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## Cal Poly MultiCultural Center to Host Poet Joaquin Zihuatanejo Feb. 1

SAN LUIS OBISPO – The Cal Poly MultiCultural Center will present Dallas-based poet Joaquin Zihuatanejo on Feb. 1 for Another Type of Groove: Spoken Word Poetry.

The event will take place at 7:30 p.m. in Chumash Auditorium on campus.

Zihuatanejo has made his impact on the slam poetry movement by capturing the duality of the Chicano culture. Sometimes brutal but always honest, his work depicts the essence of barrio life and the dream wanderings of a boy who found refuge in a world of stories and poems.

An award-winning high school English teacher, Zihuatanejo has performed as a National Poetry Slam Finalist, Grand Slam Spoken Word Champion and HBO Def Poet. His has visited to universities, conferences and poetry slams across the U.S., Canada, Mexico and Europe.

Another Type of Groove is a spoken-word poetry event held the first Wednesday of each month throughout the school year. Each event includes a feature poet and an open mic opportunity for interested community members and students. The event is free and open to the public.

The MultiCultural Center cultivates a campuswide community that represents and celebrates the diversity of Cal Poly's student body. The center empowers students to grow beyond their personal barriers, strengthen their understanding of diversity and social responsibility, and develop leadership skills, while fostering a sense of belonging. Through cross-cultural dialogues and examining the issues relevant to diversity and social justice, the center aims to nurture a generation of ethical and knowledgeable leaders who contribute to a global society.

The Feb. 1 event is co-sponsored by Central Coast of California Hospitality and the SeaCrest OceanFront Hotel, Pismo Beach. For more information, contact Megan McIntyre or visit <http://studentlife.calpoly.edu/multicultural/groove.asp>.

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