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**Cal Poly Team Places in National Student Floral Competition**

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly’s Floral Design Team placed third overall in the American Institute of Floral Designers (AIFD) student competition in Chicago.

Individual honors were awarded to Nicolette Lynch, a Journalism major who won first place in the bridal bouquet category, and Horticulture and Crop Science (HCS) major Shannon Carlisle, who placed fifth for her napkin ring arrangement. HCS student Tracey Waples and faculty advisor Melinda Lynch, AIFD, completed the Mustang contingent.

The competition included 16 teams from colleges and universities in the United States and Canada. In all, 58 students participated.

Lisa Baray, HCS, received an AIFD Foundation scholarship of $1,000 for the 2008-09 school year.

Individual Cal Poly floral design team results:

- **Flowers to Carry – Bouquet Design:** Lynch, first; Carlisle, tenth; Waples, eleventh.
- **Buffet Arrangement:** Lynch, sixth.
- **Sweetheart Table Arrangement:** Carlisle, ninth.
- **Napkin ring:** Carlisle, fifth.
- **Overall:** Carlisle, eleventh; Lynch, twelfth.

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