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Cal Poly To Host 600-Plus California Agriculture Teachers

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- More than 600 high school and community college agriculture teachers are expected to attend the 83rd California Agriculture Teachers Association's annual professional conference Sunday through Thursday at Cal Poly.

Harlan "Butch" Cotter, a teacher, coach and administrator from Robinson, Ill., will kick off the general assembly at 8:15 a.m. Monday with a keynote address titled "Agriculture Education . Where Does Our Sidewalk End?" The opening session will be in Harman Hall in the Christopher Cohan Center and is open to the public.

The conference will include speakers, workshops, an awards banquet, and a celebration of 20th century educators. The pioneers and major figures of the profession will be saluted at a "Hall of Fame" luncheon on Wednesday.

The annual awards banquet, to be held in Avila Beach, is hosted by teachers from the association's Central Region.

More than 100 teachers are expected to stay through Saturday to attend professional classes.

The annual conference is made possible by a longtime partnership of Cal Poly's College of Agriculture, the state Department of Education, the Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges and the California Agriculture Teachers Association.

For more information, call Glen R. Casey, head of Cal Poly's Agricultural Education and Communication Department at 756-2803.

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