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Cal Poly English Department Names American Scholar Prize Winner

SAN LUIS OBISPO — The Cal Poly English Department selected Monique Nicholas as the recipient of the 2014 American Scholar Prize. She will receive her award at the English Department commencement ceremony Saturday, June 14.

The American Scholar Prize is an annual \$500 award created by Linda Halisky, former English department chair and College of Liberal Arts dean, to recognize a Cal Poly English major who exhibits an interest in literature and language.

Nicholas' winning short essay demonstrated to the selection committee her understanding of the timelessness of literature and its ability to help understand the human condition. She wrote that literature has allowed her to "become a part of something so much larger than myself, to open myself up to the perspectives of the past, to make me contemplate the present."

For more information, contact the English Department at english@calpoly.edu or 805-756-2596.

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- English Department: <http://english.calpoly.edu>
- College of Liberal Arts: <http://www.cla.calpoly.edu/>

About the Cal Poly English Department

Cal Poly's English Department offers students an innovative and collaborative working environment for undergraduate and graduate majors. Students are introduced to the fundamentals of literary studies and engage with British and American literature throughout their time on campus, which provides a solid foundation for graduate, law or business school. The department produces several publications each year that showcase student writing, including "Byzantium: A Literary Annual" and "Fresh Voices."

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