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## Cal Poly Society of Women Engineers Honors Six Outstanding Members

SAN LUIS OBISPO — The Cal Poly Society of Women Engineers (SWE) announced the recipients of the 2013 Outstanding Women in Engineering Award at this year's Evening with Industry held Jan. 30 at the San Luis Obispo Embassy Suites. In addition, more than \$30,000 in scholarships were awarded.

The banquet was attended by close to 300 students, faculty, staff and representatives from 27 companies. The event highlighted students for their accomplishments. In addition to the six Outstanding Women in Engineering honorees, 31 students received scholarship awards from: Amazon Lab 126, Boeing, Cal Poly SWE, Chevron, Eaton Corp, Fluor, Lockheed Martin, Mazzetti, NetApp, Orbital Sciences, Parker Aerospace, Phillips, Raytheon, Solar Turbines Inc., and Tory Bruno.

The Outstanding Women in Engineering winners were chosen based on four criteria: faculty recommendations, demonstrated leadership, related work experience, and GPA. Each of the winners is actively engaged in several extracurricular activities. The winners are:

**Kathryn Bohn**, a mechanical engineering senior from Citrus Heights, Calif., founded an engineering sorority, Alpha Omega Epsilon, to assist female engineering students in making professional contacts. Bohn has also presented research at the California Teaching Symposium and interned with Eaton Corp. and Phillips.

**Cecilia Cadenas**, computer engineering senior from Rio Vista, Calif., moved to the U.S. from Mexico 12 years ago. Cadenas has been an active member and officer in the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers. She traveled to Malta and Sicily for an interdisciplinary project with the [International Computer Engineering Experience \(ICEX\)](#), and she also interned with [Raytheon](#).

**Sara Hellstrom** from Santa Clara, Calif., is completing Cal Poly's 4+1 program to receive both a bachelor's and a master's degree in biomedical engineering. She has interned at Thoratec and Pathwork Diagnostics and has been on the Dean's List for 11 quarters. As the Nicaragua Project Manager for Engineers Without Borders, Hellstrom is leading a team of students to improve sanitation conditions in the small community of William Galiano.

**Gabby Igel**, an industrial engineering senior from Encinitas, Calif., is working with an interdisciplinary team to design and produce a solar rechargeable light and cell phone charger (LunaLight) for use in developing countries. She has held officer positions in Engineers Without Borders and the Engineering Student Council. She has interned with Solar Turbines and Parker Aerospace, and in India with Athena Infonomics and Yieldopia Energy.

**Sara Lillard**, aerospace engineering senior from Littleton, Colo., has held officer positions in SWE, Alpha Omega Epsilon, an [Tau Beta Pi](#) (national engineering honor society), as well as several other organizations. She has interned at [NASA's](#) Jet

Propulsion Laboratory and [Eaton Corp.](#), and worked on two senior design projects: the Venus and Cubesat Project Missions.

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