Nation.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

New Student and Transition Programs houses more than 1,000 student volunteers across three programs every year. As one of the largest volunteer orientation programs in the country, WOW features nearly 900 leaders & event staff across 400+ WOW groups.

To be a part of our programs, WOW Leaders complete approximately 40 hours of training across 10 weeks during the Spring Quarter. In addition, our Open House Committee, SLO Days Crew, and WOW Team complete additional training throughout the academic year. Student Leaders train in-depth on a variety of topics including: Cultural Competency & Inclusivity, Drug & Alcohol Awareness, Leadership, Public Speaking, Group Facilitation, Campus Resources, and more.

FOR MORE INFO

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CAL POLY
New Student & Transition Programs
Parent and Family Programs provides support, resources and exciting programming for the proud parents, family members and supporters of Cal Poly students. The office strives to facilitate communication between and among parents and the university, support student success by increasing parent awareness of university resources and help parents develop strategies to meet the unique challenges of parenting students through the college years.

Engagement Opportunities

Parent Advisory Council

The Parent Advisory Council is a group of 24 parents, two students and one faculty member who collectively provide feedback to Parent and Family Programs and give input on matters involving student development and success. Sharing their diverse experiences and perspectives, Parent Advisory Council members serve as university ambassadors, fostering communication between and among parents and the university.

Parent Philanthropy

Parent Philanthropy is essential to enhancing the Learn by Doing experience. Gifts by Cal Poly Proud parent donors provide numerous scholarships to deserving students, help keep students in school through the university’s basic needs initiatives, enhance Learn by Doing through direct department support, and transform the campus landscape. Make a gift today at giving.calpoly.edu/get-involved/parent-philanthropy.
STAY INFORMED

POLY PARENT NEWS
A monthly newsletter that provides parents and supporters with up-to-date information on relevant topics and useful resources. Sign up at parent.calpoly.edu/poly-parent-news.

MUSTANG FAMILY INSIGHTS
An informative webinar for Cal Poly parents and supporters featuring campus and community experts. View past episodes at facebook.com/calpolyparents/videos.

ANNUAL EVENTS

SEPTEMBER: GATHERING ON THE GREEN
A reception for out-of-state Cal Poly parents, supporters and students to meet, mingle, connect and share tips on how to best support new Mustangs.

SEPTEMBER: EVENING WITH THE PRESIDENT
A reception for parents to connect with university leaders as their students begin the Cal Poly journey.

OCTOBER: MUSTANG FAMILY WEEKEND
An opportunity for parents, families and friends to return to campus, visit with students, engage in Learn by Doing activities and cheer on the Mustangs during an exciting football game.

APRIL: OPEN HOUSE
Cal Poly’s annual showcase for new students and their supporters. Spotlight events include Out-of-State Parent Reception, Parent and Supporter Coffee House and Morning Cup with the President.

JULY: SLO DAYS
Orientation programs and events for parents of new students.
ABOUT US

Student Academic Services offers services and programs that enhance many aspects of student life on and off campus. We increase access and awareness for first generation, low-income students. Our programs provide access to higher education, facilitate the transition to the university environment, assist in the development of academic and personal skills, and support Cal Poly’s mission of access, retention, and graduation. Our goal is to promote academic success towards graduation for a diverse student population through first-year seminars, mentoring, and tutoring. We also seek to prepare graduates to be engaged citizens and successful members of the workforce in a diverse, global environment.

MISSION STATEMENT

To provide access to higher education, facilitate transition to the university environment, and assist in the development of academic and personal skills, thus promoting academic success towards graduation for a diverse student population.
PROGRAMS & SERVICES

CENTER FOR MILITARY-CONNECTED STUDENTS
A central hub of information and support, including the coordination of all military educational benefits and programming, access to campus and community resources, and hands-on leadership and career opportunities.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM
Aims to improve access, retention, and graduation rates for low-income, first generation, and historically educationally disadvantaged students. We achieve this through tutoring, academic counseling, and first-year seminars for students.

EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH
A federally funded TRIO program that serves students in grades 7-12 in targeted area high schools, with the goal of assisting low-income and/or potential first-generation college students in graduating high school and entering college.

