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Cal Poly Selects Escondido Resident As Outstanding Student Employee

SAN LUIS OBISPO - Jillene Elizabeth Windt, a psychology senior who was praised for her high-caliber professionalism and self-directed motivation, has been selected as Cal Poly's 2002-2003 Outstanding Student Employee of the Year.

Windt, from Escondido, was unanimously chosen from among 29 Cal Poly student employees deemed outstanding by their respective supervisors. During her four years at Cal Poly, she has worked in the office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Institutional Planning and Analysis office and the Financial Aid office. For the last two years, she has managed to work in all three departments, while still achieving her goal of earning a bachelor's degree within four years.

"She communicates in a positive way with the staff and faculty and administrators from various units on campus," said Luann McDonald, one of Windt's supervisors and a member of the university's Financial Aid office. "The work Jill has done has contributed to efficiently improving and streamlining university processes and projects. She gives painstaking attention to detail. In addition, Jill is genuinely cheerful, very well liked and respected."

The selection committee also credited Windt for consistently delivering a superior level of service for multiple areas on campus and for developing and enhancing several campuswide projects.

"The committee members were in awe about the fact that so many people campaigned for her," McDonald said. They also mentioned her "keen eye for detail and willingness to contribute on a grand scale."

"It's evident that Jill is an excellent role model and leader to other students and interacts well with people," McDonald said.

In addition to winning Cal Poly's student employee award, Windt is now in the running for a regional Outstanding Student Employee of the Year competition sponsored by the Western Association of Student Employment Administrators. The winner will be announced during National Student Employment Week, April 13-19.

During National Student Employment Week, Cal Poly will host a reception recognizing all the university's Outstanding Student Employee nominees. At the April 17 reception, Windt will be presented with a certificate of appreciation.

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