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Cal Poly's Society of Civil Engineers Win Big in Hawaii

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly's Society of Civil Engineers brought home awards from the Aloha State recently, after competing against 16 other universities at the American Society of Civil Engineers Pacific Southwest Regional Conference. They competed in 12 events, winning first place in four events and placing first in the overall conference standing.

The society placed first in the concrete canoe competition and third in the steel bridge competition, allowing them to qualify for national competitions.

The concrete canoe took a year to design and construct. It was judged on technical aspects, presentation and performance in sprints and endurance routes. The steel bridge was judged on how fast it was built, along with the design, performance and cost effectiveness.

The group also placed first in the quiz bowl, volleyball, and a technical paper and presentation, and won third place in tug of war and the environmental competition.

The concrete canoe and steel bridge are both senior projects of Cal Poly engineering students. Faculty members Garrett Hall and Eric Kasper advised the teams.

Cal Poly was able to take 65 society members to the conference, held at the University of Hawaii in Oahu. The group had the most attending members of competing schools, which came from Southern California, Nevada, Arizona and Hawaii.

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