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San Luis Obispo Resident, 'Compassionate' Cal Poly Teacher Selected First 'Outstanding Advisor'

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Kathryn Rummell, an assistant professor in Cal Poly's English Department cited for her "generosity, compassion and cooperation," was selected as the university's first Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award recipient.

As chair of the English Advising Committee, Rummell not only advises a large number of English majors herself, but also advises other faculty advisors, and, according to one nominator, "She does an excellent job at both."

She was also recognized for her "tireless efforts to streamline the advising process for students and faculty members alike, and she has taken on the task -- almost single-handedly -- of tracking nearly 300 English majors each year."

"Besides the amount of work and the number of hours that Professor Rummell spends with this job, she does it all with a commitment to helping the individual, whether the person be a student or another advisor," wrote another supporter.

The award was developed by the university's Advising Council to honor outstanding achievement by a faculty member in the area of student advising. Nominations were solicited from faculty and staff members and students.

Rummell will be recognized during Cal Poly's Fall Conference in September and will receive a $500 honorarium. Her name will be displayed on a perpetual plaque. Rummell lives in San Luis Obispo.

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