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Cal Poly Performance Horse Sale Set for May 31

SAN LUIS OBISPO — The 2015 Cal Poly Performance Horse Sale will be held from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, May 31, at the university's Equine Center.

The event will begin with a horse preview, followed by a tri-tip barbeque lunch at noon, and will conclude with a live auction at 1 p.m.

Most of the horses to be auctioned have been born, raised and trained by Cal Poly students for two years. In the Quarter Horse Enterprise project, the students have trained the horses to work cattle, ride on trails, and perform arena work such as stops and turn-arounds.

"Every aspect of this program is hands-on," said Natalie Baker, Equine Center supervisor.

For the first time this year, two mustangs adopted by Cal Poly from the Bureau of Land Management and trained by Cal Poly students will also be sold at the auction.

On sale day, students demonstrate each horse's athletic ability under saddle during dry arena and cow work. Potential buyers will also be able to visit with the student trainers to learn more about the horses' characteristics and training.

A digital copy of the sale catalogue can be viewed at: <http://prpcodigital.com/265311/>. More information and background on the Cal Poly Quarter Horse Enterprise can be found on the website www.ranchhorse.calpoly.edu and the Facebook page: Cal Poly Performance Horse Sale. All proceeds benefit the Cal Poly Equine Center. The center is located on campus at the top of Via Carta Road.

Directions to the Cal Poly Equine Center: From Highway 101 north or south, exit California Boulevard in San Luis Obispo. Turn right and follow the road into campus and past the Spanos Stadium. At the Highland Road intersection, turn right and follow the road further into campus, around a sharp left curve, and up the hill past parking lots. Highland dead-ends into the Equine Center, where there is free parking for all attendees.

About the Equine Center

The Cal Poly Equine Center is a multi-use facility built for educational purposes. It encompasses nearly 700 acres on the Cal Poly campus in San Luis Obispo, Calif. The foundation of the Equine Center is its breeding program. Students participate in the breeding, foaling, training and riding of the Cal Poly Quarter Horses and Thoroughbreds.

About Cal Poly's College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences

Cal Poly is a nationally ranked, comprehensive polytechnic university. The university's College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences is composed of expert faculty members who take pride in their ability to transform academically motivated

students into innovative students ready to solve the complex challenges associated with feeding the world in sustainable ways. Students have access to state-of-the-art laboratories, including ranchland, orchards, vineyards and forests, all of which provide the basis for Cal Poly's Learn by Doing methodology.

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