

STUDENT ACADEMIC SERVICES FAMILY NEWS

CAL POLY
Student Affairs
Student Academic Services

Spring 2016

CAL POLY SCHOLARS

This spring, the Cal Poly Scholars program offered the following opportunities and events:

- Career Workshop: Industry Networking with Apple, Inc.
- Scholars Community: Movie Night
- Scholars Community: Tour of the Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship Hatchery
- End of year event "Celebrating Scholarship," an evening of fun and bowling for all Scholars students!

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM (EOP)

Open House 2016

EOP recently hosted a reception for new, conditionally admitted first time freshmen and new transfer students. Students and their families were invited to meet their EOP advisors and get their questions answered. The EOP advising team provided four information sessions on topics including the benefits of being in EOP, housing options, meal plans, financial aid, and dining plans.



RETENTION SERVICES

Summer Registration Workshops

This spring, Student Academic Services partnered with the Mustang Success Center to hold two workshops to share options with students who are interested in taking classes over the summer. Options explored were through Cal Poly, California community colleges, and online possibilities. Financial aid was also discussed.

Pay It Forward Week and Day of Service

The first week of May was Pay It Forward Week at Cal Poly. Students, staff, and faculty were encouraged to perform random acts of kindness throughout the week and to explore how they can engage in ongoing opportunities to improve their communities. As part of Pay It Forward Week, Student Academic Services hosted a Day of Service. Students had the opportunity to make cards for Jack's Helping Hand, a local non-profit organization that provides assistance and programs to children with cancer and special needs. Other students volunteered in the Arboretum by planting flowers and tilling the soil.



Finishing the Quarter Strong

On May 12, Student Academic Services partnered with the Center for Leadership & Service to offer students a study break called "Finish the Quarter Strong: Lead With Your Top 5." The event provided food, prizes, and tips for students on using their top 5 strengths for leadership.

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES (SSS)

Professional development is a critical component to a student's future success. Training in areas such as etiquette and professionalism is no longer considered just an advantage, but a requirement for today's competitive job market. Student Support Services provided students with an opportunity to learn and practice business etiquette and professional skills while enjoying a delicious meal. The goal of the etiquette dinner was to help students develop confidence when they enter an interview situation that includes a meal. Topics included proper use of the place setting, table manners, appropriate conversation topics, table host duties and communicating with confidence.



Students who attended the banquet truly enjoyed their experiences and had several positive things to say. Here are a few:

"I really enjoyed the fact that we were able to practice good table etiquette with edible props! I also appreciated the relaxed atmosphere. It made me feel comfortable asking questions."

"One of the biggest takeaways from this night was the fact that some minor details actually mean a lot when in a formal and professional setting."

"Being polite is a safe method for getting through a dinner. You also have to be very conscious not to offend"

THIS TIME OF YEAR

The end of the quarter is a stressful time for students. They may be feeling overwhelmed and exhausted after completing final projects and exams. Students may need some time to recover from late nights studying, poor eating habits, and minimal exercise. This is frequently a time when students may need additional encouragement and support.

One way to show support is to check in with your student about how they did in their classes. If they did well, encourage them to continue their good work. If not, talk with them about what went wrong and what strategies they will use to do better in the future. It is likely that they have already had a similar conversation with an academic advisor. If not, encourage them to make an appointment. Many advisors can chat with students over the phone during business hours in the summertime.

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GIVE US FEEDBACK

In true Cal Poly spirit, we are looking for ways to improve our connection with you, the parents of our Cal Poly students. Let us know how we can improve our partnership with you and support your student.

- Give Us Feedback: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PCQVLYT>