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The 101st formal academic year is now fully underway. Over 3,700 eager students and more than 150 dedicated faculty and staff are here to admirably follow in the footsteps of their "Learn by Doing" predecessors. Each of them also understands they have big shoes to fill as well as an equal responsibility to improve upon their inheritance.

I would like to dedicate this newsletter once again to the accomplishments of our people. Many of you cannot possibly return to San Luis Obispo often to view our talented faculty, staff, and students in action. However, if I can present you with their recent accomplishments, I know you will immediately recognize the spirit, commitment, and inherent intellectual quality which are the trademarks of their accomplishments.

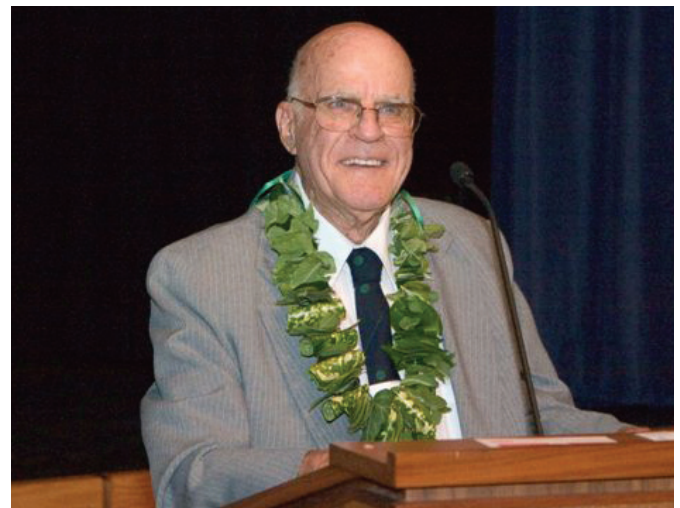
- Agribusiness students won, for the fourth year in a row, the national Student Case Study Competition sponsored by the Food Distribution Research Society.
- The Dairy Cattle Judging Team returned from



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Madison, Wisconsin in September as champions of the National Intercollegiate Judging Contest. Although final cumulative data is not in yet, we believe Cal Poly teams now own the second highest winning percentage in the nation since the competition began in 1916.

- Ag Science Major and Ag Council President, Marcos



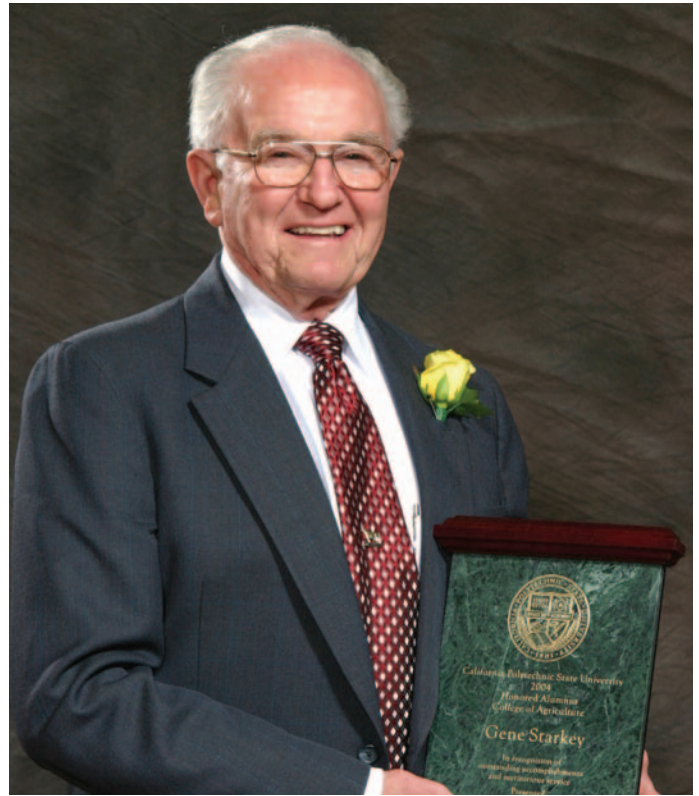
Hundreds of alumni and friends from around the world gathered September 25 in San Luis Obispo for **Howard Brown Appreciation Day**.

Ruiz received the University's 2004 Land Family "Quest for the Best" Award.

- For the third year in a row, the Cal Poly Flower Judging team has returned to campus a winner from their national competition, besting 10 teams at the 63rd National Intercollegiate Floral Crop Quality Evaluation and Design Contest.
- Dr. Brian Dietterick, a faculty member in the Natural Resources Management Department and Director of the Swanton Pacific Ranch, received Cal Poly's President's Community Service Award for Significant Contribution by a Faculty Member.
- Irrigation Training and Research Center Director Dr. Stuart W. Styles, known in the irrigation industry as an energetic and professional role model, has been named 2004 Person of the Year by the Irrigation Association.
- BioResource and Agricultural Engineering

Professor Dr. Charles Burt received Cal Poly's first Distinguished Research, Creative Activity, and Professional Development Award.

- Senior Agribusiness and Dairy Science major Kate Briggs received the 2004 National Dairy Shrine Student Recognition Award. Six of the last 18 recipients of the award have been Cal Poly students.
- This year's freshman class at Cal Poly has an average high school GPA of 3.77 and an average SAT score of 1,213; transfer students have an average college GPA of 3.28.
- The Forest Stewardship Council, an international non-profit environmental group headquartered in Bonn, Germany, has designated our Swanton Pacific Ranch in Santa Cruz County as a Well Managed Forest after a detailed, year-long evaluation of all Swanton properties and their agricultural and educational operations, (including its forest areas and timber harvesting practices) by Scientific Certifications Systems. Cal Poly is the first university on the West Coast and only the fourth university in the United States to earn the honor.
- Dr. Elizabeth Koustos of the Animal Science Department won the 2004 Milton Sunde Award from the American Society for Nutritional Sciences. This award is given for publication in the Journal of Nutrition of outstanding experimental, applied or fundamental research in nutrition that uses an avian species.
- Dr. Tom Rice of the Earth and Soil Science Dept. received the Soil Science Education Award from the Soil Science Society of America for his outstanding ability to inspire the qualities of sound thinking, objectivity, integrity and cooperativeness in students.



Cal Poly alum and former Dairy Science Department Head **Gene Starkey** was named the College's 2004 Honored Alum.



2004 Dairy Cattle Judging Team:
Matthew Evangelo (Hanford),
Jenna Dibble (Petaluma),
Rebekah Mast (Denair),
Michelle Nelson (Ceres),
Dr. Stan Henderson.

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