Cal Poly Spring 2010 Commencement Set for June 12

SAN LUIS OBISPO – More than 3,800 students are eligible to graduate in two separate ceremonies at Cal Poly's Spring Commencement on Saturday, June 12, at 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Alex G. Spanos Stadium.

The university expects as many as 30,000 visitors to campus for the commencement ceremonies. This year's commencement schedule is:

9 a.m. Ceremony
College of Agriculture, Food, and Environmental Sciences – 797 eligible graduates
College of Liberal Arts – 692 eligible graduates
College of Science and Mathematics – 478 eligible graduates

3 p.m. Ceremony
College of Architecture and Environmental Design – 427 eligible graduates
Orfalea College of Business – 575 eligible graduates
College of Engineering – 843 eligible graduates
Continuing Education – 29 eligible graduates

Cal Poly will confer a President's Medal of Honor and an honorary degree during this year's commencement ceremonies.

Carol Hallett will receive a President’s Medal of Honor during the 9 a.m. ceremony and will deliver the keynote address.

Hallett serves as counsel to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Chamber Foundation, the Chamber’s public policy think tank that drives the policy debate on key issues and provides a forum where leaders advance cutting-edge issues facing the U.S. business community.

Hallett has long demonstrated a strong loyalty and commitment to Cal Poly. She served on the Cal Poly President’s Cabinet from 1992 to 2006 and is now an emeritus member. She also served on Cal Poly’s Ambassadors for Higher Education from 1998 to 2001, a CSU-wide program that engaged the corporate, philanthropic and community leaders of California on behalf of quality public higher education. During her service in the California legislature, she was a consistent, strong advocate for the development of the Cal Poly campus.

Gary Bloom will receive an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree and will deliver the keynote address at the 3 p.m.
Bloom received a bachelor’s degree in computer science from Cal Poly in 1982. Bloom is chief executive officer of eMeter, a leader in Smart Grid Management software. Previously, he was the chairman, president and chief executive officer of VERITAS Software Corporation.

Bloom became a member of the Cal Poly President’s Cabinet in 2000, the same year he was named Cal Poly’s College of Engineering Honored Alumnus. He is the founding chair of the Cal Poly Foundation, a private, nonprofit corporation established for the purpose of generating private support to build and maintain Cal Poly’s distinct learn-by-doing educational model.

For more commencement information, visit http://studentlife.calpoly.edu. For parking information, tune to Cal Poly’s AM 1610 Radio Alert System.