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Cal Poly Offers Screening of 'Underwater Dreams' Feb. 9

SAN LUIS OBISPO — The documentary film "Underwater Dreams" will be screened at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 9, in Chumash Auditorium on the Cal Poly campus.

Narrated by actor Michael Peña, the movie tells the true story of a group of undocumented high school students who built an underwater robot from supplies purchased at the Home Depot. The boys went on to win a high-powered robotics competition, defeating the team from MIT, among others.

"This documentary shows us that we need students like the boys in the film to pursue STEM education," said Tanya Flushman, a professor in Cal Poly's School of Education, the event sponsor. "It compels us to think critically about how we can ensure that all students are given the opportunity to achieve their dreams."

A panel discussion will follow the film. The screening is free and open to the public.

The film is sponsored by Cal Poly's School of Education, Materials Engineering Department, Multicultural Engineering Program, Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation Program, and the Americorps Volunteers in Service to America.

Links:

Cal Poly School of Education: soe.calpoly.edu

"Underwater Dreams": underwaterdreamsfilm.com

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