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# Cal Poly Society of Civil Engineers Wins National Award for Third Consecutive Year

## *Group Honored as Most Outstanding Chapter*

SAN LUIS OBISPO – For the third year in a row, the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) honored Cal Poly with the prestigious Robert Ridgway Award given to the most outstanding chapter out of the 280 student groups across the country. This is the fifth time that ASCE has recognized Cal Poly with this award.

The award is based on a review of the student chapter's service and activities during the previous year. Cal Poly's 100-page annual report summarized community outreach events and professional activities completed in 2010, including hosting the ASCE National Concrete Canoe Competition (NCCC) which was supported by more than 60 student volunteers.



"Winning the Ridgway Award once is extraordinary—winning three times in a row is an astonishing feat," said Gregg Fiegel, Cal Poly Society of Civil Engineers (SCE) faculty adviser, describing the award as a collegiate national championship in civil engineering. "It was an amazing year. The students tackled so many events and projects and put forth a tremendous effort in everything they did. I'm very happy they were recognized with this national award."

This year's SCE president, Spencer Reed, said, "Our primary goal is to establish a link between the classroom and the professional organization. The Ridgway Award reflects the success of the chapter members in establishing that link."

In addition to the Ridgway Award, Cal Poly's ASCE chapter also received a letter of recognition for community service. Last year, the members organized two educational outreach activities that provided more than 100 local elementary and middle school students the opportunity to learn about civil engineering, concrete mix design, and concrete canoes.

ASCE also recognized individual Cal Poly civil engineering students. Reed, a senior, and winter graduate Yunling Chow received student leadership awards for serving as officers, leading special events, interacting with university administration, and interacting with ASCE Sections and Branches. In addition to chapter president, Reed served as a leader of the NCCC planning committee and chapter treasurer. Chow held three officer positions within ASCE and served as a captain of last year's concrete canoe team, which won the national championship.

Fiegel was recognized as Outstanding Faculty Advisor in ASCE Region 9. This is the third year in a row that he has received the honor.

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