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Almost Alumni Handbook 2003**

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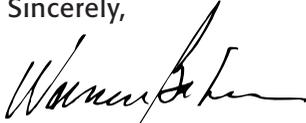
Dear Graduating Senior,

On behalf of Cal Poly, I would like to congratulate you on the successful completion of your degree and welcome you to the family of over 100,000 Cal Poly alumni. We are happy to provide you with the **Almost Alumni Handbook** to assist with your final preparations for graduation and your future as a young alumnus.

We value your association with the university whether as a student or an alumnus, and we hope that you will fondly remember Cal Poly in the years ahead. We have a growing extended family of enthusiastic Cal Poly alumni, and I encourage you to become an active member of that family through participation in the Alumni Association, regional alumni chapters, or your college or your department activities.

The faculty and staff of Cal Poly take great pride in your accomplishments, and we wish you every success as you embrace the challenges and opportunities that await you. Congratulations on your graduation and come back to visit whenever you can.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Warren J. Baker". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Warren J. Baker
President

Are You Ready to Graduate?

Use this checklist to see if you're ready for graduation. More detailed information on topics and specific web sites can be found throughout the handbook and at www.academics.calpoly.edu/advising/srexperience.htm.

- FYI: The student loan repayment process begins when the loan borrower drops below half-time units. Check with Student Accounts if this occurs.

Six Quarters Prior to Graduation

- Meet with academic advisor to review six-quarter plan to graduation
- Fulfill Graduation Writing Requirement (GWR)
- If considering a health or veterinary career path:
 - Make appointment with health/veterinary professions advisor; solicit letters of recommendation; prepare (study) for appropriate entrance exams
- Apply for summer job/internship/research fellowship or Co-op – check with Career Services or academic department

Five Quarters Prior to Graduation

- Find out requirements for senior project from your department and begin talking to faculty about possible projects
- If considering graduate/professional school and related career options:
 - Meet with academic advisor or Career Services career counselor; begin working on personal statement; Schedule professional school entrance examinations
- If considering a health or veterinary career path:
 - Schedule interview with campus health professions committee; complete personal statement (you may seek assistance from campus writing lab, faculty members, or Career Services career counselor); take health or veterinary profession entrance examinations

Four Quarters Prior to Graduation

- Apply for graduation evaluation
- Participate in summer job/internship, research fellowship, or Co-op experience
- If considering a health or veterinary career path, finalize professional school application
- If considering graduate or other professional school, begin researching possible schools
- Make hotel reservations for graduation weekend

Three Quarters Prior to Graduation

- Review graduation plan with your academic advisor or evaluator and confirm remaining classes and requirements; bring evaluation/curriculum sheet if completed (Academic Records/Evaluations will send these to the local address)
- Begin senior project; to be completed no later than final quarter
- If considering health or veterinary career path, complete application and interview process
- If considering graduate or other professional school:
 - Take Graduate Records Examination – Contact campus test office; solicit letters of recommendation to accompany school application; attend graduate/professional day – contact Career Services; apply to graduate schools

- If considering career employment following graduation:
 - Contact Career Services to discuss career employment assistance and job search strategies; complete and submit resume and registration for services with Career Services; research potential employers, salaries, and hiring trends for your major – Career Services, academic departments, self-initiated; begin employment interviews – Career Services, job fairs, self-initiated

Two Quarters Prior to Graduation

- Evaluations Unit in the Office of Academic Records returns your graduation evaluation to your current address.
- Continue working on senior project
- Check with academic advisor prior to registration period to review spring quarter course offerings and ensure all requirements for graduation are accounted for; bring degree audit report
- If considering career employment following graduation:
 - Update personal resume and cover letter – Career Services; continue employment interviews – Career Services, job fairs, self-initiated
- If considering health or veterinary career path, continue interview and application process with appropriate schools
- If considering graduate or other professional schools:
 - Schedule mock interview with Career Services career counselor; Continue application process

Final Quarter Prior to Graduation

- Complete senior project and turn in to faculty advisor
- Check with academic advisor to ensure all paperwork is approved and submitted to the Evaluations Unit of the Office of Academic Records
- If considering career employment following graduation:
 - Update personal resume and cover letter – Career Services; continue employment interviews – Career Services, job fairs, self-initiated
- Visit the Grad Center at El Corral Bookstore to register for graduation ceremony and order cap and gown, tassel, and announcements
- Complete the required student loan exit interview process via Student Accounts
- Check the balance of your Cal Poly student account through the “Student Transaction” channel on my.calpoly.edu and pay off or make payment arrangements on any balance due to Cal Poly
- Update address via “Personal Information” channel on my.calpoly.edu to ensure that degree status notification is received
- Order an official transcript from the Office of Academic Records and request that it be sent immediately following the posting of degree. This will confirm that your degree has been awarded.
- If you have a privacy flag (FERPA) on your record and would like to receive updates from Cal Poly after graduation, go to mustanginfo and update your record
- Mark your calendar for free food during AWOL (May 19–22)
- Sign up for free lifetime e-mail forwarding through the Alumni Association
- Sign up for New Grad alumni membership during Grad Days and stay connected!

