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Cal Poly Commencement Ceremonies Set for June 4, 10 and 11

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- More than 3,700 students are set to graduate in seven separate ceremonies at Cal Poly's Spring Commencement Sunday, June 4, and Saturday and Sunday June 10 and 11.

Due to construction at the Alex G. Spanos Stadium this year's commencement schedule times are as follows:

- **Sunday, June 4 – Performing Arts Center**
College of Education – 77 graduates, 9 a.m.

- **Saturday, June 10 – Upper Sports Field**
College of Agriculture – 791 graduates, 8:30 a.m.
College of Engineering – 869 graduates, 1:30 p.m.
College of Business – 540 graduates, 6:30 p.m.

- **Saturday, June 10 – Recreation Center**
College of Science and Mathematics – 322 graduates, 10 a.m.
College of Architecture and Environmental Design – 398 graduates, 3 p.m.

- **Sunday, June 11 – Upper Sports Field**
College of Liberal Arts – 727 graduates, 10 a.m.

Keynote speakers will address the Orfalea College of Business, College of Engineering and College of Liberal Arts commencement ceremonies. Faculty and students will address the Colleges of Agriculture, Education, Science and Mathematics, Architecture and Environmental Design commencement ceremonies.

Kara Blakeslee

(BUS '87), certified financial planner and financial operations principal of Blakeslee & Blakeslee and chair of the board of directors for the American Land Conservancy, will give the keynote address at the College of Business commencement exercise. Blakeslee is married to Assemblyman Sam Blakeslee. She will speak Saturday, June 10, at 6:30 p.m. on the Upper Sports Field.

Jeet Bindra

president of global refining for Chevron Corporation, will give the keynote address at the College of Engineering commencement exercise. Bindra, a native of India, received a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from the Indian Institute of Technology in Kanpur in 1969 and a master's degree in chemical engineering from the University of Washington at Seattle in 1970. He earned a master's in business administration from St. Mary's College in Moraga in 1979. He has served as chairman of the board of the South Asian American Leaders of Tomorrow, vice chairman of the Association of Oil Pipe Lines and is currently chairman of the SAALT business leadership council. Bindra will speak Saturday, June 10 at 1:30 p.m. on the Upper Sports Field.

Nevada Barr

(SCOM, '74), is best known for her series of mystery novels about Anna Pigeon, a tough-talking national park ranger. Barr will give the keynote address at the College of Liberal Arts commencement exercise. Prior to completing her first book "Bittersweet" in 1984, Barr performed in off-Broadway plays, acted in TV ads and industrial films, and worked as a National Park Service ranger. Barr's experience as a National Park Service ranger serves as source material for the settings of her novels. Barr will speak Sunday, June 11 at 10 a.m. on the Upper Sports Field.

Cal Poly expects more than 36,000 visitors to campus for the commencement ceremonies.

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Editors please note: Media should bring their Cal Poly parking passes and park in the Performing Arts Center parking structure for Performing Arts Center and Recreation Center ceremonies. Use the Grand Avenue entrance to campus and turn left into the structure. Upper Sports Field parking is available outside the sports complex. Media may tune their radios to Cal Poly's AM 1610 Alert System for additional traffic and parking information.

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