SUMMER INSTITUTE
Provides selected, newly admitted EOP freshmen with an exciting and rewarding mini academic quarter to help them successfully transition between high school and the more rigorous environment of higher education.

TRIO ACHIEVERS
A federally funded TRIO program, provides academic advising and is designed to assist participants with academic skills, increase retention and graduation rates, and promote graduate/professional school programs.

UPWARD BOUND
A federally funded TRIO program, is a college preparatory program for low-income and/or potential first-generation college students.
STUDENT AFFAIRS DIVERSITY STATEMENT

Student Affairs believes that every student should feel welcomed and respected at Cal Poly.

We provide a safe, supportive environment that values the identities, beliefs, and abilities of all people, while also acknowledging the harm and complexity of our United States history. Our staff work to actively advance diversity, equity, and inclusion in all areas across the division.

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"Transformation change with diversity, equity, and inclusion is happening at Cal Poly. I’m excited to see and be a part of this journey we on to make this a place where everyone is welcomed and accepted for who they are!"
—Dr. Jamie S. Patton,
Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs

CAL POLY
Student Diversity and Belonging (SDAB) is a collective of campus resource centers that support and empower students experiencing marginalization, through intersectional advocacy and cultural connections to build a more just and equitable Cal Poly community.

Our vision is to be a collective of campus community centers that play an active role in creating a Cal Poly experience rooted in equity and holistic support, where all students thrive. We are organized into two cluster areas:

**GENDER & SEXUALITY**
- Gender Equity Center
- Pride Center
- Men & Masculinities

**RACE & ETHNICITY**
- Latinx/e Center for Academic Success & Achievement (La CASA)
- Black Academic Excellence Center
- Dream Center
- Multicultural Center
- Native American & Indigenous Cultural Center

culture.calpoly.edu

"Always remember you are here with purpose. On purpose. We can’t wait to see all the wonderful things you will do!"

– Student Diversity and Belonging staff member
ABOUT US

University Housing provides a premier living and learning experience for over 8,000 students in residence halls and apartment-style communities. Research shows that living on campus, particularly the first two years, contributes to student success and retention. Campus residents have access to academic, social, wellness, and awareness events and enjoy opportunities to build lifelong friendships.

MISSION

University Housing creates a diverse and engaging experience that inspires all residents to Learn by Living.

VISION

Engage students in Residential Learning Communities that promote student success in a multi-year, innovative, and inclusive environment.

RESIDENTIAL LEARNING COMMUNITIES

Every campus resident is part of a Residential Learning Community (RLC), which helps them connect quickly with their neighbors. Students request an RLC to call home when they sign up for housing. RLCs provide residents with the opportunity to live with peers who share their interests, identity, or academic focus. Programs are offered in partnership with Academic Affairs, the Academic Skills Center, Campus Health & Wellbeing, Career Services, the Center for Leadership, Student Diversity and Belonging, EOP, TRIO, Dean of Students, Transfer Center, Cal Poly Scholars, Disability Resource Center, Mustang Success Center, New Student & Transition Programs, and the Writing & Learning Initiatives Center among others.

WHAT RESIDENTS HAVE TO SAY

Source: 2021 CSU Survey Data

- 77% of residents feel safe living on campus.
- 83% of residents respect other students in their living area.
- 86% of residents feel University Housing’s custodial team is doing a good job.
- 77% of residents say their Resident Advisor (RA) is available to assist them when needed.

CONTACT US

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University Housing
DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

We are committed to creating equitable and accessible communities for all residents, staff members, and guests. We believe in intentionally supporting those who hold identities from historically excluded communities to create an environment that benefits everyone.

Along with our campus and community partners, we are committed to improving housing equity and affordability, supporting diversity initiatives, developing a campus climate that supports students, and promoting student learning and staff development.

SOME WAYS WE CREATE WELCOMING COMMUNITIES:

- Automatically distributing nearly $2.6 million in housing grants each year to students with the greatest financial need and a commitment to add at least $.5M annually to the grant
- Offering lower-cost housing options and emergency housing
- Bringing students together around culture and identity through Residential Learning Communities
- Offering gender-inclusive housing options
- Focusing on justice, equity, diversity and inclusion through Love, Empathy, Respect training for professional staff

FACULTY-IN-RESIDENCE

A partnership between Student Affairs and Academic Affairs, the Faculty-in-Residence program bridges academic and residential life for campus residents. While living in campus residential communities, faculty form strong connections with residents, and become an integral academic and community partner. They host dinner conversations and guest speakers and organize community outings to local events and landmarks.

