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Cal Poly Latinos in Agriculture Host High School, Elementary Students For College Outreach & Science Lessons

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly will hosted students from 13 high schools in economically disadvantaged areas across the state for “26 Hours at Cal Poly” on March 6 and 7, 2008.



The annual event is led by Cal Poly students in the Latinos in Agriculture Club. The event is aimed at motivating high school students to consider professional and managerial careers in California’s agriculture industry.

Elementary school students from teacher Jaime Cuello’s class at Mary Buren School in Guadalupe joined the group for Friday’s chemistry “magic” lesson, taught by Cal Poly Dean of Science and Mathematics Phil Bailey.

“We wanted the students to return home with a greater understanding of science and technology and how they are applied in agriculture,” said club member Salvador Hurtado, one of four university students coordinating the

2008 events. “We want to encourage the students to go to college, and choose a major in agriculture.”

Workshops scheduled for the high school students include chemistry, embryo transfer, dynamic modeling, soil science, plant propagation, dairy science, food processing technology, and more.

Participating High Schools:

- All Tribes American Indian Charter School (Valley Center)
- Bloomington High School
- Carpinteria High School
- Corcoran High School
- Everett Alvarez High School (Salinas)
- Gonzales High School
- Hanford High School
- King City High School
- Perris High School
- Santa Paula High School
- Soledad High School
- Watsonville High School

Mary Buren School (Elementary), Guadalupe

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