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Cal Poly Team Places Second in Regional Human Resource Games

SAN LUIS OBISPO – A team of three Cal Poly undergraduates took second place at the recent Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) Pac West Regional Case Competition at Pepperdine University in Malibu.

(Left to right) Cal Poly students Michael Grimaud, Veronica Kopp, and team captain Nicole Shane at the 2012 HR Games.

Better known as the "HR Games," the competition tasks students with presenting their analysis and action plans for a company experiencing a downsizing and presenting those ideas to a panel of senior-level human resource executives.

Cal Poly's team was comprised of Orfalea College of Business seniors Michael Grimaud and Nicole Shane and Graphic Communication senior Veronica Kopp. Grumaud and Shane are officers in the university's Human Research Management Association (HRMA), a student organization that encourages participation in the annual HR Games. Shane also served as team captain. Students receive some financial assistance from Cal Poly's Instructionally Related Activities program.

Grimaud is from Moorpark, Kopp is from San Ramon and Shane is from Irvine.

Ten teams from across the Pacific West region competed in the 2012 tournament. Cal Poly and the University of Nevada, Reno ultimately competed head-to-head in the finals. In addition to a plaque, the Cal Poly trio received $2,000 to help them achieve their educational goals.

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