Dear Cal Poly Parents:

Spring has sprung! You’re probably dreaming of warm weather, sandy beaches, and a small quaint town nestled in the green rolling hills of California’s sunny Central Coast. Wondering if your student is in class today?

It’s time for a road trip. **Destination: Cal Poly.** We happen to know that your students **are** in class – or in the Orientation Programs office, planning one of the university’s largest weekend events. They are hard at work preparing to welcome you to Cal Poly’s 13th annual Open House event. So, pack your bags and enjoy the ride!

Open House will be held Thursday through Saturday, April 17 - 19. The festivities are planned by Orientation Programs’ student leaders, in collaboration with faculty, staff and thousands of students representing Cal Poly’s clubs and organizations. The weekend showcases the campus to admitted and current students, Cal Poly families, alumni, and the local community. Here’s the itinerary:

**THURSDAY: SLO OR BUST**
Farmers’ Market – Higuera Street
Shop for produce and flowers, enjoy great BBQ, and browse San Luis Obispo’s local downtown businesses at Farmers’ Market.

**FRIDAY: PACK YOUR BAGS**
Admitted Students’ Day
If you are the parent or family member or an admitted student, you’re invited to preview Cal Poly’s academic programs and student life. Join us for a university welcome by President Warren J. Baker, meet your student’s college deans and faculty and tour the campus. Get your questions answered at our Resource Fair and various campus workshops. Stay with us Friday evening for two special events — “Friday Night Invite” and the “Parents’ Coffeehouse.”

**SATURDAY: ENJOY THE RIDE**
Open House
If you are the parent or supporter of a current student, please join us for Saturday’s festivities. The day begins with a fun-filled parade. The opening ceremonies feature campus dignitaries and main stage entertainment including a range of student talent.

More than 200 student clubs and organizations and campus departments offer educational and informational tours and booths throughout campus. And there is plenty of food – tri-tip, ethnic cuisine,
cotton candy, strawberry shortcake and kettle corn! The Kids’ Fair features a bounce house, face-painting and much more.

Make plans to see the 67th annual Cal Poly Rodeo featuring top college rodeo athletes from the Western United States; the Cal Poly Truck and Tractor Pull – the loudest show on the Central Coast; RoboRodentia – the College of Engineering’s robot races; and an Open House Concert brought to you by the Cal Poly Music Department.

For a complete schedule of events, visit the Open House Web site.

For rodeo tickets, call 805-756-5370.

For concert tickets, visit the Performing Arts Center Web site.

Drive safely and see you there!

SHARE YOUR PARENT PERSPECTIVES
Interested in welcoming new families to Cal Poly during Admitted Students’ Day? Answer questions and share your experienced perspectives Friday, April 18, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Resource Fair or at the Parents’ Coffeehouse from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Then, join the Parent Program for a volunteer reception at a local restaurant. To participate, contact the Parent Program office.

YOU’RE INVITED TO OUR SPRING PARENT PROGRAM ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING
In town for Open House? Please join the Parent Program Advisory Council for its spring meeting on Saturday, April 19, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Members discuss topics of concern with parents and students and provide programming direction to the Parent Program. They also serve as ambassadors at events, sharing their experiences and perspectives with other Cal Poly parents. To help us plan for your attendance, please contact the Parent Program office for an invitation. For more information, visit our Web site.

YOUR HOSTS
Open House Weekend is planned by an outstanding committee of student volunteers and their dedicated advisor.

Baker. ASI student government leaders are confident the President will implement the fee per the student vote.

“Students have clearly determined that the current Rec Center is simply too crowded and a bigger facility is necessary to accommodate students’ needs,” Souza said.

With the passage of the student fee increase, ASI plans to make an immediate improvement that has been identified as a priority by Cal Poly students. Beginning summer 2008, and weather permitting, the two upper fields at the Sports Complex will be replaced with synthetic turf. ASI hopes to make the new turf fields available for student use during fall quarter 2008.

SPRING COMMENCEMENT
Spring Commencement ceremonies are held outdoors in Spanos Stadium and last just under two hours. Post-commencement events hosted by the graduate’s college or department follow the main ceremony in various campus locations. For details, please contact your student's college directly.

Saturday, June 14 - 10 a.m.

• College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences
• College of Education
• College of Liberal Arts
• College of Science and Mathematics

Sunday, June 15 - 10 a.m.

• College of Architecture and Environmental Design
• Orfalea College of Business
• College of Engineering
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, STUDENT LIFE AND LEADERSHIP
OPEN HOUSE ADVISOR
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Journalism senior
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Neal Grantham
Mathematics freshman
San Jose

Kelsey Hayes
Business sophomore
Castro Valley

Jennifer Ridder
Recreation senior
Saratoga

PUBLIC RELATIONS
Rachel Budge
Journalism senior
Alamo

Jess Hawley
Journalism senior
Oceanside

Jo Greenbaum
Business – Marketing junior
Thousand Oaks

Kevin O’Connell
Business - Accounting senior
San Diego

CAMPUS AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS
Kayla DeMonte
Business junior
Moorpark

Libby Davis
Business junior
Ventura

Nadia Yousuf
Economics sophomore
Saratoga

CLUBS
Chelsea Buttress
Recreation junior
Petaluma

Avni Panchal
Psychology junior
San Luis Obispo

Janel Barnes
Recreation senior
San Ramon

TRANSPORTATION AND SAFETY
Kevin Ratliff
Civil Engineering senior
Danville

Christopher Nelson
Civil Engineering senior
South San Francisco

GRAD PACKS

Grad Packs include a one-year Cal Poly Alumni Association membership, an exclusive Class of 2008 gift - while supplies last, and a Cal Poly Alumni license plate frame at the special rate of $20.08. Membership benefits include university privileges, career and professional development services, personal rewards and financial benefits.

Grad Packs are available Tuesday through Friday, April 22 – 25, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. during Grad Days at El Corral Bookstore or by calling the Alumni Office at 805-756-2586. For more information, visit the Alumni Relations Web site.