

# ASSOCIATED STUDENTS, INC.

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## Mission Statement

Our mission is to enhance the quality of student life and complement the educational mission of Cal Poly through meaningful social, cultural, recreational, and educational programs. We provide valuable experiences through student advocacy, shared governance, student employment, and leadership opportunities.

## Vision Statement

Connecting students to their ultimate college experience.

## ASI Tagline

Experience life outside of the classroom.

## About ASI

Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) is an inclusive, empowering, student-driven organization committed to providing programs, services, and facilities that enhance and develop the student learning experience. Cal Poly students are stakeholders in ASI and have access to leadership positions through Student Government and on-campus employment. All of these opportunities are designed to complement Cal Poly's educational mission, support a balanced education, and give students ownership and pride in their college experience.

## History

Cal Poly's Associated Students organization was established in 1940 and officially incorporated in 1964. ASI operates in the form of shared student governance representing the collective student voice of Cal Poly. We are one corporate, legal entity responsible for the administration and oversight of all ASI programs and services.

ASI continues to relish in its heritage of serving students. It is fully invested in student success and here to provide state-of-the-art, well-managed facilities, programs, and resources to help students reach their full potential.

## Funding

The primary funding for ASI comes from student fees comprised of two major components: the ASI fee and the University Union fee. These fees are collected when Cal Poly students enroll in classes and provide base funding for all ASI operations.

Fees are intended to serve students through ASI programs and services, as well as the maintenance and operation of ASI-managed facilities, including the Julian A. McPhee University Union, Cal Poly Recreation Center, Cal Poly Sports Complex, Orfalea Family and ASI Children's Center, and Doerr Family Field.

## ASI Student Government

University Union (65), Room 202  
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ASI Student Government is comprised of elected and volunteer student leaders who act as the collective voice of the student body. Student leaders work together to practice shared governance, student advocacy, and collaboration with campus and community entities to ensure student interests are represented at every level.

There are three branches of Student Government:

**ASI Executive Cabinet:** Members are appointed by the ASI president and chief of staff and work to carry out the president's goals. Elected in the spring, the ASI president serves for the academic year and is responsible for providing input regarding corporate operations and student advocacy.

**ASI Board of Directors:** The official voice of Cal Poly students. The board is comprised of representatives from each academic college who establish policies and parameters for the affairs, properties, personnel, and operations of ASI.

**University Union Advisory Board (UUAB):** Works to maintain the integrity of the University Union student body fee, which students pay quarterly as part of their tuition. Makes policy recommendations regarding ASI-managed facilities.

## ASI Children's Programs

The Orfalea Family & ASI Children's Center is one of the most sought-after learning facilities on the Central Coast.

Cal Poly students have first priority to enroll their children at the center, which provides quality early care and education services to children from four months of age through kindergarten. Cal Poly faculty and staff receive second priority for enrollment, followed by Cal Poly alumni and community members.

The center provides a learning environment where children are encouraged to explore ideas and interests through detailed project work that is focused on the children's interests, ideas, and discoveries.

The center serves 125 children and currently maintains a waitlist to enroll new children. Adding a child's name to this list is the first step toward enrollment.

## Cal Poly Rose Float

Building 50L  
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Students of Cal Poly Universities in San Luis Obispo and Pomona work together each year to create the only student-built float in the annual Rose Parade. Cal Poly has been invited to participate in the parade for over 70 years. The university's Learn by Doing motto is exemplified in all facets of the program as students get hands-on experience turning their concepts into creations.

The Cal Poly Universities have been recognized for their float designs over 10 straight years, earning the Viewers' Choice Award, Bob Hope Humor Trophy, Fantasy Trophy, and the Lathrop K. Leishman Trophy for the most beautiful non-commercial float.

All majors and skill levels are welcome to contribute to any stage of the creative process, including designing, welding, metal shaping, woodworking, painting, and flower harvesting.

## ASI Business Office

University Union (65), Room 212

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The ASI Business Office is located within the University Union and is the operational location for numerous internal services, including Human Resources, Information Technology, general corporate administration, and Accounting. This is the hub that supports all programs and services of ASI.

ASI employment and job recruitment is managed through the ASI Business Office. The organization employs more than 75 full-time and part-time career employees. ASI also employs over 500 students, who act as the driving force behind the organization's ability to create quality programs and services for all students. On-campus employment through ASI provides valuable work experiences and leadership opportunities. Students are equipped with the tools to develop their skills in a professional setting with an organization that prioritizes academics above all else.

Students can work in a variety of positions, including childcare, graphic design, fitness instruction, lifeguarding, photography, event planning, facility management, and more. Students interested in employment opportunities with ASI can visit the ASI Jobs website to apply.

## **ASI PROGRAMS**

### **ASI Club Services**

University Union (65), Room 203  
Phone: 805-756-5807

ASI Club Services connects students to more than 350 clubs at Cal Poly, working as a partner with the university to administer day-to-day club operations. ASI Club Services also works with ASI Student Government for the allocation of club funding, which the ASI Board of Directors provides to student organizations on an annual basis to support their club, club event, or club insurance needs.

### **ASI Events**

University Union (65), Room 203  
Phone: 805-756-1112

ASI Events offers a variety of fun activities and social events for Cal Poly students to enjoy at little-to-no cost. From comedians and trivia to movie nights and concerts, ASI Events provides a variety of opportunities throughout the year for students to build connections and experience college life outside of the classroom.

### **ASI Craft Center**

University Union (65), Room 111  
Phone: 805-756-1266

Create, design, relax, and restore in the ASI Craft Center with a variety of class offerings and studios for all skill levels to explore. Student instructors lead creative classes that all students and Cal Poly community members can experience at low costs, including ceramics, baseball-bat making, frameworlking, skateboard making, and surfboard shaping.

