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### **New Students Will Have a WOW-Filled Week**

SAN LUIS OBISPO - Cal Poly will soon welcome its latest batch of new students as the Week of Welcome Orientation Program kicks off another year. More than 500 orientation leaders will help make this year's event a huge success for 2,000-plus new students. Family Orientation Weekend kicks off on Saturday, Sept. 13, as students move in and get comfortable with their new environment while their families attend special programs.

Orientation activities for students begin Monday, Sept. 15. The following are some highlighted WOW events:

#### **Saturday, Sept. 13**

President's Welcome (3-4 p.m. in the Rec Center Gym)

Cal Poly President Warren J. Baker, as well as other campus officials, will formally welcome parents and students to the Cal Poly community.

#### **Saturday, Sept. 13 & Sunday, Sept. 14**

Family Programming (noon-3:30 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium, University Union and Performing Arts Center)

Parents and families will have the chance to learn about campus resources, personal safety and health education, and Cal Poly student life. The weekend also includes kids' programs and a family barbecue.

#### **Monday, Sept. 15**

WOW Opening Ceremonies (9-10 a.m. and 10:15-11:15 a.m. in the Rec Center Gym)

The new student orientation will officially be under way as each new student scrambles to meet his or her WOW group in this rally-type atmosphere.

WOW-a-RAMA (7:30-9:30 at the Sports Complex)

Students will get a chance to meet every person taking part in the orientation during the Central Coast's largest social and WOW's longstanding event.

Community Presentation (9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center's Harman Hall)

As students enter Cal Poly, they are instantly members of two communities - the Cal Poly campus and the San Luis Obispo community.

With the help of the Cal Poly University Police Department, San Luis Obispo Police Department, the university's Judicial Affairs and Student

Community Services, the presentation addresses campus issues and community concerns as well as places to go in San Luis Obispo. SLO Bound (11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Mitchell Park and throughout downtown)

Orientation groups will be led through a tour of downtown and introduced to local businesses and historical landmarks.

Rock the Vote Registration Campaign (2-7 p.m. University Union Plaza)

MTV and the WOW program will host the first annual voter registration drive in the University Union Plaza. City council members and local assembly representatives will speak and answer questions.

### **Wednesday, Sept. 17**

College Connections: Academic Success (Welcome 9-10 a.m. in the Rec Center Gym)

Students will meet their advisors, professors and future classmates as they are oriented to their respective colleges and majors.

### **Thursday, Sept. 18**

Awareness Presentations (9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium and Harman Hall)

Students will view and process presentations about issues important to college students: body image, sexual assault, stress and depression, drugs and alcohol, and diversity.

### **Friday, Sept. 19**

ASI Events Concert featuring Flogging Molly and Goldfinger (8 p.m. in the Rec Center Gym)

WOW closes with an exclusive concert by breakthrough performers Flogging Molly and Goldfinger.

For a complete schedule of events, please visit the Week of Welcome Web site at <http://orientation.calpoly.edu/wow/>.

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