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Cal Poly Landscape Architecture Student awarded National Scholarship

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Cal Poly Landscape Architecture student Yessenia Alvarez-Lopez was awarded a scholarship by the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) Council of Fellows.

Rodney Swink, chairman of the Council of Fellows, noted that the 2008 pool of applicants was particularly outstanding. Alvarez-Lopez was "quickly singled out for her strong academic record, her many community initiatives and efforts beyond the college setting, and her unique financial challenges."

The scholarship was established in 2004 to aid outstanding students who would not otherwise have an opportunity to continue a professional degree program due to unmet financial need. Alvarez-Lopez was one of two students to receive the \$4,000 Council of Fellows Scholarship.

The scholarship was awarded through the Landscape Architecture Foundation (LAF) whose mission is to support the preservation, improvement and enhancement of the environment. In 2008 the LAF awarded 24 scholarships and fellowship grants totaling \$96,500. The winning students were selected from a pool of 144 applicants.

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