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Holiday Poinsettias Available Beginning Nov. 28 at Cal Poly

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly's annual poinsettia sale begins Nov. 28 at Poly Plant Shop, featuring more than 4,000 student-grown plants and more than 30 varieties and colors.

The holiday favorites are grown by a team of seven students in the College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences' Poinsettia Enterprise Project. Starting in the spring each year, the hands-on program gives students real-world experience growing and marketing the seasonal greenhouse plants.

"It's a big commitment, and I've loved learning what it takes to be successful," said horticulture major Eva Reutinger. "We tend to them daily, just like running our own business, and now they are ready for market."



This year's selection includes traditional red and white poinsettias and novelty colors such as pink, orange and maroon. Some plants feature marbled, speckled and unusually-shaped leaves. Sizes range from 4-inch pots to 4 feet tall. Prices start at \$5. Painted and glittered orders are available for a limited time.

The plants will be featured at Poly Plant Shop's annual Open House events Dec. 2, 3 and 10 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The events will also feature holiday gift items, music and refreshments. Students will be on hand to answer questions, and there will be a colorful poinsettia backdrop for holiday photos.

To get to Poly Plant Shop, take the Highland Drive entrance to Cal Poly and veer left onto Via Carta. The shop is at the top of the hill on the right. Metered parking is available.

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