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Cal Poly Observes International Education Week Nov. 15-19

SAN LUIS OBISPO - Cal Poly has a number of workshops and forums set in observance of International Education Week, Nov. 15-19.

Secretary of State Colin L. Powell and Secretary of Education Rod Paige have called for the celebration of International Education Week, noted Cal Poly Academic Programs Specialist Richard LeRoy. The event is a joint initiative of the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Department of Education. Its goal is to promote programs that prepare Americans for a global environment and attract future leaders from abroad to study, learn and exchange experiences in the United States.

"It has become very clear that broadening our international understanding is critical," said Paige. "This will mean renewed efforts to encourage the study of foreign languages and cultures, and to provide opportunities for all students to broaden their knowledge of the world."

In a prepared statement, Powell added, "People-to-people diplomacy, created through international education and exchanges, is critical to our national interests. Americans who study abroad expand their global perspective and become more internationally engaged. Foreign students and individuals who participate in citizen exchanges return home with a greater knowledge of our democratic institutions and America's enduring values."

At Cal Poly, the International Education and Programs office will promote the Fourth annual International Education Week on campus, titled "International Education for World Peace and Security." IEP is collaborating with other departments and programs at Cal Poly to heighten international awareness. Events include:

Tuesday, November 16

- **Soup and Substance**, Noon - 1:30 p.m., Chumash Auditorium in East Wing.
"The Citizen and Sustainability: Native, Local and International Approaches."
Sponsored by Multicultural Center, Student Life and Leadership, and ASI.
- **Hunger Dinner**, 6 - 7:30 p.m., Veranda Café.
Attendees representing the world's population will be served meals similar to those consumed by people of various social/income classes. Includes a short lecture on local and global hunger issues, including Darfur. Sponsored by Student World Assembly and Student Community Services.

Wednesday, November 17

- **"Discriminating Immigration Policy Towards LGBT,"** 2-3 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium, East Wing. A representative from Los Angeles Immigration Equality will speak on the discriminating policy towards gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities. Sponsored by Pride and Student Life and Leadership.
- **Study Abroad Post B.A. Scholarship Meeting,** 3-4 p.m. in University Union room 216.
- **"Motorcycle Diaries,"** evening showings at The Palm Theatre, San Luis Obispo. Cal Poly ID holders are invited to a "buy one get one free" ticket. Sponsored by The Palm Theatre.

Thursday, November 18

- **International Expo,** 10 a.m.-2 p.m., UU Plaza. International and ethnic clubs and programs promote their respective countries and cultures. Come taste ethnic foods, make crafts, and learn about global opportunities.
- **Don Beck** - Keynote Speaker; 6:30 p.m., Chumash Auditorium. As part of International Education Week, Beck's talk will involve an introduction to his Spiral Dynamics model of organizational management and human development and its application to international issues. The talk is free and open to the public. For more information contact Multicultural Center Director Mark Fabionar at 756-5840. Beck's visit is being sponsored by Cal Poly's Division of Student Affairs, College of Liberal Arts, International Education and Programs, Student Life and Leadership Department, the Multicultural Center and the Days Inn.
- **Comedian Dat Phan,** 8:30 p.m., Chumash Auditorium. Phan was the winner of the 2003 "Last Comic Standing." He has also appeared on The Tonight Show and Comedy Central. Sponsored by ASI Events.

For a detailed description of the events, please visit the International Education and Programs website at www.calpoly.edu/~iep.

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