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## Cal Poly to Host FFA California State Finals Competition May 3

SAN LUIS OBISPO — Cal Poly will host more than 2,000 students from across the state at the annual FFA California State Finals competition Saturday, May 3.

Students will compete in 21 events throughout the day in categories that include agronomy, dairy cattle, farm business management, floriculture, forestry, livestock, nursery landscape, marketing, vegetable crops, vet science, and welding.

Judged events will be evaluated by a group of volunteers including Cal Poly faculty, staff and students, industry professionals and community members.

“Cal Poly has hosted this event for the past 75 years, and every year we are amazed at the talented students that compete,” said Bill Kellogg, agricultural education and communication department head at Cal Poly. “The agriculture industry is critical to the state of California, and it’s always a privilege to see tomorrow’s leaders in action today.”

The winners of each event will be named at an awards ceremony hosted by Cal Poly President Jeffrey D. Armstrong at 5:30 p.m. in the Cal Poly Recreation Center.

Winners will represent California at the National FFA Convention in October in Louisville, Ky.

### **About the National FFA Organization**

The National FFA Organization is a youth organization of nearly 580,000 student members in 7,570 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The FFA mission is to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education. The National FFA Organization operates under a federal charter granted by the 81st U. S. Congress, and it is an integral part of public instruction in agriculture. The U.S. Department of Education provides leadership and helps set direction for FFA as a service to state and local agricultural education programs.

The California chapter serves more than 70,000 high school students from 305 high schools across the state.

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