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San Francisco Bay Area Sends Most Students to Cal Poly; Applications Growing

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Once again, the San Francisco Bay Area sent the largest contingent of new students to Cal Poly among an applicant pool of 28,849 for the current year's crop of 2005-06 freshmen and transfer students.

For the 3,420 members of the freshman class of 2005-06, students from San Francisco Bay Area counties make up 32 percent. Students from Los Angeles area counties account for 18 percent; students from the San Joaquin Valley account for roughly nine percent, students from the San Diego area roughly eight percent; and students from Central Coast counties another eight percent.

Top public "feeder" high schools for Cal Poly are California High School in San Ramon, San Luis Obispo High School, Monte Vista High School in Danville, Campolindo High School in Moraga; San Ramon High School in Danville, Poway High School, and Atascadero High School. Top private feeder high schools are St. Francis High School in Mountain View; Jesuit High School in Carmichael; and Archbishop Mitty High School, Bellarmine College Prep and Valley Christian High School in San Jose.

Top feeder community colleges sending transfer students to Cal Poly are Cuesta College in San Luis Obispo, Allan Hancock College in Santa Maria, Santa Rosa Junior College, Ventura College, and Diablo Valley College.

Other demographic facts now available in the recently released "PolyView 2005" analysis include:

- The fall 2005 freshman class has an average SAT score of 1,204 and an average high school GPA of 3.73; fall 2005's 898 transfer students have an average college GPA of 3.27
- Bucking a national trend, Cal Poly has more male students than female students. Currently, Cal Poly has 8,100 female students (44 percent) and 10,365 male students (56 percent)
 - The average age of Cal Poly students is 21, with 94 percent of undergraduate students age 25 or younger
- Roughly 55 percent of all enrolled students receive some type of traditional financial assistance. The amount of financial aid awarded to students this year totals over \$81 million, an increase of 3 percent over 2003-04
- Cal Poly is retaining a steadily increasing number of first-time freshmen, with more than 91 percent of 2004 freshmen returning as sophomores this year.

For more facts and statistics about Cal Poly, including which majors are graduating the most students, how many programs the university offers, enrollment by college, and more, visit:

<http://www.calpoly.edu/%7EInststdy/polyview/pv05.pdf> .

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