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### **Cal Poly Horticulture and Crop Science Professor Named Outstanding Educator of the Year**

Cal Poly Horticulture and Crop Science Professor Steve Angley has been named Outstanding Educator of the Year by the Associated Landscape Contractors of America (ALCA).

Angley has been teaching for more than 25 years --20 of them at Cal Poly. He was presented with the ALCA's annual award during the professional association's recent Student Career Days event at Illinois Central College in Peoria, Ill.

"Steve was chosen because of his long-standing commitment to education and his significant contribution to education in the green industry," said Debra Holder, executive vice president of the ALCA.

Richard Ott, president of ALCA's education foundation, presented the award, a plaque and a check for \$1,000 to Angley in recognition of his excellence in teaching and industry outreach.

David Wehner, interim dean of Cal Poly's College of Agriculture, said Angley is an asset to the college and its students. "We couldn't agree more with the ALCA. Steve certainly deserves this award. He's a dedicated professor concerned with his students' professional development, as well as the development of his industry as a whole."

Angley organized the first Industry Advisory Council for the Environmental Horticulture Department, recently merged with the Crop Science Department to form the current Horticulture and Crop Science Department.

During his tenure at Cal Poly, Angley has twice received the university's Meritorious Performance and Professional Promise Award and has also received the university's Monsanto Award for Dedicated and Outstanding Service to the College of Agriculture. Angley is a charter member of the San Luis Obispo chapter of the California Landscape Contractors Association (CLCA), which he helped establish.

During his time at Cal Poly, Angley has been actively involved with the ALCA. He has been an ALCA member since 1984, the year he visited his first Student Field Days. Since then, he has taken 16 Cal Poly student teams to ALCA Student Career Days events. Cal Poly teams, coached by Angley and fellow faculty members Mike Zohns and Dan Lassanske and department assistant Helen Angley have won the competition

12 times. No other college or university team has taken first more than four times in the 26-year history of the competition.

"It's people like Steve who ensure that the landscape industry will have a bright future," Holder said. "We're delighted to present him with this award."

The Outstanding Educator of the Year award was developed by the ALCA Educational Foundation (AEF) in 2001 in cooperation with the Accreditation Committee to recognize professors who have made a significant contribution to green industry education. Educators nominated for the award have devoted time, energy and enthusiasm to their programs and to the education of future leaders in the industry. Anglely is the second winner of the annual award.

The ALCA represents approximately 2,500 professional exterior and interior landscape maintenance, installation and design-build contracting firms and suppliers nationwide.

The mission of the ALCA Educational Foundation is to promote and advance the landscape services industry by funding educational excellence. For more information on the AEF, the ALCA's Student Career Days, or other ALCA programs, please visit the ALCA Web site, [www.alca.org](http://www.alca.org).

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