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## *Cal Poly History Graduate to Display SLO Equine History Exhibit July 13*

SAN LUIS OBISPO — Recent Cal Poly history graduate Jennifer Berg will display her senior project, “The Evolution of the Horse in San Luis Obispo County,” from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, July 13, at The Dallidet Adobe and Gardens in San Luis Obispo.

The event will feature exhibits on San Luis Obispo County’s equine history during Spanish, Mexican and American periods of California’s history. Several horse-drawn vehicles used in San Luis Obispo will be on display, including a horse-drawn rail car; rural mail wagon; a democrat wagon (a light farm or ranch wagon with two or more seats that was usually drawn by two horses); a road cart; and a carriage.

Additional exhibits will explore the history of horse racing in California, influential equestrians, the equine business, horses at the missions of San Luis Obispo and San Miguel, San Luis Obispo Fire Department horses, and horses in art and literature.

The event is free and appropriate for all ages. The Dallidet Adobe and Gardens, at 1185 Pacific St., will also be open from 1 to 4 p.m. for visitors to view the home of Pierre Dallidet, a prominent member of San Luis Obispo and the Central Coast’s first winemaker.

### **Links**

- History Department: [cla.calpoly.edu/hist.html](http://cla.calpoly.edu/hist.html)

- College of Liberal Arts: [cla.calpoly.edu/](http://cla.calpoly.edu/)

- The Dallidet Adobe and Gardens: [dallidet.org/](http://dallidet.org/)

### **About the Cal Poly History Department**

Students in Cal Poly’s History Department acquire multiple perspectives on the complexity and diversity of the past and present while developing effective methods of research. Students learn historian methodologies — the ability to gather, synthesize, analyze and interpret evidence and present conclusions in a lucid and logical manner. These skills are put into practice with the student-produced and award-winning historical journal *The Forum* and are preparation for a variety of professions.

### **About The Dallidet Adobe and Gardens**

Built in 1856, The Dallidet Adobe was home to Pierre Hypolite Dallidet, a French-born developer, farmer and owner of the first commercial winery on the Central Coast. The home is now a California Historical Landmark and contains the original family furniture and belongings, illustrating more than 100 years of history. The Dallidet Adobe and its Mediterranean gardens are open to visitors Fridays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sundays 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. March through November.

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