Congratulations!

As you near the end of your academic career at Cal Poly, please make sure your academic records are up to date. It is important that we have accurate information, such as your mailing address, as we finalize your program requirements, post your degree, and issue your diploma. Also, be sure your privacy flag is set so that we may verify your hard-earned degree to potential employers and/or graduate institutions.

Again, congratulations from all of the staff in the Office of Academic Records. We wish you the very best as you pursue life after Cal Poly.



Thomas L. Zuur
Office of Academic Records

Applying for Graduation

www.ess.calpoly.edu/_records/forms/index.htm

Make sure you fill out a "Request for a Graduation Evaluation" four quarters prior to graduation. This will ensure that you and the university are on the same page, and it will automatically set you up to graduate at the end of the term that you designate. You can pick up a Request for a Graduation Evaluation at the Office of Academic Records or online (see above address). You will also be mailed your graduation evaluation two terms before you graduate.

Graduation Writing Requirement (GWR)

www.calpoly.edu/~wrtskils/gwr/toc.htm

The GWR is a mandatory requirement for graduation from the CSU system. Cal Poly has two options for fulfilling the GWR: 1) Pass the Writing Proficiency Exam (WPE) (\$25 fee/not offered summer quarter) with a score of eight out of a possible 12 points; or 2) Pass an approved upper-division course with a grade of C or better AND receive certification of proficiency in writing based on a 500-word in-class essay. Please refer to the Web site above for more specific information.

Diplomas

Once you have filled out your "Request for a Graduation Evaluation," your graduation date is set. Your degree will be posted upon verification of all degree requirements. You will receive a letter from the Registrar's Office confirming your degree before your diploma is mailed. The university will issue you one free copy of your diploma approximately six weeks after your degree is posted. It will be mailed to your permanent address (unless you specify otherwise), so make sure to update it by using the Personal Information Channel in *my.calpoly.edu* before you leave. If you would like to order more copies, you can purchase them through El Corral Bookstore at (805) 756-5322.

University "Holds"

www.mustanginfo.calpoly.edu

A "hold" may have been placed on your account by any of several different departments. To remove the hold you must contact the department that has placed the hold. To find out if you have any holds on your account, go to *mustanginfo*. Make sure all holds are paid in full before you graduate.

Transcripts

www.ess.calpoly.edu/_records/stu_info/trans_orders.htm

Below are some helpful hints for obtaining transcripts. We highly recommend that you also check out the Web site for more specific information. Please plan ahead, transcripts may take up to ten days to process.

Unofficial Transcripts

Unofficial transcripts can be obtained on the Web at *www.mustanginfo.calpoly.edu*. Click on "Your Student Information," then on "Student Records Menu," and then select "Cal Poly Unofficial Transcript."

Official Transcripts

To order official transcripts, print and fill out the Transcript Request form at *www.ess.calpoly.edu/_records/forms/index.htm* or pick up a copy of the form at the Records Office window. Payment must be included with your order for official transcripts. You can pay by cash, check, money order, or credit card. See the Web page for specific payment information.

Transcript Fees

Below is the fee structure for transcripts that are requested at the same time:

- \$4.00 single transcript
- \$2.00 each additional copies (2-10)
- \$1.00 each additional copies (11+)

Additional Information

Each official transcript is placed into a separate envelope with a special seal across the back. It is not necessary for you to include a return envelope with your request. Transcripts cannot be released if you have a hold on your record. Make sure to check *mustanginfo* for hold information before requesting your transcripts. Please note that phone orders are not accepted because your signature is required to release transcripts.

Verification Request

www.ess.calpoly.edu/_records/forms/index.htm

Sometimes employers or insurance agencies need to verify your enrollment at Cal Poly. The link above will send you to the forms page of the Office of Academic Records. Click on "Verification Request" and follow the directions for completing the form.

Privacy Flag (FERPA)

If you have asked the university to put a privacy flag on your record, anyone that calls to verify your degree, such as a potential employer or graduate school, will not be able to do so. Also, if you do not remove the privacy flag before you graduate, it will be transferred over to the university database, which maintains all alumni information. This means that you will not receive any information from the university or your department, such as notification of upcoming alumni events in your area or departmental newsletters.

If you would like to remove the privacy flag before you graduate, you can do so through *mustanginfo*. After graduation, contact both the Alumni Office and Office of Academic Records for instruction on removing the privacy flag.

