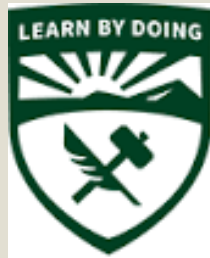


Rooted in Innovation:

Engaging CAFES in Cal Poly's Entrepreneurial Ecosystem

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OBJECTIVE:
Increased
Involvement of
CAFES students and
faculty in
Innovation and
Entrepreneurship
Programming at Cal
Poly, San Luis
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**Center for
Innovation &
Entrepreneurship**

**Outstanding
CAFES Faculty,
Staff, and
Students**

**The Central
Coast Region**



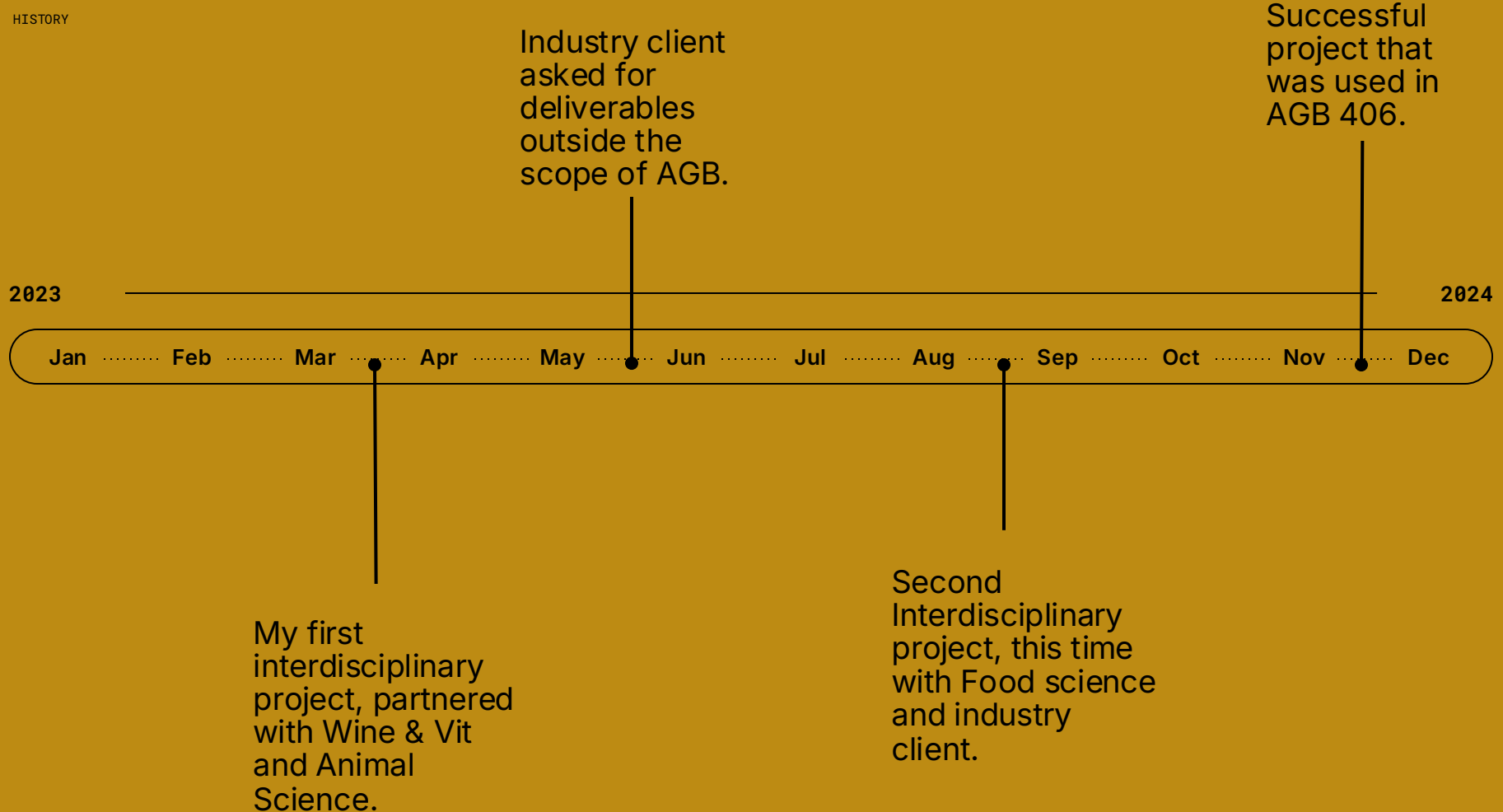
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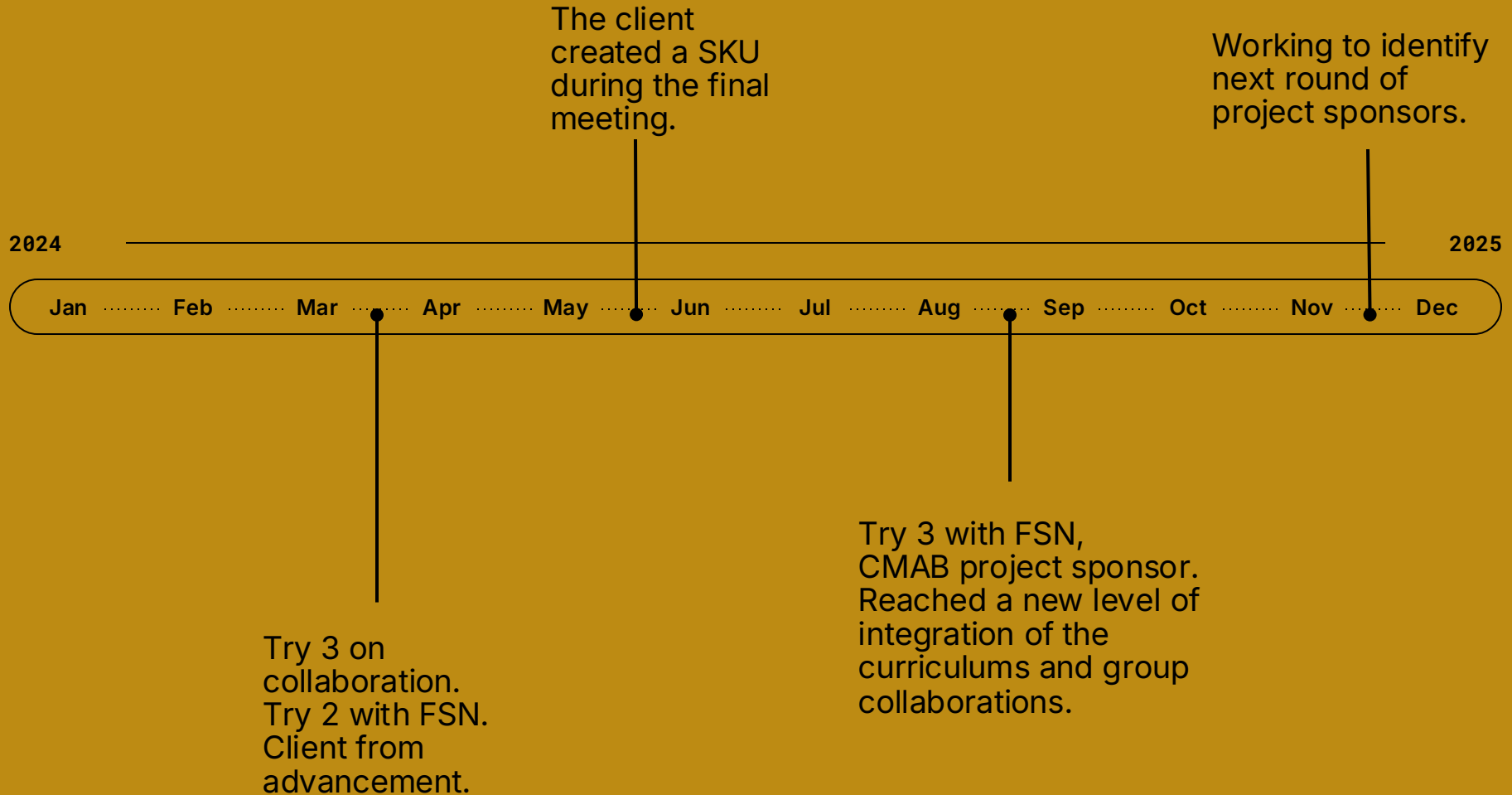
- S1 → Hire Undergraduate Support Staff
- S2 → Design and Launch *Rooted in Innovation*
- S3 → Promote interdisciplinary collab through innovation organization structures

