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Cal Poly Week of Welcome Student Leaders to Give Back to the Community May 19

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly's Week of Welcome orientation program expects nearly 450 student leaders to donate their time to the San Luis Obispo community May 19 in the program's Orientation Leader Day of Service event.

WOW holds similar service days every quarter, providing students with the opportunity to affirm their dedication and pride for the community while establishing valuable connections. Cal Poly's Week of Welcome program encourages students and leaders to have pride in their university and their community and to give back in support.

Student leaders will be serving between 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. with various community partners including: Sweet Springs, The Land Conservancy, Big Brothers Big Sisters, SLO Botanical Gardens, Cuesta College, and the Partners in Equestrian Therapy. During the second half of the day, 100 volunteers will conclude the day of service with TheRanchSLO from 1 to 3 p.m.

"We're fortunate to have a group of students who are so excited about community service," said WOW Executive Board member Bryanna Lindgren. "They love having the opportunity to step away from Cal Poly life and put their efforts into something meaningful that will help improve the community. We love the work we do, and we have fun doing it."

WOW's community service projects are coordinated through Cal Poly Student Community Services. According to IndependentSector.org, the average value of an hour of volunteer work in California is $24.18. With two hours of community service scheduled for May 19, the WOW group is expected to perform more than $21,000 worth of work.

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