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Cal Poly to Host Events Feb. 17-20 for National Engineers Week

WHAT: Events that showcase student projects and engineering applications to celebrate National Engineers Week

WHEN: Feb. 17-20

WHERE: Cal Poly – various locations

SAN LUIS OBISPO — Cal Poly Engineering celebrates National Engineers Week (eWeek) Feb. 17-20 with the theme “Engineering New Horizons,” showcasing applications of the school’s Learn by Doing approach.

The activities, planned by the school’s Engineering Student Council, include the following highlights:

Tuesday, Feb. 17

— 10 a.m.–Noon: **Bus Bonanza**, hosted by ITE, is a fast-paced competition that challenges students to configure a transit bus (represented by chairs) to hold as many riders as possible.

Location: Advanced Technology Laboratories (ATL) (Building 7, Room 2)

— 5-6 p.m.: **Build a Bridge**, hosted by the Cal Poly Engineering Student Council.

Location: ATL (Building 7, Room 2)

Wednesday, Feb. 18

— 1-3 p.m.: The **Club Showcase** presents some of the college’s top clubs. Sponsored by Western Digital, the event includes free food and a drawing for a GoPro.

Location: ATL (Building 7, Room 2)

— 4-5 p.m. **Global Development Workshop**, hosted by Cal Poly Engineers Without Borders. Students will share what it’s like to be part of humanitarian projects that are improving living standards in developing communities worldwide.

Location: Bonderson Project Center (Building 197, Room 104)

— 7-8 p.m. **The Next Big Thing**, hosted by Cal Poly Society of Women Engineers, challenges students to invent “the next big thing” from an assortment of mystery items.

Location: Bonderson Project Center (Bldg. 197, Room 104)

Thursday, Feb. 19

— 9-10 a.m. **Build a Tower**, hosted by Cal Poly Society of Civil Engineers, is a competition to see who can build the tallest tower that remains standing.

Location: Bonderson Project Center (Building 197), Ground Floor

— 1-3 p.m.: **Ignite!** Much like a TED Talk, students speak on a passion of their choice — fast! Presenters get only five minutes and are allowed 20 slides, each set to advance every 15 seconds. Guest speaker Susan Johnson, CEO of Futura Industries, will share tips on how to be successful in industry.

Location: ATL (Building 7, Room 2)

Friday, Feb. 20

— 5-6 p.m. **Solar Turbines Tech Talk**. Attendees will learn about what makes this manufacturer of industrial gas turbines an industry leader and hear about the worldwide careers it offers.

Location: Bonderson Project Center (Building 197, Room 104)

Outreach activities include **Fourth Grade Days**, sponsored by the Cal Poly Society of Women Engineers (SWE). Throughout eWeek, SWE members will visit local classrooms to share their enthusiasm about engineering through their own stories — and through hands-on activities that will let young students discover the fun of science and engineering for themselves.

There are free giveaways, raffle prizes and food at many of the eWeek venues.

About eWeek:

The National Engineers Week Foundation, now known as DiscoverE, founded National Engineers Week in 1951. Each year, thousands of engineering professionals, students, teachers, and business and government leaders participate in National Engineers Week to celebrate and grow the next generation of engineers. For more information, visit discovere.org.

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