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Cal Poly Fall Commencement Set for Dec. 14

SAN LUIS OBISPO — Cal Poly will confer more than 1,000 degrees during fall 2013 commencement ceremonies, planned for Saturday, Dec. 14, in the Recreation Center on campus.

- Three distinguished Cal Poly alumni will deliver the keynote presentations at three ceremonies, scheduled as follows:
- The College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences and the College of Science & Mathematics at 9 a.m.
 - The College of Architecture & Environmental Design and the College of Liberal Arts at 1 p.m.
 - The College of Engineering and the Orfalea College of Business at 4 p.m.

Brian J. Hackney, a 1986 physics and electrical engineering graduate, will deliver the first presentation at the morning ceremony. Hackney is the 2013 Honored Alumnus for the College of Science & Mathematics and an award-winning meteorologist at the CBS affiliate in San Francisco. He has won 13 Emmy Awards and two Golden Mike Awards.

Internationally known social scientist Brian Nosek, a 1995 psychology graduate, will speak at 1 p.m. Nosek earned a doctorate from Yale University in 2002. He teaches at the University of Virginia and is a leading scholar of unconscious bias — thoughts and feelings outside normal awareness — and how it affects practices such as hiring.

Michael F. Cannon, founder, president and managing principal of Cannon, a multidisciplinary engineering consulting firm, will give final keynote talk. Cannon graduated Cal Poly in 1983 with a degree in civil engineering. Cannon's firm has worked on campus projects such as Poly Canyon Village and the University Sports Complex. He is a Founders Circle member of the Cal Poly's Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship and sits on the advisory board for the university's Civil and Environmental Engineering departments. He is also a sponsor and former board member of the Cal Poly Foundation for the Performing Arts Center.

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