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Cal Poly Students to Work on Bob Jones Trail for MLK Day of Service on Jan. 19

SAN LUIS OBISPO - Cal Poly students and other volunteers will spend Martin Luther King Day at work on the Bob Jones City-to-the-Sea Bike Trail in San Luis Obispo.

The volunteer effort through Cal Poly's Student Community Services Office is part of the annual MLK Day of Service on Monday, Jan. 19. Federal legislation signed by President Bill Clinton in 1994 designates the holiday as a time when people nationwide are urged get involved in service projects in their communities.

About 20 or 30 volunteers are expected to take part in the Cal Poly event, said Adam Serafin, advisor to Student Community Services.

"Service is an essential pillar of Dr. King's dream," Serafin said. "Participating in community service is just one small way that we can live out Dr. King's vision and honor his legacy."

Volunteers will gather at the entrance to the SLO city Water Reclamation Facility, next to the Prado Day Center at 43 Prado Road, at 10 a.m. Monday. Work is expected to continue until 1 p.m.

Planned projects on the bike trail include transplanting shrubs and trees, gardening, watering, weed removal and path maintenance.

Volunteers should wear closed-toe shoes, pants, a hat, sunglasses and sunscreen. If you have work gloves, please bring them. Drinks will be provided.

All members of the community are invited to attend and help out.

Cal Poly has participated in MLK Day of Service since 2001. Past years have included a combination of events including kid's crafts fairs at Mitchell Park and park restoration projects.

In addition to the work on the Bob Jones trail on Monday, members of Cal Poly's AmeriCorps Promise Fellows program will visit Sinsheimer Elementary School in San Luis Obispo and Cappy Culver Elementary in Paso Robles to teach an MLK lesson using famous quotes and depicting their meaning using art. It's the second year for the AmeriCorps school visits.

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