Technology Ed Students Make Their Mark

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A group of 32 Cal U students traveled to the Technology Education Collegiate Association (TECA) International Conference in Louisville, Ky., on March 25-28 to compete against Technology Education programs from across the country.

The TECA conference is held in conjunction with the International Technology Education Association (ITEA) conference, the largest technology conference in the world.

The Cal U students are members of the Technology Education Association of California (TEAC), a professional organization for students majoring in Technology Education.

After doing well in February at the 2009 Eastern Regional in Virginia Beach, Va., TEAC was among 60 teams from 18 schools, most of them Division I universities, competing in seven events.

The team returned to campus with five awards: A first-place finish in the Communication contest; second-place awards in Manufacturing and Problem Solving; and third-place showings in Transportation and Robotics.

Additionally, George Lavelle completed his term as president-elect and was inducted as the 2009-2010 president of the International TECA organization. He also received the national ITEA College Leadership Award, the highest honor given to a TECA/ITEA student member. It is based upon outstanding dedication to ITEA and TECA, academic achievement, and professional involvement.

Lavelle also was co-presenter for a TECA session on “The New Teacher Toolbox”.

For the sixth consecutive year, TEAC received the Outstanding Chapter Award, presented to an institution that displays exemplary activity in chapter service, professional activities and activities that promote Technology Education.

Kati Wise received the Foundation for Technology Education (FTE) Undergraduate Scholarship.

Graduate student Philip DiFilippo received the Foundation for Teacher Excellence Donald Maley Spirit of Excellence Outstanding Graduate Student Citation. This award is named after Maley, a graduate of California State Teacher’s College in 1944 who became a leader in Industrial Arts/Technology Education.

Graduate student Raymond Boyles co-presented a session on “Teaching STEM Concepts with Agile Robotics.” Boyles and DiFilippo also participated in the Teaching Technology Showcase.

Competing students were Glenn Bastian, Geoff Bernstein, Graham Bodner, Veronica Check, Thomas Crumlish, Dave Darak, Nicole Duschek, Brandon Edwards, Emily Ellis, Rebecca Giles, Dave Heefner, Elyse Horath, Ryan Horstein, Craig Jaquith, Dan Juarin, Jason Kofmehl, Joe Kush, George Lavelle, Casey Marburger, Andrew Markle, Andy Milcic, Clayton Miller, Rob Rice, Kevin Romeo, Jesse Sopko, George Toney, Mike Ulderich, Alex Whittington, Kati Wise and Dana Williams.

Faculty members who attended were Drs. Mark Nowak, John R. Kallis, Laura Hummell, Stanley Komacek, Glenn Hider and Peter Wright, and Ms. Katherine Weber.