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Cal Poly Alum Receives Black Engineer of the Year Award

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Cal Poly alumnus Ron Smith was among award recipients at the Black Engineer of the Year Awards conference.

Smith, 44, is a vice president with Northrop Grumman Corp. Six Sigma group. He was one of two individuals to receive the Professional Achievement in Industry award at the conference, held Feb. 16-18 in Baltimore, Md.

He graduated from Cal Poly with a degree in Electrical Engineering in 1983. As a vice president with Six Sigma, Smith is responsible for the strategy and development of the sector's business approach.

In previous positions with Northrop Grumman, he helped pave the way for effective implementation of a process-based approach across the entire engineering organization. Since joining the company in 1982, Smith has held many technical and managerial positions related to the development of electrical communications hardware for satellite systems.

He is a member of the Cal Poly President's Cabinet, comprised of business and industry leaders advising Cal Poly President Warren J. Baker.

For more details about the Black Engineer of the Year Award winners, visit: http://blackengineeroftheyear.org/v3/news_display.php?id=19

For more details on Smith, visit: http://www.irconnect.com/noc/pages/news_printer.html?id=68321&print=1

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