Financial Aid

www.afd.calpoly.edu/student_accounts/exithm.htm

Anyone who has student loans must complete the mandatory exit interview to graduate. Go to the link above for more information. To find out what type of loans you have, how many you have, or who your lender is, visit www.nslds.ed.gov (National Student Loan Data System). Also, to be sure you continue to get information regarding repayment of your loans, update your permanent address at my.calpoly.edu.

Graduate or Professional School

www.careerservices.calpoly.edu/Students/Colleges/colleges.htm

Career Services can assist students with graduate/professional school planning in several ways. Career Counselors are available to work with students individually to help them develop their career plans and begin the first steps to begin preparing for graduate school. The Web page is a great resource if you're even thinking about graduate/professional school.

Some of the areas with which Career Services can help are:

- Researching graduate programs
- Creating a timetable for applying to graduate school
- The application process
- Financial aid and support
- Quarterly workshops on the application process, personal statements, and interviews

Make sure you are prepared to take the appropriate tests and sign up for them early. These are some of the examinations that may be required for your program:

- Dental Aptitude Test (DAT)
- Graduate Management Admissions Test (GMAT)
- Graduate Record Exam (GRE) – general and specific subject exams
- Law Schools Admissions Test (LSAT)
- Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT)
- Miller Analogies Test (MAT)
- Optometry Admissions Test (OAT)
- Pharmacy College Admissions Test (PCAT)
- Veterinary Aptitude Test (VAT)

Senior Project

Your senior project is a capstone experience conducted under direct faculty supervision and required for all Cal Poly students receiving a baccalaureate degree. Integrating theory and application from across your undergraduate educational experiences, it consists of one or more of the following, as determined by your department or program: 1) a design or construction experience; 2) an experiment; 3) a self-guided study or research project; 4) a presentation; 5) a report based on internship, co-op, or service-learning experience; 6) a public portfolio display or performance. In each case, some kind of written documentation may be required.

Here are some helpful hints on completing your senior project:

- At least five quarters prior to graduation, find out your major's requirements for the senior project. Some departments offer a structured process for completing this task; others expect you to make individual arrangements with a professor.
- It's wise to have a topic in mind before you approach a potential advisor. Check www.lib.calpoly.edu for senior project ideas. Another resource would be talking with alumni, professors, or university staff. You'll want to make sure that your topic is one in which you are very interested, because you are likely to spend no less than 30 hours on it and possibly as many as 180 hours (i.e., one to six credit units).
- Unless your department dictates otherwise, try to begin working on the project itself no later than three quarters prior to graduation, to allow plenty of time for completion if unforeseen obstacles arise.
- Prior to the project's initiation, you are responsible for identifying costs and potential funding sources. Costly projects are discouraged. You are also responsible for becoming informed about the university's intellectual properties policy (www.calpoly.edu/~rgp/pdf/IntelProp.pdf) and, where applicable, its human subjects policy (www.calpoly.edu/~scdavis/human3.htm)
- On completion, be sure to check with your department or advisor for specific requirements on how to file/store your project.

If for some reason you think you are not going to finish your senior project on time, talk with your advisor as soon as possible. Good luck!

Electronic Resources

Accounts for E-Mail, Calendar, and other University Centrally Managed Systems

uss.calpoly.edu/Policies/SLOOP_LeavingCP_050102.doc

Once your degree is posted, you are no longer considered a Cal Poly student and are ineligible for e-mail, modem, or Central UNIX server services or accounts through the university's centrally managed systems.

Computing accounts of users who do not appear on current enrollment are marked for deletion. Time frames vary for processing, but are less than 90 days from departing the university. If you have questions regarding the account process, contact the ITS Help Desk at (805) 756-7000.

Imagine Modem Pool Services

imagine.calpoly.edu

Students who have signed up for Imagine paid modem pool services will need to de-enroll from that service prior to the account purge process. NOTE: You will continue to be billed for modem services until you terminate service. Visit *imagine.calpoly.edu* and select "Click Here to Sign Up or Terminate Service."

Temporary E-Mail Forwarding Services

my.calpoly.edu

Students may take advantage of temporary e-mail forwarding services that will stay in place up to one year after leaving Cal Poly (and then be purged). To change your e-mail delivery address, visit *my.calpoly.edu* and subscribe to the Cal Poly Portal "Personal Information" channel – then update your e-mail address. Please remember that this is a temporary forwarding service; for a lifetime Cal Poly alumni e-mail address, see below.

