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Cal Poly's Horse Judging Team Earns Honors at National Contest

Students compete at American Quarter Horse Association World Championship

SAN LUIS OBISPO — Cal Poly's Horse Judging Team recently earned national recognition from the American Quarter Horse Association (AQHA) World Championship in Oklahoma City.

Animal science student Laura Young earned fifth overall with a third in halter and an eighth in reasons. Additionally, agricultural communications major Sarah Frushour placed first overall in the limited division with a second in performance, and a sixth in reasons. Kaitlyn Krautkramer, also an animal science major, was third overall in the reasons category.

"Our Horse Judging Team did an exceptional job and represented Cal Poly well at the national level," said coach Natalie Baker. "Their hard work and dedication in developing their professional skills was rewarded by their achievements at this prestigious event. They are a tribute to the outstanding students and hands-on development programs that Cal Poly has to offer our future leaders."

The AQHA World Judging Contest featured 22 senior college teams with 66 contestants, and 12 limited-division colleges with 52 contestants. This was the second competition this year in which Cal Poly's team marked cards for four halter classes, eight performance classes, and defended their placing with several sets of oral reasons.

About the American Quarter Horse Association World Championship Show

The AQHA World Championship Show is the pinnacle event for American Quarter Horse owners and exhibitors around the world, who must qualify for the event by earning a predetermined number of points to compete in each of the classes representing halter, English and Western disciplines. More than 3,600 entries from the United States, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Germany, Mexico and Switzerland competed for 100 world championships at this year's event, held in late November.

About Cal Poly's Horse Judging Team

Cal Poly boasts the only senior college horse judging team west of Colorado. The students' success and involvement in this important facet of the equine industry is made possible by the assistance of generous program supporters. For more information about the Cal Poly Horse Judging Team or to make a donation, contact Natalie Baker at ncbaker@calpoly.edu or 805-756-5469.

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