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Cal Poly Society of Women Engineers First in Nation for Fifth Straight Year

SAN LUIS OBISPO – For the fifth consecutive year, Cal Poly's chapter of the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) is tops in the nation. The group was named Best Student Chapter for "large" universities at the SWE National Convention in Kansas City on October 14.

"This is a remarkable achievement for our students and a great recognition for Cal Poly," says College of Engineering Dean Mohammad Noori. "We are proud of them."

Cal Poly, which finished ahead of second-place Colorado School of Mines and third-place Cornell University in the Best Student Chapter competition, received other awards at the convention, including:

Membership Program Award for Large Collegiate Section

- o Best Collegiate Membership Recruitment Campaign
- o Collegiate Upgrade Award
- o Best Collegiate Section Web site
- o Boeing Multicultural Program Award
- o Best Region Collegiate Newsletter Award (Region B)

In addition, Cal Poly's SWE TeamTech, which worked with Northrop Grumman on the design for a jet engine inspection system, finished second to Emory Riddle University.

"Our SWE members continue to do amazing things," says Helene Finger, who directs Cal Poly's Women's Engineering Program. "The amount of work our students put into the club is phenomenal, and it's wonderful to receive national recognition."

For more information about Cal Poly's SWE chapter, visit www.csc.calpoly.edu/~swe/.

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