SAN LUIS OBISPO -- The Cal Poly chapter of The National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) was awarded Silver Star status at the NSCS 2011 Convention recently in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

The NSCS is an honors organization for high-achieving first- and second-year students. More than 300 student-run chapters have been established at colleges and universities across the country. The Cal Poly NSCS chapter was founded in 2000.

Star status is determined by chapter program success, community service, member engagement and on-campus involvement. To earn Star status, chapters are also required to hold an induction ceremony for new members each term.

Cal Poly chapter officers and members received the award along with a $100 Chapter Scholarship to be used to fund chapter programs and events for the 2011-12 academic year.

NSCS chapters can attain one of four Star status levels: bronze, silver, gold and platinum. Each level is determined by the quantity and quality of events the chapter held during the previous year.

Additional requirements to attain silver Star status include creating an on-campus membership recruitment campaign and sending at least one member to the annual NSCS Convention.

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**About National Society of Collegiate Scholars**

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars is an honors organization committed to recognizing and elevating high achievers. NSCS is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies. Membership is by invitation only to eligible first- and second-year college students based on grade point average and class standing. NSCS awards more than $250,000 in scholarships every year. NSCS offers members exclusive access to scholarships, career resources, and leadership and networking opportunities and has more than 800,000 lifetime members and more than 300 chapters in the United States and Puerto Rico. Learn more about NSCS at [www.nscs.org](http://www.nscs.org) or the NSCS Facebook page [www.facebook.com/nscs94](http://www.facebook.com/nscs94).