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Cal Poly Hosts – and is Honored at – Engineers Without Borders Conference

SAN LUIS OBISPO – With global projects in India, Thailand and Nicaragua, Engineers Without Borders-Cal Poly recently undertook another project closer to home: hosting Engineers Without Borders' (EWB) West Coast regional conference on campus Oct. 19-21. The event drew more than 250 attendees.

During the conference, the Cal Poly chapter received several awards, foremost among them, Premier West Coast Chapter. The award is significant because it was the only regional honor decided at the national level, and because it makes Cal Poly – which was named National Premier Student Chapter in March – eligible to compete for the national title again next spring.

Cal Poly and UCLA student chapters tied for the Regional Champion Award, which recognizes outstanding service in the developing world and efforts and leadership that benefit EWB's West Coast region as a whole. The award includes \$500 for each chapter.

In addition, Cal Poly was a runner-up in the Tyler Palmer Design Competition for the chapter's innovative and sustainable septic system design in India.

The EWB-West Coast Region is comprised of Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, Nevada, Hawaii and Guam.

For more information about EWB-Cal Poly, visit <http://ewb-calpoly.org>.

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