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Cal Poly Architecture Students and Faculty Win Design Awards

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly graduating architecture students Zhong Ren Huang and Yang Wang received awards from the American Institute of Architects California Central Coast Chapter (AIA CCC). This is the first time the organization has honored student work from any institution.

The projects were chosen for jury by the AIA CCC Committee from the fifth year thesis Chumash Show at Cal Poly. Wang received an Honor Award for his project "Spider Tower." Ren Huang received a Merit Award for his project "LA Skyscraper." Students Kevin Bussett, Jason Pignolet and Tracy N. Wang were runners-up in the competition.

Carisa Nakano was awarded the annual AIA CCC scholarship.

Cal Poly architecture faculty members received Merit Awards for their professional work. Stephen Phillips (principal of SPARCHS) received a Merit Award for the project Seadrift Residence Remodel. Tom di Santo and Laura Joines-Novotny, principals of M:OME, received a Merit Award for the Bikini Residence + SI:Guesthouse.

Henri de Hahn, head of the Cal Poly Architecture Department, was pleased but not surprised by the awards. "The Architecture Department prides itself on the extremely high number of practicing faculty within its ranks. They are equally committed to educating the next generation of architects and contributing to the community through their own designs," he said. "We were delighted that the AIA CCC included students in their proceedings, it exposes them to the professional world."

For more information about the award, go to *www.aiacentralcoast.org/a-scholarshipsawards.html*.

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