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Cal Poly Students Score High In Annual CSU Student Research Competition

Three Cal Poly students won awards in their categories at the 2002 California State University Student Research Competition.

Winning second-place honors were:

- Julie Hopper, in the graduate biological and agricultural sciences category, for her research on "Effect of Arboreal Covering and Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons on Bacterial Community Structure." Hopper's advisor was biological sciences professor Chris Kitts.
- Jennifer Stevens, in the undergraduate biological and agricultural sciences category, for her research on "Detection and Identification of *Borrelia burgdorferi sensu lato* in San Luis Obispo County Rodents." Her advisor was biological sciences professor Larisa Vredevoe.
- Ryan Vandenbosch, in the undergraduate engineering and computer science category, for his research on "Effects of Estrogen Deficiency on the Distribution of Osteons in Ovine Cortical Bone." His advisor was materials engineering professor Lanny Griffin.

The event, held at Long Beach this year, features research achievements of undergraduate students, graduate students and recent alumni from all academic disciplines.

Approximately 200 students from 22 CSU campuses submit written papers and make oral presentations before juries of professional experts from major corporations, foundations, public agencies and universities in California. Cash prizes are awarded.

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