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Cal Poly Names 2001-2002 Outstanding Seniors and Graduate Students

Cal Poly will recognize 25 undergraduates as Outstanding Seniors for the 2001-2002 academic year during Spring Commencement ceremonies June 15. In addition, the university awarded one student with the Outstanding Graduate Student Award and another with the Outstanding Graduate Thesis Award.

The university's six colleges selected Outstanding Seniors in four categories: academic excellence, contribution to the college, contribution to the university, and community service. The students, their majors and their hometowns are listed under their respective colleges.

College of Agriculture:

- Academic Excellence - Cheryl E. May, nutrition, Clovis.
- College Contribution - Seth D. Burgess, soil science, Healdsburg.
- University Contribution - Christopher R. Madsen, agricultural business, San Luis Obispo.
- Community Service, Kira D. Wiggins, nutrition, San Luis Obispo.

College of Architecture and Environmental Design:

- Academic Excellence - Ben K. Mickus, architecture, Novato.
- College Contribution - Claire E. Vukajlovich, architectural engineering, San Diego, and Craig T. Chinn, architecture, Antioch.
- University Contribution - Liberty Lee Whitmore Lewis, architectural engineering, Colorado Springs, Colo.
- Community Service - Stacey Lynne Bowen, architecture, San Jose.

College of Engineering:

- Academic Excellence - Claudette M. Mital, computer science, Laguna Hills.
- College Contribution - Lisa Christensen, materials engineering, Santa Clara.

- University Contribution - Alison Souza, materials engineering, San Luis Obispo.
- Community Service - Paulo Younse, Mechanical Engineering, San Ramon.

College of Liberal Arts:

- Academic Excellence - Matthew Edling, political science, Granite Bay.
- College Contribution - Brian Orion, political science, Del Mar.
- University Contribution - Erica Meza , speech communication, San Luis Obispo.
- Community Service - Edward Chin, social sciences, Fremont.

College of Science and Mathematics:

- Academic Excellence - Heather Karnes, environmental and systematic biology, Mission Viejo.
- College Contribution - Sarah Ball, biological sciences, Carpenteria.
- University Contribution - Carolyn Schiffner, biological sciences, Encinitas.
- Community Service - Wesley Taft, biochemistry, Walnut Creek.

Orfalea College of Business:

- Academic Excellence - Alana Hunt, accounting, Weaverville.
- College Contribution - Rabbia Khan, management information systems, San Luis Obispo.
- University Contribution - Melissa Varcak, marketing, Walnut Creek.
- Community Service - Chris Cole, marketing, Lakewood.

The Outstanding Graduate Student Award went to Kristen D. Carlson, an electrical engineering graduate student from Carmel Valley.

Dairy science graduate student Joan C. Lozano from Dinuba was awarded the Outstanding Graduate Thesis Award.

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