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Cal Poly to Host Seventh Annual Ballroom Dance Competition

SAN LUIS OBISPO – The Cal Poly DanceSport Team will host its seventh annual Ballroom and Latin DanceSport Competition from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, in Chumash Auditorium in the University Union on campus.

More than 200 teams from across California, Arizona and Utah have registered to compete in what is one of the largest annual dance competitions in San Luis Obispo County.

The competition will include six levels, from newcomer to the highest "open-level" events. Events for nightclub dances such as salsa, hustle, Argentine tango, and lindy hop swing will be featured. There will also be a formation team competition, collegiate team match, and other special performances. The evening will conclude with a five-dance Latin showcase by Rising Star Champions Vitalii Proskurin and Zhenya Shatilova.

The Cal Poly DanceSport Team's previous competitions have drawn more than 500 spectators and more than 750 entries from Cal Poly and other universities competing in 85 separate dance events. "This is definitely the biggest event we host all year," said team president Ali Hammond "It's thrilling to bring together dance groups from all over the West Coast and show the San Luis Obispo community firsthand what ballroom and Latin dancing is all about."

Amateur dancers of all levels and ages are invited to sign up to compete. Online registration by Jan. 31 is strongly encouraged. For more information on the competition, log on to www.mustangball.com or call 805-242-3262.

Spectators are also welcome. Admission is \$7 in advance and \$10 at the door. Cal Poly students with a valid I.D. get in free. Donations to help support this nonprofit event are appreciated.

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