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Cal Poly Student Named a Society of Women Engineers Emerging Leader

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Laura Ashley Harris received the collegiate Emerging Leader award at the regional Society of Women Engineers (SWE) conference held March 1-3 in Salt Lake City.

Harris, an industrial engineering graduate student from Contra Costa, Calif., is the current president of Cal Poly SWE.

“I am very honored to receive this award,” Harris said. “I think it says a lot about Cal Poly and Cal Poly SWE that we are recognized year after year with both section and individual awards.”

The Sonora Region comprises 29 student sections from throughout the southwestern U.S.

“Laura has been one of the most dedicated, enthusiastic and inspiring leaders in the Society of Women Engineers that I’ve seen in my tenure as director of the Women’s Engineering Program,” said Helene Finger, Cal Poly’s SWE advisor. “Her recognition as the top SWE student leader in the region is a testament not only to her outstanding achievements to date but also to the amazing leader she will continue to be.”

In addition to the regional recognition, Harris was a recent recipient of Cal Poly SWE’s Outstanding Women in Engineering and Technology Award.

The SWE national conference will be held Oct. 24-26 in Baltimore.

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