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### Cal Poly Pomona Landscape Architecture Students Bring Home Honors in International Competition

POMONA, Calif. — October 28, 2008 — Cal Poly Pomona's landscape architecture students captured five awards in the 2008 Student Awards competition hosted by the American Society of Landscape Architecture. The department won more awards than any other university in the prestigious international competition, outperforming Harvard University Graduate School of Design and University of Pennsylvania School of Design.

The university received an Award of Excellence and two Honor Awards in the analysis and planning category. In the communications category, students also won an Award of Excellence and an Honor Award.

"Our students won an impressive 25 percent of the total awards given out this year. Two of the five were Awards of Excellence, which are not given out every year and honor only exceptional projects," says Jerry Taylor, interim chair of the Landscape Architecture department. "The quality of our students and faculty advisers is truly outstanding."

In one project, four students proposed a revitalization plan for a dilapidated area in South Los Angeles that includes improvements to back alleys, vacant lots and an industrial park, as well as introducing a new open-air market. Judges remarked that the project demonstrated "professional quality" analysis and could be used as a model to revive similar neighborhoods.

Another student project developed a new waste management system for two small desert cities that would significantly reduce their dependence on landfills. The plan calls for the cities of Shoshone and Tecopa, both in Inyo County, to compost and recycle much of their waste, and use pigs to reduce the

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volume of trash.

"Students look at important issues in the world, issues that are a challenge in society," says Susan Mulley, assistant professor of landscape architecture. "They try to come up with real solutions that people can use."

Other winning projects included the preservation of Chollas Creek in San Diego, the student-produced SUBSURFACE magazine and a film titled "Shoshone, CA," which documents the design process of landscape architecture students.

For more information, visit <http://asla.org/awards/2008/studentawards>.

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**ABOUT CAL POLY POMONA** — Striking a balance between urban excitement and rural charm, Cal Poly Pomona is nestled in 1,438 rolling acres in the heart of sunny Southern California. With 3,000 faculty and staff to serve 21,500 students, Cal Poly Pomona's mission is to advance knowledge by linking theory and practice while preparing students for leadership and careers in a multicultural world. The university seeks to place learning at the center of every program, course, and activity on campus. Students can apply their knowledge through hands-on projects, collaborate with faculty members on research, and participate in valuable internships and service learning programs. Eight colleges (agriculture; business administration; education; engineering; environmental design; hospitality management; letters, arts and social sciences; and science) offer 56 undergraduate and 23 graduate degrees, as well as 8 credential programs.