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Cal Poly Professor Among 'Most Influential Latinos'

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Cal Poly Journalism Department Chair and Professor George Ramos has been honored as one of the Central Coast's "Most Influential Latinos."

Ramos was among 50 honorees at the first annual "Most Influential Latinos" awards luncheon March 18 in Santa Maria, sponsored by Latino Today newspaper.

Ramos, who earned his journalism degree from Cal Poly in 1969, is a former Los Angeles Times reporter, editor, bureau chief and columnist, and a three-time winner of the Pulitzer Prize.

Other awardees included Cuesta College Vice President for Student Support Dan Chacón, State Senator and Cal Poly alumnus Abel Maldonado, physician Francisco Mendoza, and Allan Hancock College President Jose M. Ortiz.

For more information about Ramos, visit the Cal Poly Journalism Department Web site at: http://www.cla.calpoly.edu/jour/.

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Editors note: for a jpg of Ramos, contact Teresa Hendrix at thendrix@calpoly.edu.