Alumni E-Mail Forwarding Service

alumni.calpoly.edu/services/email

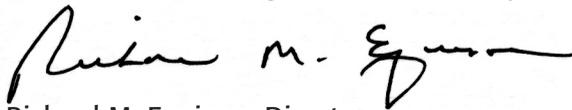
Set up your very own lifetime e-mail name at *yourname@alumni.calpoly.edu*. This reflector site will forward all your e-mail to any account you specify. You also have access to change your criteria at any time and search the online e-mail database. This is a free service provided to all Cal Poly alumni by the Alumni Association.

Dear Cal Poly Senior and Graduate Student:

Congratulations on the progress you have made toward achieving your educational goals. Soon you will begin a new phase in your life by either embarking on your chosen career or continuing on for a graduate or professional degree. As you look back, I hope you will recall your time at Cal Poly with pride and satisfaction.

This handbook and reference to services is provided with the hope that it will serve as a resource in planning and following through with your next steps. In particular, I encourage you to take advantage of the resources and services available through our department, Career Services. They are outlined here and to get started, simply drop in and/or visit our Web site. It's as easy as that.

Best wishes and congratulations. We hope to see you soon.



Richard M. Equinoa, Director
Career Services and Testing Services

Career Services

Career Services provides programs and services to current students, to graduates of Cal Poly, and to individuals who have completed coursework at the university. These students and alumni have a two-quarter (six-month) grace period after their last quarter of enrollment to use our services without charge. After your six-month grace period, Cal Poly alumni can receive Career Services benefits at an annual fee of \$25. Please refer to the Career Services Web page for detailed information about the services.

Student Services

Mustang Jobs

Mustang Jobs is your one-stop shopping for all your interviewing needs! Mustang Jobs allows you to view and sign up for on-campus interviews, company information sessions, and internship and summer-job listings.

Job Listings & Interviews

Career Services has also put together a wealth of job-search links (if Mustang Jobs was not enough!). They have links for relocation and salary questions and national and international job searches, just to name a few.

Job Search

This section will help guide you through the job-search jungle. Get information on résumé writing, interviewing guidelines, thank you letters, and more. This is also a great time to meet with your college career counselor for guidance:

- **College of Agriculture** – Carolyn Jones
- **College of Architecture and Environmental Design** – Ellen Polinsky
- **Orfalea College of Business** – Jane Johnson
- **College of Engineering** – Tammy Martin
- **College of Liberal Arts** – Charlotte Rinaldi-Zuniga
- **College of Science and Mathematics** – Ellen Polinsky
- **University Center for Teacher Education** – Charlotte Rinaldi-Zuniga
- **Career Resource Center** – Karen Severn

Career Planning

Our career counselors are a great resource to help answer your questions, ranging from developing education and career goals to finding employment. They also have great online links to help answer your career questions.

Graduate Schools

If you're thinking about graduate school after Cal Poly, then this is the section for you. Career counselors can help you with researching graduate programs, creating a timetable for applying, the application process, and financial aid and support. They also offer quarterly workshops on the application process, personal statements, and interviews.

Workshop Schedule

Are you getting anxious about your first interview? Or are you not really sure how your résumé should be organized? Well, why not take a test run before the big day? Career Services has set up various workshops to help with interviewing skills, résumés, and negotiating job offers, just to name a few. Workshops are typically

one hour and are offered at a variety of times. Check our Web page to get an updated list every month. Sign-up folders are in the Career Services front lobby. Career counselors are also available to make presentations to student clubs and organizations.

Job Fairs/Events

What better way to research and network with companies than to have them all come to you! Career Services has planned numerous Job Fairs for Cal Poly students and alumni for 2003. Each event brings 80 to 150 companies and organizations to the campus. Make sure to check out our Web page for an up-to-date list of participants and job descriptions.

Cooperative Education

Interested in getting paid for going to school? Cooperative Education provides opportunities for professional development that integrate classroom learning with practical work experience. Students usually work for a period of six months (two quarters) in a paid position directly related to their course of study and/or career goals. Co-op is an academic program; students hired for these positions pay fees and register for each quarter of the co-op assignment.

Part-Time Jobs/Summer Internships

You will find part-time and temporary job listings for the San Luis Obispo area, including many opportunities on campus. There is information including how to get started and how to apply. We have ideas to help you find a summer job. A summer or seasonal job is an opportunity to gain valuable work experience that may or may not relate to your major or career goals. Volunteer work with government and other public agencies and year-round internship opportunities are also publicized through this program. Mustang Jobs is Career Services' online access to co-op, summer, and career opportunities.

Alumni Services (Free)

The following services are provided free to alumni. Please refer to the "Student Services" section or Web site for specific descriptions.

Mustang Jobs Online Jobs Announcements/On-Campus Interviews (Cal Poly Alumni Only)

Mustang Jobs provides access to current career and summer position announcements. Although this program is primarily for graduating seniors, employers will indicate if they are interested in interviewing Cal Poly alumni at the time of their campus visits. For more information, see the Mustang Jobs Tip Sheet for alumni.