### **ASI Poly Escapes**

Cal Poly Recreation Center (43)  
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Limitless adventure awaits with ASI Poly Escapes, a premier outdoor adventure program with more than 60 outstanding yearly excursions and

guided trips throughout San Luis Obispo County and California. Trips are led by student leaders who receive 12 to 18 months of training and take students to destinations including Big Sur, Yosemite National Park, and Death Valley National Park.

ASI Poly Escapes boasts an outdoor climbing park at the Cal Poly Recreation Center that is available to all skill levels. A rental shop featuring a variety of camping, hiking, paddling, and climbing gear is also available to help students and community members gear up for their next adventure.

### **ASI Recreational Sports Programs**

With ASI Recreational Sports, students have access to numerous activities and programs that allow them to go above and beyond their recreational ambitions. Programs and services are housed at the Cal Poly Recreation Center and include the following:

**ASI Intramural Sports:** With more than 3,000 participants per quarter, ASI Intramural Sports are a popular activity among Cal Poly students. A variety of indoor and outdoor team sports, leagues, and tournaments are available at low costs to keep participants in the game all quarter long.

Students can create their own teams or register as free agents for basketball, soccer, flag football, softball, futsal, volleyball, dodgeball, racquetball, and more.

**Wellness:** A healthy lifestyle starts with you, and our wellness program is here to help you reach your goals. We bring world-class experts in nutrition, diet, and exercise to the Cal Poly Recreation Center for interactive classes and workshops that all members of the Cal Poly community can experience.

**Fitness & Personal Training:** More than 80 group exercise classes are available per week for students and Cal Poly Recreation Center members. Complimentary classes represent discipline areas of mind and body, cardio, strength and tone, and cross training including yoga, Pilates, indoor cycling, and more.

Additional fee-based classes, such as TRX and Krav Maga, provide an opportunity to experience unique classes that will challenge the body and mind for a well-rounded fitness experience.

Nationally certified personal trainers are available to individuals or small groups to provide specialized fitness programs and training. A complimentary personal training session is available to all Recreation Center members. This orientation session includes an introduction to facility equipment and a customized workout designed to help the member reach their fitness goals.

**Aquatics:** Students and Cal Poly Recreation Center members can choose from a variety of classes and activities in the Olympic-size lap and leisure pools. Swim instruction, group exercise, safety certifications, scuba certification, and pool deck relaxation are all available through the aquatics program.

**The Pro Shop:** Located in the main lobby of the Cal Poly Recreation Center, The Pro Shop provides members easy accessibility to workout gear, class reservations, lost and found items, and towel service. The Pro Shop provides a wide selection of items available for checkout, rental, or purchase for members to use during their workout or recreational activity.

## **ASI-MANAGED FACILITIES**

**Julian A. McPhee University Union (UU)**

The Julian A. McPhee University Union is the gathering place for the Cal Poly community. Commonly referred to as the UU and its surrounding outdoor area as the UU Plaza, it acts as the center for campus activities. The UU is home to the majority of ASI programs, including ASI Events, ASI Club Services, the ASI Craft Center, ASI Student Government, and ASI Business Services, in addition to Chumash Auditorium, Chandler Lounge, numerous university organizations, and dining establishments. It is fashioned with a variety of seating areas, computer kiosks, charging stations, Wi-Fi, sound, hydration stations, and digital TV displays for advertising and up-to-the-minute news or sports coverage. Conference rooms, Chumash Auditorium, and the UU Plaza are available for reservation to hold meetings, conferences, or events.

### **Cal Poly Recreation Center**

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Phone: 805-756-1366 Main

The Cal Poly Recreation Center is the premier destination for fitness, recreation, relaxation, and wellness on campus. This cutting-edge facility offers state-of-the-art equipment, a variety of complimentary group fitness classes, multiple exercise rooms, an indoor track, six gymnasium courts, six racquetball courts, equipment checkout at The Pro Shop, personal training, an Olympic-size lap pool, leisure pool, sand volleyball courts, recreation areas, relaxation zones, wellness workshops, and the ASI Poly Escapes Climbing Park and Rental Center. Faculty, staff, alumni, and emeritus staff are welcome to purchase memberships and utilize the facility.

### **Orfalea Family and ASI Children's Center**

Orfalea Family and ASI Children's Center (133)  
Phone: 805-756-1267

The Orfalea Family and ASI Children's Center features seven classrooms and an outdoor area for play and discovery. Two full-time teachers and several Cal Poly student employees are present in every classroom to ensure each child receives individual care and attention. The center serves approximately 120 children from four months of age through kindergarten. Student parents have the first priority for enrollment, followed by Cal Poly faculty and staff, alumni, and community members. The center provides a learning environment where children are encouraged to explore their ideas and interests through detailed project work. The center is licensed and monitored by Community Care Licensing, is a demonstration site for the Outdoor Classroom Project, and has achieved all standards for national accreditation.

### **Cal Poly Sports Complex**

The Cal Poly Sports Complex refers to the more than 40 acres of outdoor, lighted playing fields primarily used for student recreational sports programs, intercollegiate athletics, and outdoor club activities. These spaces include five basketball courts, four soccer fields, three softball fields, and three artificial turf fields. Lower fields include a NCAA regulation baseball stadium and softball stadium.

### **Doerr Family Field**

Doerr Family Field is a synthetic turf field lined for flag football, NCAA football, and soccer. The field is open to the Cal Poly community for Frisbee, football, soccer, or fitness conditioning and used for student recreational sports programs, intercollegiate athletics, and special events.