

## Partners Program Spotlight: Daniel Galvan



*Daniel Galvan in Washington, D.C. with Dr. Eduardo Ochoa, the Assistant Secretary to Post-Secondary Higher Education*

Few students' academic experiences follow the glowing accomplishments of fellow Partners Program student, Daniel Galvan. Daniel's decision to attend Cal Poly, his participation in extracurricular activities, and his plans for the future are guided by his passion for supporting students in higher education.

Daniel was first introduced to Cal Poly during his junior year in high school through the AVID (Advancement via Individual Determination), an accelerated learning program designed to help first generation and/or low income students attend college. For Daniel, Cal Poly was close enough to his family for him to feel comfortable, but distant enough so that he still felt comfortable being the first of his parents' three children to leave home for college. Daniel also mentioned that he was attracted to Cal Poly's "learn by doing" philosophy and the environment on the Central Coast. He participated in O.U.R. (Orientation for United Raza) and joined MEXA and SHPE (Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers) to build his new community and supportive network at the university. He described these communities as "families."

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Greetings! Shariq and I hope Winter Quarter has gotten off to a great start for you. Due to two holidays that fall on Mondays, don't forget to follow a **Monday** schedule on Tuesday, January 17 and Friday, February 17. Contact us at [partners@calpoly.edu](mailto:partners@calpoly.edu) if we can be of any assistance.

Donna Davis, Partners Program Coordinator

## Pre-Collegiate Symposium

February 9-10, 2012

This annual event is sponsored during Winter Quarter by Cal Poly's Office of Admissions. It's designed to give high school students from our Partner high schools a look at what college has to offer. It provides information and activities which offer a positive college experience. Student Leaders are still needed. Leaders are paid \$8.00 per hour and must commit to specific hours for the program. If you live on-campus, you can host a student overnight through the Vista Host program.

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The theme of helping others has persisted throughout Daniel's academic experience. Daniel has been involved with the Multicultural Center, PolyCultural Weekend, and the Office of Inclusive Excellence. He was also involved as a College of Liberal Arts Ambassador which provides student-to-student outreach for programs like the Partners Program's Pre-Collegiate Symposium and PolyCultural Weekend. Daniel has assisted Sociology Professor Dr. Chris Bickel in forging a partnership with Lopez Continuation School in Arroyo Grande. The program is intended to help non-college track students access higher education. Daniel was also involved in starting an AVID program at Laguna Middle School. The first cohort of the program is expected to graduate June 2012.

Daniel's most recent involvement has been with the California State Student Association lobbying in Washington D.C. for preventing funding cuts to Pell Grants and TRIO Programs. (Daniel participated in Cal Poly's Student Support Services program which is one of the federally funded TRIO programs.) The association represents over 412,000 students enrolled in the CSU and advises at the state and national level on behalf of students in California. Daniel explained, "It's amazing to speak on behalf of all these students. Because we're held with that responsibility, it's important that we're always up on all the issues that are going on." During a recent trip to Washington, D.C., Daniel and his team met with members of the Super Committee, 12 individuals appointed by President Barak Obama to fix the country's debt crisis. He also met with Dr. Eduardo Ochoa, the Assistant Secretary to Post-Secondary Higher Education.

Daniel is busy making plans for his future. He explained, "My goal is to do grad school in higher education and Student Affairs. Becoming a Vice President of Student Affairs at a university is my ultimate goal, and working with students and administrators to create change is my ideal job." He is scheduled to complete his bachelor's degree in Sociology in June 2012. Daniel's accomplishments and character leaves us eager to find out how his career will unfold and how he will improve higher education institutions to serve students.

## The Benefits of "Special Problems" Courses

The 200 and 400 level Special Problems courses offer valuable opportunities for investigation and research of selected problems under the supervision of a faculty member. Most majors offer these courses (i.e., ARCH 400, BUS 200, BUS 400, PSY 200, PSY 400, etc.). Some majors offer them at the 200 and 400 level, while others only offer a 400 level class. To obtain permission to enroll, you should contact your department. In order to complete the class, a written report is often required. The number of units you can take per quarter varies; check the Cal Poly catalog for course descriptions. Contact your Academic Advisor about how these courses might fit into your academic plan!

