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### *Cal Poly Floral Design Team Takes Honors at Statewide Student Competition*

SAN LUIS OBISPO — The Cal Poly Floral Design Team won four of the top 10 awards at the annual California Floral Association Student Competition held recently in Carpinteria.

Cal Poly team members Camille Duckett won a third-place award, Emily Gaul took fourth place, Eva Reutinger placed fifth, and Rachel Maiorino and Robin Somogyi came in ninth. Four of the five students were competing for the first time.

The students were judged in two categories.

A Student Designer's Theme had to be an arrangement that fit specific size specifications and focused on the theme, "Brilliant." The student designers were required to bring all the plant material and the container. "The students came up with unusual containers and designs to make their designs stand out," said Melinda Lynch, team coach and advisor. In addition, the students had to use flowers grown in California. The second design was revealed on stage just minutes before the competition began. Students in both categories had 45 minutes to complete their designs.

Also included was the "Top Ten" Florist Design Competition, which Cal Poly alumnus Greg Lum won. Lum, who earned a bachelor's degree in environmental horticulture science in 1996, goes on to represent the State of California at the Sylvia Cup in 2014 at the SAF Convention.

The competition, held during the annual Cal Flora 2013 event, was put on by the California Floral Association.

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