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### **Cal Poly Expects 17,900 Students for Fall Quarter 2004 After Record-Breaking Spring Applications**

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly expects to begin its fall quarter Monday with some 17,000 full-time equivalent students, a number that may grow slightly over the next few weeks as students add courses.

The university expects to enroll 17,981 students – its target enrollment total – by the time the add/drop period ends and the official student census takes place Oct. 28.

As of Sept. 17, some 17,312 students were signed up for fall quarter classes at Cal Poly.

The fall 2004 student enrollment target is lower than targets and actual enrollment for both 2003 and 2002 in light of state budget cutbacks. However, with the passage of the final state budget, which included additional funding for enrollment in the California State University system, the CSU increased all campus enrollment targets. Cal Poly will be increasing winter quarter admissions to accommodate the additional enrollment called for by the CSU.

Among the students already expected for the 2004-05 academic year are 2,928 freshmen and 756 transfer students, selected from a pool of 27,042 applicants. The record-setting applications pool marks the 20th year Cal Poly has received more applications than it can accommodate.

This year's freshman class has an average high school GPA of 3.77 and an average SAT score of 1213; transfer students have an average college GPA of 3.28.

All statistics above are preliminary numbers. Final official data on enrollment, GPA and other student demographic information will not be available until after the university's official student census Oct. 28. To view the complete preliminary enrollment brief, visit the InfoBrief section of Cal Poly's Institutional Planning and Analysis Web site at <http://www.ipa.calpoly.edu/>.

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