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— Matt Lazier, Editor, B.S., Journalism, 1997

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In our feature story for this edition, we look at a variety of projects and programs that exemplify this curriculum of convergence. They include: 1. the annual PolyHouse project, in which students from across campus plan and execute a home renovation for a local resident or family in need; 2. the Liberal Arts and Engineering Studies program, which lets students explore their talent for technology and passion for the humanities in equal measure; and 3. ongoing surveys through which students from across the country design and build affordable and energy-efficient homes.

Find out more about the student victories: http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2012/February/regional.html

CAL POLY HONORED BY WHITE HOUSE AS A TOP SCHOOL TO RETAIN AND GRADUATE ENGINEERING STUDENTS

CAL POLY WAS HONORED by President Barack Obama as a leading school in the retention and graduation of engineering students. Engineering Dean Debra Larson represented Cal Poly at the Feb. 8 event held at the White House. She was one of roughly 40 engineering deans whose colleges do well in student retention, as determined by the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE). “It was an honor to participate in this special occasion, and it affirms Cal Poly Engineering’s strong commitment to retaining and graduating more globally competitive students in the engineering field,” said Larson.

Read more about White House honor: http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2012/February/graduation.html

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CAL POLY CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT STUDENTS earned top honors at the recent Associated Schools of Construction Competition (ASC) in Reno, Nev. Seven Cal Poly teams placed, more than any other school in the competition. Cal Poly had 12 teams competing – also more than any other school.

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MARINE SCIENCE PROFESSOR TESTIFIES ABOUT FISHING, ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

CAL POLY MARINE SCIENCE PROFESSOR Dean Wendt testified before the state legislature in Sacramento in February about the impacts that federal Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) are having on the ocean environment. Wendt, associate dean of Cal Poly’s College of Science and Mathematics, is acting director of the university’s Center for Coastal Marine Sciences and executive director of the center’s SLOSEA research program and Central Coast Collaborative Fisheries project. He was invited to speak before the state legislature’s Joint Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture’s 39th annual fisheries forum on Feb. 22 in the State Capitol at the request of committee chairman Wesley Chesbore (D-North Coast). For the past five years, Cal Poly professors and students in the SLOSEA project have been monitoring MPAs and the impacts they’re having on fish populations, fishermen and the local economy.

Read more about Wendt’s testimony: http://calpolynews.calpoly.edu/news_releases/2012/February/testify.html

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