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Cal Poly Celebrates 30 Years of the Kennedy Library on April 8

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly’s Robert E. Kennedy Library will mark its 30th anniversary with a rededication ceremony and reception beginning at 2 p.m. April 8.

The event is open to the campus community and the public. Special tours of the library will be given as part of the anniversary celebration.

Michael D. Miller, dean of Library Services, will reaffirm the library’s commitment to helping Cal Poly students of all ages in their quest for knowledge.

“It is remarkable,” Miller said, “how in a digital age the Kennedy Library is more important than ever in supporting student success through discovery, collaboration, research and instruction – and by creating an environment that is both enriching and welcoming.”

The library was dedicated April 2, 1981, at a ceremony attended by then-Cal Poly President Warren J. Baker and past president (and namesake) Robert E. Kennedy. Having held library administrative responsibilities from 1943 to 1947 at Cal Poly, Kennedy recognized the importance of a larger and more comprehensive library and spearheaded the effort during his presidency to bring a new library to campus.

The Cal Poly campus changed dramatically in 1981 with the addition of the five-story building, which replaced the older and smaller Dexter Library (1949-1980).

For more information about the Robert E. Kennedy Library, visit the library’s web site at www.lib.calpoly.edu.

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