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Cal Poly Pomona Jazz Band Drums Up 3 Awards at Celebrated Festival

POMONA, Calif. — May 13, 2008 — The 20-member Cal Poly Pomona Jazz Band didn't miss a beat when they performed at the renowned Greeley Jazz Festival in Colorado. Three students brought home major awards.

Held at the University of North Colorado, the Greeley Jazz Festival is the largest event of its type in America, with over 4,000 participants from 10 states, Canada and even as far as Thailand. This year's event was on April 26.

Jeanette Lawler and James Goese, both senior music majors, received International Association for Jazz Education (IAJE) Soloist Awards. Craig Tsurumoto, a senior engineering major, was awarded the 2008 UNC Greeley Jazz Festival Outstanding Musicianship Award.

Under the direction of music assistant professor David Kopplin, the Cal Poly Pomona Jazz Band performed diverse styles, including Latin and Mingus Bop Blue.

For nearly three decades, the Cal Poly Pomona Jazz Band has been playing smooth beats and cool melodies. The ensemble has been touring since 2003, with trips to Mexico, Reno, the Eastern Sierra and Colorado.

Videos of the band's festival performances may be viewed on YouTube by searching "Cal Poly Jazz Band, UNC Greeley Jazz Festival."

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