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Cal Poly to Host Aerospace Design Symposium May 18-19

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly's Aerospace Engineering Department will sponsor the 13th annual Industry Design Symposium Thursday, May 18 and Friday, May 19, at the Embassy Suites Hotel in San Luis Obispo.

The symposium marks the completion of yearlong projects by Cal Poly AERO design classes and clubs and features a poster session open to the public from 6-9 p.m. Thursday and aircraft and spacecraft team presentations for industry open to the press 8:15 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday. The projects are part of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Foundation Undergraduate Team Aircraft Design Competition.

During the two-day event, four teams of 30 seniors from Cal Poly aircraft design classes will discuss their research and present preliminary designs for a homeland defense interceptor and other projects. The 37-member spacecraft design team's assignment was to design a mission to collect and return samples of lunar ice.

Cal Poly has dominated the annual national contest for nearly a decade, winning first place in six out of the last seven years. In 2005, Cal Poly design teams swept first, second and third place.

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