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### **Cal Poly Selects Seven for 'Best' Students Honors May 18**

Seven Cal Poly students will be recognized Saturday (May 18) for achieving the highest level of excellence in balancing their academic pursuits with community service. The students will receive the Land Family Quest for the Best Award at a reception at the Smith Alumni and Conference Center on campus.

Ali Schlageter of [Daly City](#) won the College of Liberal Arts award and the University Honors award. Additional student honorees are Christopher Madsen, a resident of [Ripon](#) and a student in the College of Agriculture; Joshua Price, [Los Osos](#), College of Architecture and Environmental Design; Daniel Iverson, [Lompoc](#), College of Engineering; Amanda Chavez, [Walnut Creek](#), Orfalea College of Business; Hilary Schwandt, [Bellingham, Wash.](#), College of Science and Mathematics; and ASI President Angie Hacker, [Glendora](#), Associated Students.

The winners receive monetary awards and commemorative compasses. Schlageter will receive the equivalent of a year's tuition. Each college will receive a perpetual plaque recognizing the honored students.

The awards are the result of the blending of the Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Land Outstanding University and Community Service Award, established by alumnus Jeffrey Land, a 1980 business administration graduate, and his wife, Carla Land, in 1986, and the Quest for the Best Award, initiated two years ago by the office of Cal Poly's Vice President for Student Affairs.

In funding the award, the Land family sought to recognize student leaders in each of the university's six colleges and the Associated Students Inc. who exemplify excellence, stewardship, collaboration, integrity and community. One student is selected to receive the highest honor - the universitywide award.

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