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Students and families from SLO REP's ACT summer camp program celebrate the Community Foundation's \$8,000 grant with SLO REP board members Ken Craig and Jeff Olds, education director Kerry DiMaggio, ACT instructor Mike Fiore and managing artistic director Kevin Harris.

GOOD NEWS

# SLO Repertory Theatre receives \$8,000 grant

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**SAN LUIS OBISPO**

The San Luis Obispo Repertory Theatre (SLO REP) has received an \$8,000 grant from the Community Foundation San Luis Obispo County to fund the purchase of new equipment and technology to improve the lighting and sound for productions and enhance the experience of actors, technicians and, especially, audiences. The funds have been used to purchase a new computer sound and lighting system, several new lighting instruments, computer tablets and other accessories that will bring the theatre's sound and lighting systems, and patron services, into the 21st century.

According to managing artistic director **Kevin Harris**, "Our new Q-Lab® system combines audio, video and lighting control

in one package, providing a more seamless, artistically-integrated show experience for our audiences, students, technicians and artists."

The new Q-Lab® system, along with several new lighting instruments, cabling and a new Mac Book, were fully installed in time for opening night of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" in August.

For more information and tickets, visit [slope.org](http://slope.org) or call 805-786-2440.

The Surfrider Foundation San Luis Obispo chapter recently was awarded a \$5,000 one-year grant award from the Community Foundation San Luis Obispo County to support its Blue Water Task Force program, a volunteer-led water quality testing program. Weekly water samples are collected from 11 local San Luis Obispo County creeks and ocean beach sites. This grant ensures continuation of the Blue Water Task Force through mid-2019.

"This generous award will expand the critical work of our Surfrider San Luis Obispo Chapter in monitoring ocean water quality and protecting the public health of all the users of our beautiful San Luis Obispo coast," said **Niel Dilworth**, program coordinator for the Blue Water Task Force program.

To learn more about the Surfrider Foundation San Luis Obispo's Blue Water Task Force program and test results, visit [slo.surfrider.org/](http://slo.surfrider.org/)

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Len Smolburd, grants manager of the Community Foundation of San Luis Obispo County, presents a ceremonial \$5,000 check to Niel Dilworth on his left, Blue Water Task Force program coordinator, Brad Snook, chair of the Surfrider San Luis Obispo Chapter, and Steve Allen, Blue Water Task Force fundraising volunteer.

# Saudi Arabia admits journalist died

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**RIYADH**

The Saudi government acknowledged early Saturday that journalist Jamal Khashoggi was killed while visiting the Saudi consulate in Istanbul, saying he died during a fist fight.

The announcement, which came in a tweet from the Saudi foreign ministry, said that an initial investigation by the government's general prosecutor found that Khashoggi had been in discussions with people inside the consulate when a quarrel broke out, escalating to a fatal fist fight.

The Saudi government said it had fired five top officials and arrested 18 other Saudis as a result of

the initial investigation. Those fired included Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's adviser Saud al-Qahtani and deputy intelligence chief Maj. Gen. Ahmed al-Assiri.

The announcement marks the first time that Saudi officials have acknowledged that Khashoggi was killed inside the consulate. Ever since he disappeared on Oct. 2 while visiting the mission, Saudi officials have repeatedly said that he left the consulate alive and that they had no information about his whereabouts or fate. He had gone to the consulate to obtain a document he needed for an upcoming wedding.

Turkish investigators had concluded days ago that Khashoggi, a contributing columnist to the Washington Post, was

killed and dismembered by a Saudi team dispatched to Istanbul. U.S. officials have said that Turkey has audio and video recordings providing evidence that he was interrogated, killed and then cut into several pieces.

The official Saudi statement said King Salman also ordered creation of a commission to review and "modernize" the kingdom's intelligence operations and report back within a month.

According to a list confirmed by Turkish officials, 15 Saudis flew to Istanbul on the morning of Oct. 2, participated in an operation that left Khashoggi dead, and then quickly departed the country. At least 12 members of that team are connected to Saudi security services and several have links to Mohammed himself, according to a review of passport records, social media, local press reports and other material.

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