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## Cal Poly April 8 Entrepreneurship Forum to Discuss Energy

SAN LUIS OBISPO — Energy will be the focus of the Cal Poly Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship's next forum, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 8, in the Performing Arts Center Pavilion.

The forum will highlight the importance of energy on everyday life and will include discussion on how it is used today and the opportunities to shape it tomorrow. The event is inspired by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), a CIE Forum Series Signature Sponsor.

"PG&E's support in the CIE Entrepreneurship Forum Series has allowed us to keep these events open to Cal Poly students and the San Luis Obispo community," said Jonathan York, co-founder and faculty director of CIE and professor in the Orfalea College of Business. "We're excited to partner with PG&E to bring together an eclectic panel that brings different perspectives to a topic that is of special interest to our community."

The PEN (Pitches, Exhibits & Networking) portion of the evening will provide attendees the opportunity to interact with students leading the energy conservation efforts at Cal Poly, student clubs focused on the future of fuels and renewable energy, and various Cal Poly student projects associated with energy. Representatives from industry, including Tesla and PG&E, will also be in attendance.

The panel portion of the evening will be moderated by York. Panelists will include John Conway, senior vice president of energy supply at PG&E; Sandy Stannard, professor of architecture at Cal Poly; Jim Detmers, CEO of Power System Resources LLC; and Suna Taymaz, senior manager of Smart Grid & R&D Program Management at PG&E.

CIE forums are intended to unite the Cal Poly and San Luis Obispo entrepreneurial communities. Guests can network with local and national innovators, meet student entrepreneurs, and learn more about CIE resources and services.

Attendees can support entrepreneurship and innovation at Cal Poly by becoming Pioneer Pass Holders with a pledge of \$100. This annual pass gives holders expedited registration, access to special industry events, and more.

The events are free and open to the public; advance registration is required. For more information and to register, visit [cie.calpoly.edu](http://cie.calpoly.edu) or [aprilforum2014.eventbrite.com](http://aprilforum2014.eventbrite.com).

### About the Cal Poly Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship

CIE opens a world of entrepreneurial opportunity to Cal Poly students and faculty members and promotes entrepreneurial activity, scholarship and dialogue across the university and throughout San Luis Obispo County.

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