How Can You Support?

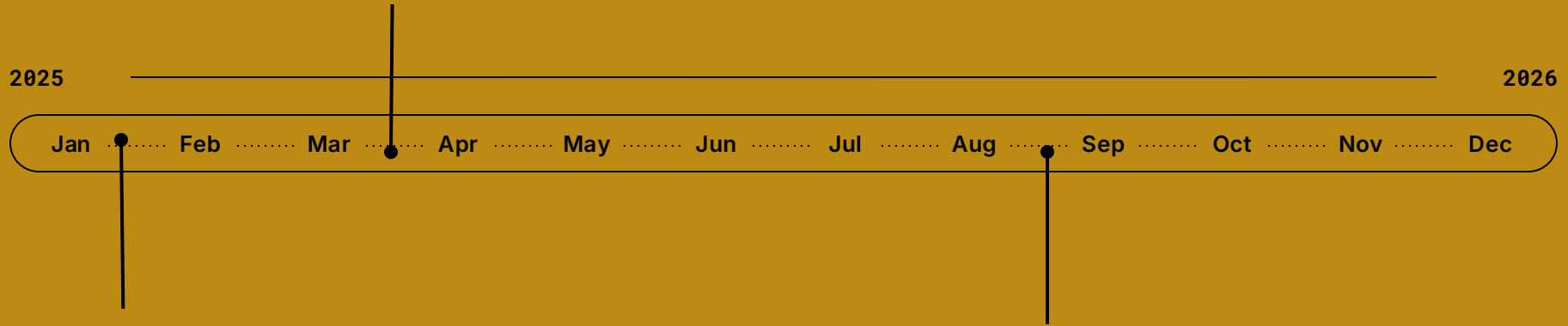
- **DEPARTMENT HEADS:** *Accommodate visits from CIE and Agribusiness faculty to introduce upcoming opportunities.*
- **CAFES ADMINISTRATION:** **Facilitate introduction to internal and external champions. Provide administrative support throughout process.**
- **INDUSTRY STAKE HOLDERS:** *Invest in the faculty, staff, and students at Cal Poly, leaders in innovation for California Specialty Agriculture*

Let's do it!





Try 4 with FSN.
Cooking with oil
now :) Class has
two clients and
defined process.



Received interest from
an alumni to expand
interdisciplinary
collaboration outside of
FSN.

Conclusion of
BHEF
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