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# Cal Poly Floral Design Team Takes First at National Competition

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly’s floral design team took first place in the Overall School Award at the American Institute of Floral Designers’ (AIFD) 2010 Student Floral Design Competition.

The competition took place July 3-8 in Boston during the AIFD 2010 National Symposium. The overall win was a first for the floral design team.

Horticulture and Crop Science student Elisabeth Hall won first place in the Wedding Bouquet category. She also took third place in the Overall Contest Winner category, and her teammate Carrie Thengvall took fourth place in the Overall Contest Winner category.

Hall, Thengvall and Jaclyn Wiley comprised this year’s floral design team; it was Thengvall and Wiley’s first national competition.

Melinda Lynch, faculty adviser for Cal Poly’s floral design team, said she’s proud of her students’ high marks at the competition.

“As a team, Cal Poly placed in the Top 10 in each of the four categories that were judged. Each student placed at least once in the top 10,” she said. “We also had two members of the team who had never competed before in any floral competitions. That’s a great accomplishment.”

### **About the American Institute of Floral Designers**

Established in 1965, the American Institute of Floral Designers is now the floral industry’s leading nonprofit organization dedicated to establishing, maintaining and recognizing the highest standard of professional floral design.

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