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Cal Poly Celebrates Asian-Pacific Islander Heritage Month May 1 at Cal Poly

SAN LUIS OBISPO – The Cal Poly MultiCultural Center's "Another Type of Groove: Spoken Word Poetry" event will celebrate Asian-Pacific Islander Month with a performance by Los Angeles-based poet Brian "Super B" Oliva at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, in Chumash Auditorium on campus.

Oliva is an accomplished writer and spoken word artist with a touch of rhythm and blues and soul. He has been featured at numerous venues and was co-host and a founder of one of the Inland Empire's most successful performance venues, Urbane Culture.

He was named the 2009 and 2010 Inland Empire Grand Slam Champion and is a member of the 2009 and 2010 Inland Empire Mindstate National Slam Team. In 2012 he appeared as a featured poet on TV1's Poetry and Music series "Verses and Flow - Season 2."

Oliva travels as a performer, advocate and mentor, sharing and conducting workshops to enrich the art of the spoken word. He is the slam coach of the Azusa Pacific University Slam Poetry Team.

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

Cal Poly's 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 dialogue and examining 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.

For more information, visit studentlife.calpoly.edu/multicultural/groove.asp.

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