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Another Type of Groove Celebrates Black History Month with Prentice Powell on Feb. 5 at Cal Poly

SAN LUIS OBISPO — The Cal Poly MultiCultural Center's "Another Type of Groove: Spoken Word Poetry" will celebrate Black History Month with poet Prentice Powell at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 5, in Chumash Auditorium in the University Union on campus.

Powell is a firm believer in practicing what he preaches. After performing on the national finals stage in 2003, placing fourth in the nation only two months after writing his first poem, he pursued a spoken-word career. He became the 2007 spoken-word artist of the year at the Black Music Awards and 2006 Oakland and San Francisco Grand Slam Champion. In 2010, he won the East Bay Express award for "Best Poet." He is the only poet to have performed on all three seasons of the hit TV Series Verses and Flow, with five episodes.

Powell and his poetry collective, "Fiveology," were the official opening act For Jill Scott's 2013 summer tour, and he is the first spoken-word artist to perform on "The Arsenio Hall Show." Powell's poetry has taken him all over the world, including to London, Amsterdam and South Africa, where he has also done community work. He has shared the stage with artists such as Eric Roberson, Goapele, Amir Sulaiman, and Stevie Wonder.

Another Type of Groove is a spoken-word poetry event held the first Wednesday of each month at Cal Poly 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.

About the MultiCultural Center

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.

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