New Cal Poly Education Professor Receives Service Award

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- George J. Petersen, who joined Cal Poly's College of Education in fall 2004 from the University of Missouri-Columbia, was given a National Service Award from the University Council for Educational Administration (UCEA) for his work as UCEA associate director from 2000 to 2004.

Petersen received a plaque at the 2004 UCEA Plenum Meeting in November in Kansas City, Mo., in recognition of his significant contributions to the work and mission of UCEA.

Petersen, a resident of Los Osos, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in philosophy from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome, Italy, in 1981; a master's in educational policy, leadership and organizational studies from UC Santa Barbara in 1991, and a doctorate in educational policy, leadership and organizational studies from UC Santa Barbara in 1993.

As a public school teacher in California, Petersen was also a recipient of a 1988 Sallie Mae Outstanding Teacher Award, recognizing the top 100 teachers in the United States.

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