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Cal Poly 2008 President's Service Awards Announced

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Faculty, students and community members were recognized by Cal Poly's President Warren J. Baker for their efforts this year at the 22nd Annual President's Community Service Awards on May 15.

Programs that received recognition included a childcare program benefiting homeless infants and toddlers, an entirely new service program called Alternative Breaks, and creative fundraising for the Alzheimer's Association.

Students recognized for Significant Contributions: Kara Callaway, Alternative Breaks – Callaway created Alternative Breaks, a program that provides students with the opportunity to perform service work during academic holidays. She organized a trip that sent 24 students to New Orleans over winter break, completing a combined 734 hours of community service in 4.5 days. Callaway was instrumental in planning the first-ever international Alternative Breaks trip, sending 10 students to Jamaica to volunteer on an organic farm and promote organic agriculture to local farmers.

Brandon Styles, Senior Prom – Styles created the first annual "Senior Prom," a fundraiser to benefit the Alzheimer's Association, coinciding with the national campaign, "MOVE!" Brandon helped raise nearly \$10,000 at the second annual event.

Chelsea Starr, Hands for Homeless – For her senior project, Starr developed Hands for Homeless, a program to bolster resilience in homeless infants and toddlers. Currently working at the San Luis Obispo Child Development Center as Lead Teacher, Starr has also been involved with Big Brothers Big Sisters and Family Care Network, helping

foster children and at-risk youth in the community.

Educators recognized for Service-Learning: Kathy Chen, Linda Vanasupa, Will Hughes, Trevor Harding, and Rich Savage, Transforming Education – Collectively, they have transformed their department by integrating service-learning and project-based learning in half the courses that the department offers, setting a new standard for a “service-learning-engaged department.”

Service Learning Course Created by Professor Phil Barlow, senior project advisor, and Student Brett Mullinax – Together, the pair developed *CM 400 – Service Learning in Construction Management* for the CM Department. The course will be offered every spring. The goals were to create a positive learning environment, give students an opportunity to take on real-world projects, and help the community of San Luis Obispo.

Four interdisciplinary projects were undertaken as a collaborative effort by the architecture, construction management and landscape architecture departments in the College of Architecture and Environmental Design. Students formed four teams and each created a project designated to benefit senior citizens, low income or disabled people. Projects ranged from weatherization repairs to full handicap accessible ramps.

The students simulated the construction process throughout the quarter with client meetings, design sessions, safety and risk planning, estimating and scheduling. Students built the projects with full funding provided by construction management firms. The students raised nearly \$10,000 and received generous support from Clark Construction, Opus West Construction Corporation, Sundt Construction, DPR Construction, and The Hanover Company. An average of \$2,000 in materials was dedicated to each effort and the students contributed more than 1,000 hours of service overall. This was the first time the President’s Service Award was received by the CM Department.

Karen Christian, Bilingual Tutors and Translation Services – Pacheco Elementary is a dual immersion English/Spanish school that lacked Spanish-speaking tutors. Christian saw that as an opportunity for her students to practice their Spanish outside of the classroom, establishing a tutoring program. She also enlisted the help of other students to translate more than 20 documents for 11 different non-profits in San Luis Obispo County.

Tom Trice, Student Volunteers – Partnering students with the volunteer breakfast program at Prado Day Center, Trice established a community-based opportunity for students to study roles and influences in society.

Community Groups recognized: Fraternity Pi Kappa Alpha, Fundraising – After news of a student diagnosed with Stage-IV lymphoma, a type of cancer affecting the

lymph nodes, the fraternity hosted “Boarding for Cancer” raising funds to benefit the student’s family, and Saint Joseph’s Lymphoma Research.

United Blood Services, Community Service – The organization makes a difference in people’s lives by recruiting volunteers, inspiring people to donate blood, producing a safe and ample blood supply, advancing cutting-edge research, and embracing continuous quality improvement.

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