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## MEDIA ADVISORY – Cal Poly, Food Bank Present Hunger Research to Rep. Lois Capps on Jan. 13

**WHAT:** Cal Poly professors and students conducting research on hunger and food availability in San Luis Obispo County will present the initial findings to U.S. Rep. Lois Capps at Cal Poly on Friday, Jan. 13, from 11 a.m.-noon.

Capps will speak at the event. Carl Hansen, director of the Food Bank Coalition of San Luis Obispo County, and community members who gathered data for the study will also be on hand.

All Central Coast media are invited; a disc containing the initial report and the PowerPoint presentation of research findings will be available to media at the event. Capps, Cal Poly professors Ann McDermott and Aydin Nazmi, Hansen, and student and community researchers will be available for questions and interviews after the presentation.

**WHERE:** Conference Room, Albert B. Smith Alumni House at Cal Poly (Building 28). Directions: From the intersection of California and Foothill boulevards, go north on California. Turn right (uphill) onto Campus Way. At the stop sign, turn right onto Crandall Way. The Alumni House is on Crandall Way, across from the Orfalea Family & ASI Children’s Center.

Click here for a map showing the location of the Alumni Center: <http://www.maps.calpoly.edu/flashmap/map.html?vlist=028-0>

**WHEN:** 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 13.

**BACKGROUND:** Cal Poly’s STRIDE (Science through Translational Research in Diet and Exercise) center is partnering with the Food Bank Coalition of San Luis Obispo County to complete research required by a \$100,000 “Hunger Free Communities” planning grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Cal Poly received \$30,000 from the grant to design and carry out key data-gathering and analysis efforts: a countywide food availability survey and a hunger/food security survey of about 800 county residents. Professors and students gathered data and conducted interviews between January and November 2011.

A countywide committee of government, agriculture and social service agencies will use the remaining funds and the data gathered by Cal Poly to create a “Hunger Free Community” plan in 2012. Once the plan is completed, the county or social service agencies will be eligible to apply for USDA grants providing food and other assistance to aid local residents in need.

[Read more details about the Cal Poly research portion of the project here.](#)

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