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Students Honored as National Outstanding Student Leaders

Brad Moschetti, a forestry junior, and Jennifer Yaras, a psychology senior, both ASI student employees, were awarded the William N. Wasson Student Leadership and Academic Award from the National Intramural Recreational Sports Leadership Association (NIRSA).

Moschetti (Intramural Sports Official) and Yaras (Front Line Services) work at the Cal Poly Recreation Center as student assistants for ASI Recreational Sports. Both were chosen to receive this honor by virtue of five criteria including significant contribution to ASI Rec Sports through involvement in departmental activities, campus organizations, student government, diversity programming, and committee work and/or leadership positions. Award winners also demonstrated significant contributions to the community through volunteer activities and maintained a 2.75 GPA or better.

The students received a plaque and were recognized at the annual NIRSA conference last week in San Antonio, Texas, said Rec Sports Assistant Director Joe Long.

"What the award really does for students who are going into recreational sports is open huge doors for better employment opportunities," he said. "One year we had three winners and two were looking for recreational sports jobs. At the conference, the two students were offered at least three or four graduate assistantships."

Long said that Yaras and Moschetti give so much to ASI Recreational Sports, the ASI staff is thrilled that the students were selected to receive the award.

"Rec Sports recognizes our students as having attained outstanding achievement as employees," he said. "This is something from the outside we can use to recognize our students at the national level."

The William N. Wasson Student Leadership and Academic Award recipients are chosen from more than 100 applicants nationally. Yaras and Moschetti are two of 24 in the nation to be honored.

For more information about ASI Recreational Sports visit www.asi.calpoly.edu/recsports and for information regarding the award or NIRSA see www.nirsa.org.

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