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Cal Poly to Screen Acclaimed Documentary ‘We The Owners’ May 13

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- The campus and community are invited to the screening of “We The Owners” from 3-5 p.m. Monday, May 13, in the Advanced Technology Laboratory (Building 7) on campus.

Released in January, the documentary examines employee ownership as an alternative and sustainable business model. “We The Owners” captures stories from three successful employee-owned companies: New Belgium Brewing, Namasté Solar and DPR Construction.

According to executive producer Mary Ann Beyster, the goal of the film is to inspire and educate entrepreneurs, business owners, employees, professors and students about employee ownership, a business model in which workplaces are democratically managed and the risks and rewards are shared.

Beyster, president of the Foundation for Enterprise Development and a 1987 Cal Poly industrial engineering alumna, will participate in a panel discussion immediately after the film along with DPR representative Jim Washburn, who is featured in the film.

Selected by the San Luis Obispo International Film Festival 2013, the film has been screened this year on more than 20 campuses, including MIT, Michigan University, Rutgers and UC San Diego, as well as at large national conferences, private groups, and in the U.K. and France.

The event is free and open to the public; refreshments will be served.

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