Other Online Jobs Listings

There are passwords are not required for the job search resources except for "MonsterTRAK." Call the Career Services office for the MonsterTRAK password.

Job Fairs/Events

These include the Technology Job Fair, Fall Job Fair, Career Symposium, Graduate & Professional School Day, Summer Camps/Resort Job Fair, Teacher Job Fair, and the Springboard Job Fair.

Part-Time Job Listings

These are posted in the Student Employment office (Career Services, Room 113). Fill out a registration card at Career Services to obtain access to the job listings. Alumni and reciprocal students are not eligible for Cooperative Education, federal work-study or on-campus student-assistant positions.

Alumni Services (\$25 annual fee)

Registered alumni and reciprocal students may use the following services for a fee of \$25 per year. The fee structure established by the CSU system helps offset the costs of services provided to alumni and others not paying student fees. Please refer to the "Student Services" section or Web site for specific descriptions.

Use of the Career Resource Center (Room 117)

Use the Career Resource Center to research job listings; computer careers; employer publications, videos, and binders; graduate school information and financial aid sources; and career trend information.

Workshops

Come and brush up your skills with a Career Services workshop. Topics include résumés and cover letters, interview skills, job search strategies, and graduate school applications.

Mustang Jobs On-Campus Interviews (Cal Poly Alumni Only)

Although this program is primarily for graduating seniors, employers will indicate if they are interested in interviewing Cal Poly alumni at the time of their campus visits. For more information, see the Mustang Jobs Tip Sheet for alumni.

Career Counselor Session

Your one-hour appointment may include career counseling, graduate school options, résumé and cover letter review, interview skills, and job search strategy (limited to one appointment per year).

Employer Alumni Services

So now you've done it. You've graduated, landed a great job, and just found out your company wants to hire a new employee. Why not visit Mustang Jobs one more time — as a prospective employer! You can sign up for a variety of services intended to connect you with qualified students and alumni, including campus interviews, company information sessions, job fairs, internships, and a résumé request service, to highlight a few.

Mustang Jobs is also a great way to get your job opening out to students and alumni. By listing currently available positions on our free online job listing service, you can get your position out to thousands of potential candidates. You have the opportunity to describe your positions and requirements the way you want them publicized. Make sure to indicate your alumni status, department, and graduating year in the job description area. (This information helps in generating interest. We will also forward a special notice to your department to assist in your publicity.)

How much will it cost to graduate?

Here is a quick rundown of the costs that could be incurred before you graduate, depending on what your plans are. Please note that these costs are approximate and could change from the time this handbook was printed. Check the El Corral Bookstore Web site (see below) for current costs. Items in bold type are required to graduate.

• Grad Evaluation	FREE
• Senior Project Fee	\$6.00
• WPE Fee (GWR)	\$25.00
• Commencement Fee	\$40.00
• Cap, Gown, and Tassel	\$28.00
Cap Only	\$6.00
Gown Only	\$18.00
Tassel Only	\$5.00
• Announcements (25)	\$45.00 and up
• Class Ring	\$375.00 and up
• Diploma Frame	\$35.00 - \$145.00
• AWOL	FREE
• Alumni Membership, New Grad	\$20.03

AWOL

www.almostalumni.calpoly.edu/pages/activities.html

Remember when WOW was your official welcome to Cal Poly? AWOL (A Week of Leaving) is just like WOW, except reversed! It's your official senior celebration. The Alumni Association and Poly Reps have put together a week's worth of events to celebrate your graduation and to welcome you to the real world.

The events include Sundaes on Monday, Flapjack Farewell, Wieners for Seniors, and a special Thursday event. Events are FREE and open to all 2003 graduating seniors. So mark your calendars for May 19-22, 2003, and come celebrate with the class of 2003 (June and December grads are welcome)!

Grad Days at El Corral

www.elcorralbookstore.com/graduation.asp

Grad Days are your one-stop shopping for everything you'll need for the big day. During Grad Days you can order your personalized graduation announcements, thank you notes, class ring and diploma frame, and sign up for your New Grad Alumni membership at a reduced rate. Check the Web site for exact dates and costs.

Local Hotel & Restaurant Phone Guide

It is important to make your hotel and restaurant reservations for Commencement weekend far in advance. Below are some local numbers to help start your search. All numbers listed are in the 805 area code.

