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Mustang Memorial Plaza Dedication Wins National Award

SAN LUIS OBISPO - Cal Poly's Advancement Programs office and Athletics Department recently captured one of five national awards from the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, the international association of professionals working to advance educational institutions.

In competition with 65 other public and private universities, colleges and schools around the world, the office received a bronze Circle of Excellence award in the Individual Special Events category for its Mustang Memorial Plaza dedication.

Cal Poly held the dedication on September 29, 2006, to commemorate the 1960 football team members, team manager and team supporter lost in the tragic airplane accident in 1960 in Toledo, Ohio.

"Cal Poly's Mustang Memorial Plaza dedication provides a role model for other colleges and universities planning memorial events," said Advancement Programs Director Polly Harrigan. "Time does help with healing. However we found that it is important for a university community to address its past before it can fully focus on the future."

The weekend-long dedication events were planned by a committee of Cal Poly staff, plane crash survivors and family members of the 1960 football team.

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