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Cal Poly To Celebrate Community Pride Week May 15-21

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Cal Poly will host its annual Community Pride Week May 15-21 in an effort to encourage diversity and promote unity throughout the San Luis Obispo Community.

The Growing Together Fund of the San Luis Obispo Community Foundation and the Pride Alliance Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Center sponsor the events to educate the campus and community about gender identity and sexual orientation. “The week is subtitled ‘Out for Equality,’ because this is such a pivotal time in history. Everyone should be aware of the civil rights issues at stake,” said Maya Andlig, coordinator of gender and sexuality programs at Cal Poly.

Events open to the public during the week include:

Saturday, May 15: Cal Poly Gays, Lesbians and Bisexuals United (GLBU) club softball game. 2:30-5 p.m., Cuesta Park, San Luis Obispo.

Monday, May 17
· Ally Training: Learn what it takes to be a good ally. 10 a.m.-noon, University Union, Room 220.
· Keynote Speaker: Steven Seidman. Hear from the author of “Beyond the Closet: The Transformation of Gays and Lesbians,” 7-9 p.m., Chumash Auditorium.

Tuesday, May 18
· LGBT Life and the Internet: Hear from Ramon Johnson about his perspective of the Gay Life Guide, 11 a.m.-noon, UU 220.
· Film showing: “Priscilla, Queen of the Desert.” A comedy about a transsexual and drag queens with their pink bus somewhere in the Outback, 6-8 p.m., Orfalea College of Business Rotunda (Room 213).

Wednesday, May 19
· Panel discussion: “Being Out in the Workplace.” Members from the
community share their experiences. Sponsored by Cal Poly Career Services, noon-1 p.m., Chumash Auditorium.

· GLBU club Pride Week Meeting: Social hour for meeting new people. Open to all; 7:30-9 p.m. – Agricultural Sciences Building Room 104.

· GLBU Dance at Tortilla Flats in downtown San Luis Obispo, 10 p.m.; admission $5.

**Thursday, May 20**

· Intersex Foundation speaker: Thea Hillman will speak about and gender identity violence and personal experience. 11 a.m.-noon, UU 220.

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