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Cal Poly College of Agriculture Honors Faculty, Staff Members

Several faculty and staff members of Cal Poly's College of Agriculture were recognized for outstanding educational contributions to students, the college and the university at the college's recent award recognition program for 2001-2002.

In all, 13 awards were presented, including monetary stipends provided by industry sponsors and the college.

The faculty members who received industry-supported awards are:

- **Joe Sabol** of San Luis Obispo, a professor in the Agricultural Education and Communication Department. He received the Dole Outstanding Faculty Award, granted for teaching excellence and innovation. It honors contributions to teaching as well as contributions to others in the teaching arena.
- **David Headrick** of Los Osos, a professor in the Horticulture and Crop Science Department, received the Monsanto New Faculty Teaching Award, given to an individual with fewer than 10 years of university teaching experience who has demonstrated outstanding potential and commitment in his or her profession.
- **Thomas Rice** of San Luis Obispo, department head and professor in the Earth and Soil Sciences Department, received the Sunkist Sustained Teaching Excellence Award, presented to an individual with 10 or more years of distinguished university teaching.
- **Cynthia Moyer** of Atascadero, a part-time professor in the Natural Resources Management Department, received the Seminis Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award for distinguished service and excellence as a

student advisor.

- **Jonathon Beckett** of Atascadero, a professor in the Animal Science Department, received the Plant Sciences Faculty Excellence Award for outstanding contributions in applied research, teaching and service.

The industry-supported staff awards went to:

- Gail Simmons of Los Osos, administrative support coordinator of the Agricultural Education and Communication Department, received the Dole Outstanding Staff Member Award.

- Craig Stubler of Los Osos, instructional support technician for the Earth and Soil Sciences Department, was presented the Environmental Industries Staff Award.

Mark Klever of San Luis Obispo, campus farm supervisor, received the Talley Farms Staff Award.

- Mike Lehmkuhl of Nipomo, equipment technician for the BioResource and Agricultural Engineering Department, received a Rain for Rent Staff Award.

- Becky Holleran of Arroyo Grande, administrative support coordinator in the Animal Science Department, also received a Rain for Rent Staff Award.

In addition, three faculty members received Special Recognition Awards for outstanding contributions to the College of Agriculture. The awards, supported by the college, were presented to:

- Venesa Strong of Santa Maria, a part-time lecturer in the Food Science and Nutrition Department.

- Rollin Strohman of Los Osos, a professor in the BioResource and Agricultural Engineering Department.

- Brian Dietterick of Templeton, a professor in the Natural Resources Management Department.

"The college teams with industry to present these awards in recognition of the outstanding contributions our faculty and staff make on behalf of our students and the university," said Interim Dean of the College of Agriculture David Wehner. "We are pleased that we are able to reward these individuals in this manner. We couldn't do it without the generous support of our industry partners. They make an extra effort to show their encouragement and belief in the university and the college's

faculty and staff. And the final honor, of course, is that they are there in the end to hire our graduates."

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