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Criminal Justice Students Shine at Regional Conferences

A number of criminal justice students from CSU Stanislaus took home honors from regional conferences held earlier this month.

Undergraduate criminal justice major Samantha Loren Felice took first place in the student research poster competition at the Western Association of Criminal Justice (WACJ) annual meeting, held Oct. 17 to 19 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Felice's research poster was titled "Spatial Fluctuations in Crime by Month: An Ode to Quetelet, Climate and Crime."

Felice's research explored seasonal variations in the geographic distribution of personal and property crimes in Sacramento between 2004 and 2010. She became the second CSU Stanislaus student in three years to win a research award at the conference. Fernando Rosales placed third in 2010 for his paper, "The Versatility Hypothesis and Eco-Analogous Crime."

WACJ is the Region 5 affiliate of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, whose membership includes educators, practitioners and students from California, Alaska, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah and Washington.

Sigma Chi Epsilon, a criminal justice club on campus, participated in the American Criminal Justice Association – Lambda Alpha Epsilon Region 1 Conference and Competition on Oct. 18 to 20 in Las Vegas. The theme of the conference was "Interagency Cooperation," and criminal justice students from California, Alaska, Hawaii, Nevada, Oregon and Washington participated.

CSU Stanislaus student Sam Parks placed first in the Firearms-Pistol category and third in Physical Agility. Andrew Signorelli also took third in Physical Agility in his respective age

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category. Signorelli, Tiffani Lee and Katee Zullo placed third in Crime Scene Investigation, while Mary Signorelli placed third in the Written Examination-Police Administration.