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Cal Poly Portal, Portal Creators Win Notice at Swiss Tech Conference

SAN LUIS OBISPO - Cal Poly's ["MyCalPoly"](#) portal project has received international recognition.

The University's experience in engineering and launching the portal were cited at the Pan-European Portals Conference at the University of Geneva in Switzerland April 24.

The portal is a campus computer network for students, faculty, staff and temporary guests that provides users access to their own data (such as billing account and grade information for students) as well as university news, announcements and information channels. Users can customize the look and content of their pages.

Cal Poly launched the portal in Fall 2001. It now has some 25,000 registered users, between 4,000 and 10,000 visits per day, and anywhere from 500 to 1,500 registered users online at any one time, according to Cal Poly Web strategist Chris Stavros.

At the University of Geneva conference, Leading Portal expert Jim Farmer singled out Stavros for bringing thorough engineering perspective to the development of the MyCalPoly portal. Linda Sandy, ITS Application Management coordinator at Cal Poly, also expressed appreciation for Stavros's efforts. "Chris Stavros is consistently acknowledged and consulted for his leadership and expertise within the portal development community. We are very proud and fortunate to have Chris as our web strategist here at Cal Poly."

Farmer's presentation to the conference included examples from the Cal Poly portal, along with portal networks developed by UC Irvine, Columbia University, Cornell University, Dennison University and Illinois State University.

Cal Poly will soon expand its portal development using new uPortal2 software, and is among 60 U.S. colleges and universities doing so.

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