Restaurants

San Luis Obispo:

- 1865 Restaurant 544-1865
- Alex Madonna's Gold Rush Steak House 543-3000
- Apple Farm Restaurant 544-6100
- Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar 782-9088
- Benvenuti Ristorante 541-5393
- Big Sky Cafe 545-5401
- Bon Temps Creole Café 544-2100
- Buona Tavola 545-8000
- Cafe Roma 541-6800
- F. McLintocks Saloon 541-0686
- Firestone Grill 783-1001
- Golden China Restaurant 543-7354
- Grappolo Restaurant 788-0260
- Great Wall Restaurant 549-7888
- Hobee's 549-9186
- Hometown Buffet #336 541-5594
- Hudson's Grill 541-5999
- Imperial China Restaurant 543-1818
- Izzy Ortega's 543-3333
- Jewel of India 543-3558
- Linn's Restaurant 546-8444
- Madonna Inn Cafe Restaurant 543-3000
- Mandarin Gourmet 541-4590
- Mission Grill, Inc. 547-5544
- Mother's Tavern 541-8733
- Novo Restaurant & Bakery 543-3986
- Palindromes Restaurant & Pizzeria 545-9500
- Pepe Delgado's Mexican Restaurant 544-6660
- Pete's Southside Cafe & Parrot Trap 549-8133
- Seven Hands on Higuera 786-4263
- SLO Brewing Company, Inc. 543-1843
- Spirit of San Luis 549-9466
- Tahoe Joe's Famous Steakhouse 543-8300
- Taj Palace Cuisine of India 543-0722
- Thai Cuisine at Royal Thai 544-9777
- Thai Palace Restaurant 594-1744
- Thai-rrific Restaurant 541-8424
- Tio Alberto's Mexican Restaurant 546-9646

- Tortilla Flats 544-7575
- Tsurugi Restaurant 543-8942
- Upper Crust Trattoria 542-0400
- Vieni Vai Trattoria 544-5282

Hotels

San Luis Obispo:

- Apple Farm Inn 544-2040
- Apple Farm Trellis Court 544-2040
- Best Western Royal Oak Hotel 544-4410
- Coachman Inn 544-0400
- Days Inn 549-9911
- Econo Lodge 544-8886
- Embassy Suites Hotel 549-0800
- Holiday Inn Express 544-8600
- Homestead Motel 543-7700
- La Cuesta Inn (800) 543-2777
- Lamplighter Inn & Suites 547-7777
- Los Padres Inn 543-5017
- Madonna Inn 543-3000
- Morgan's Mansions Lodging 541-1122
- Peach Tree Inn 543-3170
- Petit Soleil 549-0321
- Quality Suites - San Luis Obispo 541-5001
- Ramada Inn Olive Tree 544-2800
- Rose Garden Inn 544-5300
- San Luis Inn & Suites 544-0881
- Sands Suites & Motel 544-0500
- Sunbeam Motel 543-8141
- Super 8 Motel 544-6888
- Travelodge Downtown 543-6443
- Travelodge 543-5110
- Vagabond Inn 544-4710
- Villa Motel 543-8071

Avila Beach:

- Inn at Avila Beach 595-2300
- San Luis Bay Inn (800) 438-6493
- Sunterra Resorts at the San Luis Bay Inn 595-2470
- Sycamore Mineral Springs Resort 595-7302

Commencement Ceremony

Cal Poly holds two commencement ceremonies each year for graduates. The spring ceremony is for graduates completing all coursework in winter, spring, or summer. The fall ceremony is for graduates completing all coursework in fall quarter.

Spring Ceremony

Saturday, June 14th, 2003

There will be morning and afternoon ceremonies held at Mustang Stadium. Check the Web site to find out what time your specific college ceremony will be held. After the main ceremony, colleges host smaller ceremonies where your name will be called as you walk across the stage.

Fall Ceremony

Saturday, December 13th, 2003

There are typically three ceremonies for the December graduation. Check the Web site to find out what time your college ceremony will be held. Each ceremony lasts about an hour and a half and is held in the Cal Poly Rec Center.

Graduation Tickets

Graduation tickets are distributed at the Graduation Center in El Corral Bookstore. In order to receive them, you must pay the University Commencement Fee of \$40.00. Typically each graduate receives 10 tickets, but the total number of graduates participating in the ceremony can affect that number.

Parking

Please allow your family and friends plenty of time to park (see the map on page 24 for parking lots) as there are large crowds throughout the day. For the spring ceremony, plan at least an hour to park before the ceremony begins.

Disabled Resources

Please contact the Commencement Office for information at (805) 756-5833.

Welcome to the Cal Poly Alumni Association (CPAA)

Congratulations on your achievement! The Alumni Association exists to keep you connected to your alma mater. We want to be here for you as you embark upon new adventures and challenges.

The CPAA strives to provide you with services and programs that keep you connected. Being an active member is a great way for you to find out what's happening both on and off campus. It also allows you to take advantage of a number of special member services such as lifetime e-mail forwarding, group insurance programs, access to all of the CSU libraries, discounts on Cal Poly Continuing Education programs and invitations to special events. And it displays your Mustang Pride!

