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### **Cal Poly Names Women of the Year**

SAN LUIS OBISPO – The Cal Poly Women’s Center named an aerospace engineering professor, the head of university counseling services, and a political science senior as 2004 Women of the Year and also recognized a Roman Catholic nun for her community service and education efforts.

Aerospace Engineering Professor Dianne Deturris, a lifetime member in the Society of Women Engineers, was named Faculty Woman of the Year. “The selection committee of students was particularly impressed with Professor Deturris’ success in a field that is still not the most welcoming to women,” as well as her willingness to mentor students, noted Cal Poly student Jessica Cardinale, one of the organizers of the event.

The university named Teresa George, head of counseling services at the Cal Poly Health Center and also a faculty member, as its Staff Woman of the Year. George was selected because of her work addressing discrimination as well as being an enthusiastic and engaging teacher, Cardinale said.

Political science senior Ruby Moz was named the Student Woman of the Year for raising awareness about sweatshop labor, beginning a Latino Mentoring Program and her leadership role in the campus Multicultural Center.

Sister Mary Pat White of the Newman Catholic Center was also recognized for her community work and her role in educating the community and university about Afghanistan, the homeless, sexual assault, and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues.

The women received the awards at a March 8 luncheon on campus.

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