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Cal Poly Women's Volleyball, Water Polo Teams Capture Championships

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly's Women's Volleyball team captured a national championship earlier this month in Kentucky, while the university's Women's Water Polo squad prevailed over eight other teams in a tournament here to win the Pacific Coast Division Championship.

Both teams are part of Cal Poly's active Club Sports program.

The volleyball team took the Division I crown in the National Collegiate Volleyball Federation's national championships held April 1-3. Cal Poly prevailed over 47 other teams in Division I, defeating UC Santa Barbara, Marquette, Minnesota and Santa Clara on their way.

Cal Poly team member Brooke Anglin was named most valuable player in the tournament, and Joanne Nickolin and Kaitlyn Sulenski were named to the tournament First Team.

The Women's volleyball team petitioned for recognition only three years ago and already have become National Champions," said Everette Brooks, coordinator of University Clubs and Organizations. "The dedication and hard work paid off."

Meanwhile, Cal Poly's Women's Water Polo team vanquished teams from USC, San Diego State University and UCLA on their way to the Collegiate Water Polo Association's Pacific Division crown April 10 and 11 at Anderson Pool, next to Mott Gym on campus.

The UCLA team was the No. 1 seed in the tournament. With their victory, the Cal Poly women head to the National Championship tournament April 23-25 at the University of Arizona as the top seed. The Cal Poly team is the defending national champion and also won titles in 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2008.

The Water Polo team has performed at a high level all year," Brooks said. "The come-from-behind victory over the previously ranked No. 1 UCLA was a true reflection of a National Champion's defense of their title."

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Both the volleyball and water polo squads are club teams that compete through Cal Poly's Student Life and Leadership office.

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