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MEDIA ADVISORY

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## Sept. 15 Photo Opportunity and Tour: Cal Poly Center for Science and Mathematics Construction Project Topping Ceremony

TO: Editors, Assignment Editors, Reporters, Photographers

WHAT: Media tour of \$132 million, six-story Center for Science and Mathematics, currently at steel framing stage, and "Topping Out" placement of final steel beam and U.S. flag at the building's highest point.

WHEN: 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 15

- 11 to 11:30 a.m. – Media tour of building

- 1 p.m. to approx 1:20 p.m. – Placement of final steel beam (placement scheduled for approximately 1:15 p.m.)

WHERE: Area 52 Construction Site, Cal Poly campus

WHO: Remarks from Cal Poly President Jeffrey D. Armstrong, College of Science and Mathematics Dean Phil Bailey, and Gilbane Building Company Project Executive Christopher Giese.

More information:

Media are welcome to attend all or part of the event. Opportunity to shoot placement from the roof of Building 25 – College of Science and Mathematics Office Building; please RSVP to Teresa Hendrix to be part of the rooftop photo shoot.

Anyone entering the closed construction site for the event **MUST** wear protective footwear (closed-toe, complete shoes or boots), long pants and shirts that cover the shoulders (no sleeveless shirts).

Background:

Gilbane Building Company is holding a private "Topping Out" ceremony for the Center for Science and Mathematics, now under construction and expected to be finished in spring 2013. The ceremony is a construction industry tradition for large projects. The final steel beam to complete the building at its highest point is painted, signed by workers and then hoisted by crane into place and topped with a U.S. flag. The ceremony marks the point in a project where the focus moves to completing the building's interior; it celebrates the workers who gave the project its foundation, framing and support structure.

For more details on the Center for Science and Mathematics Construction Project, visit [www.cosam.calpoly.edu/center\\_sci\\_math.html](http://www.cosam.calpoly.edu/center_sci_math.html).

For more details on Gilbane Building Company, visit: [www.gilbaneco.com](http://www.gilbaneco.com).

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