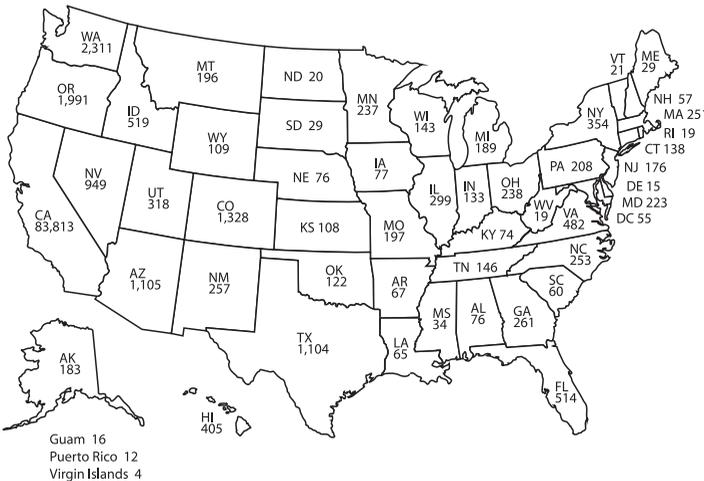
We are proud of you and your accomplishments and encourage you to stay connected with Cal Poly. Visit our Web site at www.alumni.calpoly.edu for immediate updates and information. That way you will always be connected to Cal Poly, no matter where life takes you.

Sincerely,



Kim R. Gannon, Director
Cal Poly Alumni Association

Cal Poly Alumni by State



Young Alumni – GOLD Program

What's the best way to stay connected after graduation and have fun doing it? Attend local GOLD functions in your area. The GOLD program (Graduates of the Last Decade) was created just for new alumni like you! GOLD events are geared towards after-work socials so that you can mingle and catch up with other alumni in your area.

Most regional alumni chapters hold a couple of events a year. The program was designed to help make the transition from Cal Poly to your new town easier by connecting recent grads with other alumni. To find out more about GOLD events, check the calendar of events on the alumni Web site or call the contacts below.

GOLD event invites are only sent out electronically though the Alumni E-Mail System, so make sure we have a current e-mail address for you (see below). Also, all alumni and friends are welcome to attend events, and active members of the Alumni Association receive a discount.

GOLD Contacts

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Alumni Board GOLD Representative
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Nikole McCollum (ARCE '99)
Assistant Director
Young Alumni & Student Programs
888-CAL-POLY
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Electronic Alumni Updates

Would you like to receive electronic updates about upcoming alumni events in your area? Then make sure we have a current mailing and e-mail address for you. You will automatically be entered into the system if you sign up for free alumni email forwarding. Otherwise, go to www.alumni.calpoly.edu, click on "Online Services," and scroll to "Update My Mailing and E-mail Address." (You can use this page any time you need to update your e-mail or mailing address.)

Cal Poly Alumni Association

The Cal Poly Alumni Association is a great way for you to stay involved in the life of the university. There are several benefits to the Alumni Association both at Cal Poly and in your new community. The Alumni Association is here to support you as you move away from the college community and into the next chapter of your life.

Membership Benefits

As a member of the Alumni Association you are helping to support your alma mater and student scholarships, and you are staying connected and updated on Cal Poly.

Alumni Network

- **Regional Chapters:**
Membership in the Alumni Association funds local chapter functions, scholarships for students, and services to Cal Poly. It also hosts socials and events in your area.
- **Interest-Based Chapters:**
Similar to regional chapters, these are formed to keep individuals with similar interests connected. See page 23.
- **Alumni Locator Service:**
Lose a friend? We can help you locate them in our records. Send us an e-mail or give us a call. (Note: Due to the Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act, we cannot release information directly, but can forward messages to individuals.)
- **Lifetime E-Mail Forwarding:**
Set up your very own lifetime e-mail name at *yourname@alumni.calpoly.edu*. This reflector site will forward all your e-mail to any account you specify. You also have access to change your criteria at any time and search the online e-mail database for alumni.

Campus Privileges

- **Recreation Center:**
Receive alumni membership to the Rec Center (requires quarterly fee).
- **CSU Library Access:**
Receive access to all 23 California State University campus libraries.

Career Services

- See section about Career Services.

