LEARN BY DOING FOR OTHERS

The Cal Poly Low Income Taxpayer Clinic changes the lives of clients and students for the better everyday. The clinic provides students with opportunities to deepen their professional skills and expand their practical, hands-on learning experiences, embodying Cal Poly’s Learn by Doing paradigm.

THE LITC WELCOMES NEW EMPLOYEE...

Caroline Lancaster
Director of Administrative Affairs

“This past fall I completed my senior project in the LITC and jumped at the opportunity to continue working here and lead other students. Working with other students to help low income individuals has been the most rewarding part of my college experience.”

TAX COURT CALENDAR CALL

On January 25, student accountants and Clinic Director Lisa Sperow traveled to Fresno to assist unrepresented taxpayers appearing before the United States Tax Court during the Calendar call. Students were able to observe courtroom procedures and network with other tax attorneys and CPAs from the Central Valley.

IRS SUPPORT INCREASES

The Cal Poly Low Income Taxpayer Clinic is proud to announce that it has been awarded a grant from the Taxpayer Advocate Service in the amount of $95,000 for 2016. This is an increase from the $87,000 that it received in 2015.

PRO BONO PANEL TEAM

The LITC’s Pro Bono Panel now includes: Kimberly Allen, Sheri Boscaro, Tom Brooks, Diana Brooks, Brianna Butterfield, Rachel Harding, Riley Kuhn, Karli McClean, Jeffrey Tolin, Tyler Willis in addition to long-time member Eddy Quijano. The LITC appreciates their support and looks forward to working with them.
RECENT EVENTS

MORE THAN A MOTTO

The success stories of the Cal Poly LITC are being recognized! The case study Cal Poly LITC: Learning by Helping Others is one of the 18 that was selected to be included in the inaugural edition of More than a Motto: The meaning Behind Cal Poly’s Learn by Doing Signature book.

BDO SUPPORT

Cal Poly LITC would like to thank BDO for donating computer monitors to the clinic. This generous gift will help the student accountants accomplish their tasks more efficiently.

SUCCESS STORY

A college student owed more than $17,000 to the IRS. His tax liability came from a college fund his grandmother set up for him, but the student gave the money to his parents when they were experiencing economic hardship. The student never saw a dime of the money in his college fund because he released the total amount to his parents. The student relied solely on an uncle for basic living expenses and grants for tuition and textbooks, with had no funds to pay off his tax liability. He was extremely confused and upset about the amount he owed to the IRS for income he never received. The LITC submitted an OIC and solved his IRS liability for $50. The student is excited to graduate college with no outstanding tax liabilities.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Farmworkers Fair & SLO Senior Center