INTER HOUSING COUNCIL (IHC)

IHC is Cal Poly’s residential student government led by the IHC Executive Board. Branches work together to meet residents' needs in their homes, while providing representatives for campus and University Housing decision-making. IHC members also bring exciting events to Cal Poly’s campus that create lasting memories for residents.

TRANSITIONING TO A TWO-YEAR HOUSING PROGRAM

To provide all Mustangs with the campus living experience, Cal Poly implemented a first-year residential requirement in 2015. The recent Campus Plan established a goal of housing 65% of the student body in campus housing by 2035. To get closer to that goal, University Housing is working on a 10-year program to build new housing and renovate the South Mountain community, which is affectionately called the “Red Bricks.” The project will demolish the existing North Mountain Residence Halls and will rebuild that site in two phases, with the first phase being about 1,200 beds and phase two about 665 beds to be opened two years after construction begins. There is also a first-year residence hall planned with over 1,000 beds in the parking lot just above the current North Mountain site. Students will be involved in discussion about the design elements and features desired in these new suite-style housing units.

As of fall 2021, three colleges have implemented the two-year housing requirement: College of Architecture and Environmental Design (CAED); College of Agricultural, Food, and Environmental Sciences (CAFES); and College of Engineering (CENG). The Cal Poly Scholars, the TRIO program, and Athletics also require their students to live on campus for the first two years. We anticipate including all of the colleges in the two-year housing program when the second phase of new housing opens.
ABOUT WITH US

The WITH US Center for Bystander Intervention at Cal Poly was established in 2018 with a primary charge of investigating the role of bystander apathy and bystander intervention in preventing harm and improving the health, safety and success of college students. The tragic death of first-year Cal Poly student Carson Starkey in 2008, and the persistent trend of preventable harm and death among undergraduate student populations across the U.S., were the impetus for the Center and its mission.

The Center is led by a team of expert social psychology and public health faculty researchers, multidisciplinary prevention practitioners, and experienced student affairs administrators dedicated to establishing WITH US as a national research center and thought leader for combating bystander apathy and empowering communities of proactive bystanders (upstanders). The ultimate goal of the Center’s work is to provide colleges and universities with evidence-based strategies and solutions to prevent harm and lives lost in situations where bystander intervention and peer accountability could have been a mitigating, lifesaving factor. Our work is centered on preventing reducing harm from sexual violence, hazing, unhealthy drug and alcohol use, bias and exclusion, and mental health crises.

Our Mission: To empower peer-led movements of proactive bystander intervention.

Our Vision: To create safe campus communities where all students can thrive.

Our Commitments: Our mission is operationalized through four commitments: Outreach, Research, Resources, and Education.
Outreach: WITH US is committed to fostering national movements of Upstander behavior through collaboration with other leading prevention organizations to produce new research and evidence-based programs for colleges and universities across the U.S.

Research: WITH US is committed to conducting and supporting quality research on college student bystander intervention behavior, attitudes, motivators and barriers to helping. WITH US is also committed to developing and testing theory-and-research based programs and public health communications designed to foster students’ bystander intervention.

Resources: WITH US is committed to curating, vetting, and sharing existing evidence-based programs and resources to support educators and administrators responsible for developing and implementing prevention programming and improving campus safety. WITH US is also committed to developing tools to guide colleges and universities in the design of their own communications and programs tailored to their students and local contexts.

Education: WITH US is committed to providing research-informed-and-tested training and educational programs, tools, and materials to empower educators and students to shift apathetic peer cultures, inform institutional prevention and promotion related policies and initiatives, and cultivate communities of prosocial proactive bystanders (Upstanders).

WITH US is working to improve prosocial attitudes and bystander intervention behaviors among college students through the following initiatives:

1. National College Student Bystander Intervention Study
2. Evidence-Based Bystander Intervention Toolkits & Resources
3. The National Network for Peer Accountability
4. National Awareness Campaigns
5. Online Education & Train-the-Trainer Programs

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