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Recreation, Parks, & Tourism Professor Receives Lifetime Achievement Recognition

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Bill Hendricks, faculty member and coordinator of the Cal Poly Recreation, Parks, & Tourism Administration program, is the first person to receive the new Lifetime Achievement Award from District VIII of the California Park and Recreation Society.

The professor was honored at the district's annual banquet in Thousand Oaks in early March. District VIII covers a portion of the California coast from the northern tip of Los Angeles County in the south to San Luis Obispo County in the north.

Nancy Rapp, president of the district's Board of Directors and director of the City of Santa Barbara's Parks and Recreation Department, introduced Hendricks as the first recipient of the newly established award.

Hendricks' experience in the parks, recreation and tourism field spans more than 25 years as an educator, park ranger, and employee in the ski industry. He has written more than 50 publications and reports and made 85 presentations at the state, national, and international levels.

He has served on numerous District VIII committees including the program, awards, and nomination committees, and has introduced countless students to the benefits of development and service through professional organizations.

Hendricks was also recently appointed to the CPRS Foundation Board of Trustees and will be coordinating development of a public parks and recreation research agenda for the state in 2008-2009.

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