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CAL POLY POMONA COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING FEMINEER PROGRAM RECOGNIZED BY WHITE HOUSE

POMONA, CALIF., October 21, 2015 – The White House recognizes the College of Engineering’s Femeiners program for increasing educational outcomes and opportunities for female Hispanic K-12 students across the country. Marking its 25th anniversary during Hispanic Heritage Month in 2015, the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanics (Initiative) launched the “Anniversary Year of Action: Fulfilling America’s Future,” which recognizes programs benefitting underrepresented communities.

The White House reviewed programs and commitments to action from public and private sectors across the country for recognition. The college’s Femeiners program was selected from a large pool of applicants and commended for its focus and goals which include mentoring opportunities for Hispanic K-12 students in STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) subjects, and investing in support for teachers through professional development workshops.

Alejandra Ceja, executive director of the White House Initiative, expressed her gratitude for the Femeiners program. “Thank you for your leadership, dedication and steadfast commitment to providing all children, including Hispanics, with a high-quality education that will help ensure our country’s economic prosperity,” Ceja says.

The Femeiners program partners with a variety of local schools that contain a high concentration of Hispanic and low-income students. All students in the program have opportunities to participate in hands-on activities and showcase their projects at Cal Poly Pomona.

“We’re very happy to see the Femeiners program being recognized on a national level as one of only 150 public and private sector organizations selected,” says Dr. Cordelia Ontiveros, associate dean for academic programs and student services who oversees the Femeiners program. “It’s a great partnership between the college and participating schools, and is an integral part of our strategic plan to inspire the next generation of women to pursue a STEM education and career.”

About CAL POLY POMONA COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING:

Founded in 1957, Cal Poly Pomona College of Engineering maintains one of the most recognized engineering programs in the country. Its undergraduate program ranks fifth nationally among public universities, master’s category, according to the U.S. News & World Report and also boasts the largest mechanical engineering and civil engineering programs in all of California.

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