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Cal Poly Offers Volunteer Tax Preparation for Underserved Communities

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Beginning Jan. 30, Cal Poly's Orfalea College of Business will again sponsor a program in San Luis Obispo providing tax return preparation assistance at no charge for individuals and families with incomes less than $50,000 year.

The effort is part of the annual Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program sanctioned and coordinated by the IRS.

All returns are prepared by trained accounting seniors and are reviewed by certified tax preparers. Spanish-speaking preparers will be available. Forms that will be prepared include 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, 540, 540A, 540EZ and some supporting forms.

The program will be held from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. every Saturday from Jan. 30 to March 13 at the Cal Poly campus.

Participants should go to the second-floor of the Business Building (Building 03). Visitors are asked to enter Cal Poly via California Boulevard and follow the signs to the Orfalea College of Business. The facility is wheelchair accessible. Parking is free.

No appointments – first come first served. Plan to arrive no later than 2 p.m., so students have sufficient time to complete your return accurately.

Participants are asked to bring their Social Security card or ITIN number, 2008 tax returns and all 2009 tax-related documents (including child-care expenses), and child-care provider identification number and phone number.

For more information, call 756-2667 (English and Spanish).

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