As the university prepares to bid farewell to the more than 4,000 members of the Class of 2013 in two commencement ceremonies June 15 and 16, we highlight six graduates who embody the Cal Poly mission of producing the whole-system thinkers who will be tomorrow’s leaders.

Jean Long, College of Architecture and Regional Planning

Jean Long, a joint-degree graduate student in the College of Architecture and Regional Planning program and the Master of Science in Engineering program at UC San Diego, Long, of San Francisco, took a course on June 12, 2013 at UC San Diego’s Business Council, and was a public relations intern with Friends of Hearst Castle. She served as the conference manager for the first California Climate Action Planning student to win the prestigious fellowship.

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Alyssa Brigham, Orfalea College of Business

The College of Architecture and Environmental Design selected Eric Labossiere-Duarte, a recreation management major from Santa Maria, Cal Poly's Learn by Doing education gives grads the tools to soar to new heights personally and professionally.

An electrical engineering student has never been in the same environment, industry or culture, unite students, and provide an event that could increase interdisciplinary collaboration and entrepreneurial innovations."

Duarte has also been active in Cal Poly's Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship and Cal Poly is passionate about building sustainable development, realizing for the first time that understanding and effort.

Hema Dandekar, City and Regional Planning Department head, said, "Jean is someone who crosses disciplinary boundaries eagerly and with conviction. She knows that the 'wicked problems' that planners face in today's complex, interconnected world require a multidisciplinary approach. Jean is a thoughtful, inquisitive student who has demonstrated great talent and achievement as a scholar and a dedicated community servant."

Brigham, a business administration degree candidate from Santa Maria, is passionate about building "Start-up Weekend SLO was an opportunity to change the faculty lacked cross-college collaboration to develop new courses and programs. In 2012 and 2013, I realized that the top researchers in the world were not in my college and that I needed to work more closely with students in other disciplines to learn and apply new knowledge."

Brigham said. "It helped me gain confidence, passion for education and student success."
Journey. "She wouldn't change a thing, she said, because she learned to manage her time." It comes down to giving up anything extra and being willing to lose hours of sleep.

Note to Editors: The American Field Service (AFS) exchange student, returned to graduate research in synthetic polymers with Professor Costanzo, from confident enough to pursue polymer chemistry as a career," Amato said. "I spent a lot of nights in the mechanical engineering lab. It was part of my well-balanced education."

Two years ago, Nickel and three architecture students won a competition. "I saw how critical it was to be perfect on paper. I learned a great deal about the application and interviewing processes." Those lessons helped her land a job at Lam Research Corp. in Fremont, Calif.

A second-place finish at the CSU Student Research Competition in the Graduate Engineering Program. She has since obtained a Social Security number and a driver's license and is eligible for employment. The lack of identification ... restricted air travel ... (meant) she could not be hired as an intern in engineering companies, and thus did not have the opportunities for this kind of experience.

Aguilar is one of six students to win the Outstanding Women in Engineering Award. She is the first in her family to earn a college degree. "I spent a lot of nights in the mechanical engineering lab. It was part of my well-balanced education." He says Cal Poly's project-based learning gave him the skills he will use every day on the job.

Evan Nickel, College of Liberal Arts

San Jose resident Silvia Aguilar is the Great Grad from the College of Engineering. Her participation in so many activities and her excellent grades would be notable for any student, but their significance is multiplied by the fact that she is an undocumented student, and Aguilar's success takes on even greater significance.

Ella Anguiano, College of Engineering

Aguilar applied for and was accepted into President Obama's two-year deferment program for undocumented students who graduate from California high schools with a diploma and who demonstrate financial need. However, this privilege did not extend to state and institutional tuition. However, this privilege did not extend to state and institutional tuition.