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Central Coast Volunteer Corps at Cal Poly Celebrates AmeriCorps Week

SAN LUIS OBISPO – The Central Coast Volunteer Corps at Cal Poly will join the nationwide celebration of AmeriCorps Week from May 8-15, spotlighting the work done by AmeriCorps members in communities across California since the national service program began 16 years ago.

“We are proud to be part of AmeriCorps and grateful for the AmeriCorps members who are getting things done,” said Jesse Torrey, program coordinator of the Central Coast Volunteer Corps. “AmeriCorps members have made a tremendous impact, allowing local agencies to increase their outreach and services by building capacity and recruiting community volunteers.”

Central Coast Volunteer Corps is planning several events during AmeriCorps Week, highlighting community service and allowing residents to learn about AmeriCorps. Events include serving meals at Prado Day Center and Maxine Lewis Memorial Shelter, painting a mural at the Boys and Girls Club of North County, and participating in The Food Bank Coalition’s Spring Food Drive.

Additionally, the Central Coast Volunteer Corps will receive a proclamation from the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors on May 11 and will host an informational booth at Farmer’s Market on May 13. These events will be done in collaboration with other local AmeriCorps members.

Central Coast Volunteer Corps was established in 2007 and has 35 members serving in 28 local organizations in the San Luis Obispo area. AmeriCorps members serve for 10 months and in return receive a living allowance.

AmeriCorps welcomes people ages 18 and over to fill out an application and become involved in “getting things done for America.” Upon completion of their term of service, AmeriCorps members are eligible to receive the Segal AmeriCorps Education Award, which can be used to pay back student loans or cover tuition costs.

For more information about AmeriCorps Week, visit the Central Coast Volunteer Corps booth at Farmer's Market on May 13 or contact the office at 805-756-5838 or sloccvc@gmail.com.

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