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Cal Poly to Present Social Justice Conference Feb. 20-21

SAN LUIS OBISPO — Cal Poly's Student Community Services (SCS) is hosting the 13th annual Change the Status Quo (CSQ) conference on campus Friday and Saturday, Feb. 20-21.

CSQ's mission is to galvanize students and community members to challenge stereotypes, demand solutions, and to use education to make lasting change and to address the myriad issues plaguing society.

The social justice conference will kick off at 6 p.m. Feb. 20 with a spoken word event and poster session in Room 220 in the University Union. The kick-off is intended to give attendees an opportunity to preview the conference presentations and enjoy slam poetry from several student poets.

Saturday's program, to begin in Chumash Auditorium, will include a keynote address from DoSomething.org's lead strategist Greg Thomas and 24 presentations addressing social and environmental issues.

The two-day conference is open to the public. Registration is \$10 in advance and \$15 for same-day registration. Registration fees include breakfast and lunch, access to the keynote address and 24 workshops, a local agency resource fair, and a reusable tote bag.

The event will create zero waste, and catering will feature organic and locally sourced foods wherever possible. To register in advance online, go to: deanofstudents.calpoly.edu/content/communityservice/quo/registration.

Change the Status Quo attempts to empower participants to make a difference in the world by giving them tangible tools to make a change. By taking action on causes people are passionate about, individuals can challenge and "Change the Status Quo."

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