Student Affairs delivers innovative co-curricular learning experiences that directly impact student recruitment, retention, and graduation from Cal Poly. The division is committed to the active engagement, wellbeing, inclusion, and success of all students as they progress to graduation and accomplish lifelong aspirations. Student Affairs drives graduation initiatives set forth by the California State University (CSU) and is intrinsically involved in the university’s commitment to create a comprehensive, integrated strategy that improves graduation rates and closes the achievement gap for various student populations.

The Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs oversees departments that promote success throughout the Cal Poly experience by providing Learn by Doing opportunities, delivering innovative, student-centered programs, encouraging personal growth, and empowering our students within a safe, healthy, inclusive and supportive environment.

Vision
The vision of Student Affairs is to inspire all students to embrace their unlimited possibilities.

Values
Champion the student
Student Affairs provides comprehensive support, guidance and advocacy to create the environment for all students to reach their full potential.

Create visionary programs and services
Student Affairs serves as a leader in delivering innovative and extraordinary co-curricular learning experiences that directly impact student recruitment, retention and graduation.

Sustain meaningful partnerships and collaboration
Student Affairs partners throughout the campus and local community, building strong relationships through active communication to foster an inclusive environment for student success.

Cultivate continuous learning
Student Affairs matches the quality of Cal Poly’s in-class experiences with out-of-class experiences that enhance Learn by Doing.

Promote ethics, integrity and respect
Student Affairs values and celebrates all students, staff, faculty, parents and the extended community with a commitment to employ honest and ethical decision-making practices in all that the division does.

Student Success-Focused Programs and Services
The Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs provides divisional leadership, support and oversight of the following units and departments: Associated Students, Inc. (student government, facilities operations, programs and services), Intercollegiate Athletics, access and equity programs (New Student and Transition Programs, Educational Opportunity Program, Cal Poly Scholars, Academic Skills Center, Disability Resource Center, Center for Military-Connected Students), Campus Health and Wellbeing (medical services, counseling services, health, wellbeing, Safer), Career Services, Commencement, Leadership and Service (Clubs and Organizations, Fraternity and Sorority Life, Center for Leadership, Center for Service in Action), Office of the Dean of Students (Cal Poly Cares, Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities, student crisis management), Student Diversity and Belonging (Black Academic Excellence Center, Dream Center, Gender Equity Center, Men and Masculinities Program, Multicultural Center, Native American and Indigenous Cultural Center, Pride Center), Parent and Family Programs, and University Housing. In addition, the office oversees divisional strategic planning, assessment and research, marketing, fund development, dining programming, and advocates to the community, policy-makers, and the Chancellor’s Office for all student engagement and programming outside of the classroom.