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Cal Poly Mustang News Brings Home 17 National Awards

SAN LUIS OBISPO — Mustang News, the Cal Poly Journalism Department's student-run news organization, received national recognition with 17 awards from the Associated Collegiate Press (ACP) and the College Media Association (CMA) at the National College Media Convention, Oct. 29-Nov. 2.

For the third time in eight years, MustangNews.net received the ACP Online Pacemaker Award, one of the most prestigious awards in college journalism.

Mustang News staff also received five first-place CMA Pinnacle Awards:

- Best Online Infographic — Paige Cross (Journalism)
- Best Breaking News Photo — Morgan Butler (Journalism)
- Best Portrait — Ian Billings (Theatre Arts)
- Best Multimedia Feature Story — Jefferson Nolan (English), Carly Rickards (Journalism), Ian Billings (Theatre Arts)
- Best Social Media Strategy — Staff

Additional CMA Pinnacle Awards:

- Second Place, Best Sports Game Story — Jacob Lauing (Journalism)
- Third Place, Best Social Media Presence — Staff
- Honorable Mention, Best Sports Section — Staff

ACP Best of Show Awards:

- Second Place, Best Multimedia Story — Sean McMinn (Journalism) and Leah Horner (Journalism)
- Sixth Place, Best Website Large School Division — Staff
- Seventh Place, Best Special Section — Staff

Additional ACP Awards:

- Second Place, House Ad — Nicole Bergmann (Art and Design)
- Fourth Place, House Ad — Joseph Hewison (Art and Design)
- Fourth Place, Ad/Editorial Supplement — Staff

- Honorable Mention, Editorial/Opinion Story — Staff
- Honorable Mention, Ad Brochure/Rate Card — Albert Chang (Art and Design)

The Associated Collegiate Press is the oldest and largest national membership organization for college student journalists. Since 1921, the organization has offered resources to help member publications — newspapers, yearbooks, magazines, broadcast programs and online publications — improve. More than 20,000 students are staffers at ACP member publications.

Founded in 1954 as the National Council of College Publications Advisers, the College Media Association has more than 800 members from coast to coast. It supports new and veteran advisors of collegiate media programs with conventions, workshops, publications and national networking.

Links

- Mustang News: mustangnews.net
- Journalism Department: journalism.calpoly.edu
- College of Liberal Arts: cla.calpoly.edu
- Associated Collegiate Press: studentpress.org/acp
- College Media Association: collegemedia.org

About the Cal Poly Journalism Department

Cal Poly's Journalism Department offers a professional program that prepares students for real-world careers. Beginning with core courses that establish a strong foundation in the field, journalism majors then focus on media specializations of their choice. Students have the opportunity to acquire practical experience by working for the department's converged media center, newspaper, campus radio and TV station, or the student public relations agency

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