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Cal Poly 'Spectacle' to Showcase Student Innovations on May 14

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Cal Poly will hold its first Spectacle event to showcase innovative student projects from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday, May 14, in Chumash Auditorium on campus.

Cal Poly students have created such things as prosthetic limbs, smartphone applications and supermileage vehicles. The Spectacle event will include projects submitted by clubs, entrepreneurs and innovators from across campus and beyond.

Event organizer and political science student Eric Tucker created the event as an opportunity for students to show off their work and to network and promote collaboration across majors and disciplines. "Cal Poly students need to see what is out there beyond their own major," Tucker said. "Our world demands us to seek out and work with different talent pools."

The event is not just for students. "Spectacle allows San Luis Obispo residents to interact with some top Cal Poly talent entering the workforce," said Will Newhart, a business major and Spectacle organizer. "It will be a great place for local business owners to recruit employees and offer support and insight."

Cal Poly Entrepreneurs, a campus club open to all majors, is also working with Spectacle

to further its mission of bringing together different talents.

As a weekday event, students will be able to wander through the showcase on breaks, network with participants, and find inspiration. Faculty or mentor participation and attendance are also strongly encouraged to foster collaboration at all levels.

Following the showcase, the Cal Poly Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship will hold its second forum of the quarter from 4:30-7:00 p.m. Both Spectacle and the forum are free and open to the public.

About Spectacle:

Spectacle will unite the university through collaboration, innovation and networking. It seeks to break the barrier of majors and promote the idea that a true Learn by Doing spirit relies on teamwork and unity across disciplines.

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