## IMPORTANT DEADLINES

**January 12:** Last day to drop, swap or add classes (with Permission Numbers) via CPreG

**January 16:** Academic Holiday, Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday

**January 27:** PASS opens for Spring Registration

**February 10:** CPreG opens for Spring Registration

**February 20:** Academic Holiday, George Washington's Birthday

**February 22:** Last day to petition to withdraw from a course/term (except emergencies)

**March 12-16:** Finals Week

## EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS

This quarter is filled with many interesting events and workshops offered by various departments on campus. Check with the departments and organizations in your college, your residence hall (if you live on campus) and other departments for academic, personal and professional development opportunities. Here are a few events that might be of interest:

### Career Services

<http://www.careerservices.calpoly.edu>

**January 18-19:** Winter Job Fair

**January 18:** Explore the Change of Major Process

**January 25:** Branding Yourself as a Professional

**February 10:** I'm on LinkedIn. Now What?

**February 16:** How to Get a Local Job

### Student Life and Leadership

<http://www.studentlife.calpoly.edu/index.asp>

**February 1 and March 7:** Another Type of Groove

**February 3:** Black History Month Gospel Fest

**February 10-11:** Change the Status Quo

**March 5-9:** Women's HERstory week

## "Rise to the Top" and Make the Poly Canyon Village or Cerro Vista Apartments Your Home Away from Home Next Year!

It's not too early to start thinking about where you will live next year. Consider living in on campus apartments at Poly Canyon Village or Cerro Vista. You can select your apartment as well as your friends as roommates to live with you. Information for next year is posted on the University Housing web site at <http://www.housing.calpoly.edu>. In addition to its retail plaza, Poly Canyon Village includes a community center, swimming pool, study rooms, knowledge center, and conference rooms. On-campus apartments offer different floor plans and can house 4 to 6 students in private and shared bedrooms.

## ACADEMIC ADVISING RESOURCES

Your Academic Advisor is a valuable resource throughout your career at Cal Poly. The following are just a few things your Advisor can do for you: assist you with selecting courses; help you understand graduation requirements and other academic policies; provide information regarding major changes and course substitutions; and offer strategies for improving your academic performance. Here's a list with contact information for College Advising Centers and other Academic Advising resources.

### College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences:

- AgriBusiness, Agricultural Communication and Agricultural Science  
*Building 10, Room 202, 756-7574*
- Food Science, Nutrition, Agricultural Environmental Plant Sciences, Crop Science, Environmental Horticulture Science, Fruit Science, and Wine and Viticulture  
*Building 11, Room 241, 756-5060*
- Environmental Management & Protection, Forestry & Natural Resources, Earth Science, Soil Science, and Recreation, Parks, & Tourism Administration  
*Building 11, Room 240, 756-5057*
- Animal Science, Agricultural Systems Management, BioResource & Agricultural Engineering and Dairy Science  
*Building 10, Room 217, 756-7625*

### College of Architecture & Environmental Design:

- *Building 5, Room 221, 756-1325*

### Orfalea College of Business

- *Building 3, Room 100A, 756-2601*

### College of Engineering

- *Building 40, Room 115, 756-1461 or [eadvise@calpoly.edu](mailto:eadvise@calpoly.edu)*

### College of Liberal Arts

- Comparative Ethnic Studies, Graphic Communication, History, Modern Languages & Literatures and Political Science  
*Building 47, Room 36R, 756-7542*
- Child Development, Psychology, Sociology, Anthropology/Geography and Social Sciences  
*Building 47, Room 12F, 756-2808*
- Art & Design, Communication Studies, English, Journalism, Music, Philosophy, and Theatre  
*Building 47, Room 25G, 756-6200*

### College of Science and Mathematics

- *Building 53, Room 219, 756-2615*

### Connections for Academic Success (Partners Program Coordinator)

- *Building 65, Room 217-A2, 756-6774*

### Multicultural Engineering Program

- *Building 40, Room 117, 756-1433*

### Student Academic Services

- *Building 81, 756-2301*

#### **FAFSA Renewal Reminder**

The FAFSA Renewal application is available after January 1, 2012 for the 2012-2013 school year. For more information, please visit: [www.fafsa.ed.gov/](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/)

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