Discounts

- **Alamo Rental Car**
- **Cal Poly Continuing Education:**
Enjoy a 10% discount on Cal Poly Continuing Education (non-credit courses).
- **Cal Poly Downtown:**
Receive a 10% discount off all merchandise.
- **Hotels:**
Receive a 10% discount at La Cuesta, Inn at Morro Bay, and Quality Suites (based on availability).
- **SLO Merchants:**
Receive discounts at more than 30 participating SLO stores.
- **Theme Parks:**
Receive discounts for Sea World, LA Zoo, Knott's Berry Farm, Universal Studios, Movieland Wax Museum, Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum, Wild Rivers Water Park-Irvine, Six Flags Magic Mountain.

Financial Services

- **Credit Unions:**
Be eligible to join Golden 1 and SESLOC credit unions.
- **MBNA Credit Card:**
Be eligible to receive a no-annual-fee card with a low APR.

Insurance

- **Alumni Insurance Agency:**
Receive discounted insurance rates on health, life, dental, and vision plans.

Publications

- **Alumni News:**
Receive the exclusive newsletter for Alumni Association members only. Published three times a year, *Alumni News* keeps you up to date on chapter events, the university, and alumni.
- **Cal Poly Magazine:**
Distributed to all alumni, the *Cal Poly Magazine* keeps you updated on the university.

Chapter Contacts

Cal Poly has alumni chapters throughout California and alumni contacts across the nation. There are chapters in California to serve you, as well as events held across the country. Once you move to your new town, there is most likely an alumni chapter waiting for you. Chapters sponsor local Cal Poly events such as golf tournaments, social gatherings, and New Student Welcome Event picnics. Give your local chapter contact a call to find out more information. You may also want to check the Web site for updates and additional areas. And, if the chapter is not near you, consider hosting a chapter event to connect with other Cal Poly alumni. Call us for assistance at (888) CAL-POLY.

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Interest-Based Chapters

Some alumni groups are formed around special interests. The groups that have been officially approved by the CPAA Board to operate as Interest-based Chapters are listed below. Additional chapters will be approved soon. Check out the CPAA page for contacts and up-to-date information at www.alumni.calpoly.edu.

Band Alumni

FANS (Friends and Alumni Network of Supporters of the Cal Poly Theatre)

Rugby

Vines To Wines

Supporting Cal Poly Athletics

After you leave Cal Poly, you can still support Cal Poly's athletics programs as alumni. Stay connected by joining the Stampede Club or Varsity Club, or attending games in your hometown.

www.gopoly.com

As alumni, you are an integral part of the success of Cal Poly Athletics. Just go to the online site and click on the "Tickets" section to order tickets to any Cal Poly sporting event. You can also call the ticket office at (866)-GO-STANGS (866-467-82647).

Stampede Club

By joining the Stampede Club you are supporting the Student-Athlete Scholarship Fund and promoting the university through its athletics program. Stampede Club members receive many great benefits, such as tickets, entrance to Mustang Corral pre-game receptions, and priority parking passes. To join the club or get more information, check out the Web page at www.gopoly.com.

Varsity Club

The Cal Poly Varsity Club is open for membership to all former Mustang student-athletes who completed a minimum of one full season of competition. The Cal Poly Varsity Club helps maintain ties and support among former student-athletes, and provides an opportunity to invest in the future of intercollegiate athletics at Cal Poly. For more information call the Mustang Athletic Fund at (805) 756-7194

Cal Poly Varsity Teams

Baseball	Soccer - Men's
Basketball - Men's	Soccer - Women's
Basketball - Women's	Swimming - Men's
Cross Country - Men's	Swimming - Women's
Cross Country - Women's	Tennis - Men's
Football	Tennis - Women's
Golf- Men's	Track and Field - Men's
Golf- Women's	Track and Field - Women's
Indoor Track - Women's	Volleyball
Softball	Wrestling

Your College Connection

The colleges and departments of Cal Poly invite you to attend local and regional events, so visit them online to stay informed. Make sure to visit your college Web page below and bookmark the “Alumni” link for up-to-date event calendars, newsletters, announcements, and department headlines. You can also keep in touch with faculty, alumni, and friends through these online services.

- **College of Agriculture**
(805) 756-2161
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- **College of Architecture and Environmental Design**
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www.caed.calpoly.edu
- **Orfalea College of Business**
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www.cob.calpoly.edu
- **College of Engineering**
(805) 756-2131
www.ceng-web.calpoly.edu
- **College of Liberal Arts**
(805) 756-2706
www.cla.calpoly.edu
- **College of Science and Mathematics**
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www.calpoly.edu/~cosam
- **University Center for Teacher Education**
(805) 756-2126
www.ucte.calpoly.edu

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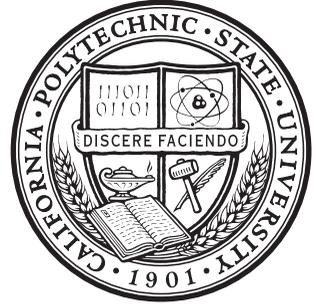
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