Sac State dominates Family Relations competition

Sacramento State students submitted three of the five winning entries in the National Council on Family Relations (NCFR) competition promoting Family Life Education Month, which will be celebrated in February.

Winners Kerry Ann Smith, Rakiaya Mixon and Christina Necas were among the students whose work was selected by fellow students and submitted by J. Ann Moylan, professor of Family and Consumer Sciences. The three winners were among 13 entries submitted from Moylan’s Family Life Education course. Smith won in the category Fact Sheet, Mixon for Logo/Tagline/Slogan and Necas for Press Release.

Because entries from Moylan’s class also won three out of five awards in 2012, she was asked to post her class assignment on the council’s website, where it has remained since 2013.

Moylan, who has taught at Sac State since 1987, is especially proud because this year’s entries were limited to three per category from any one course, a limitation she did not face in 2012.

“I developed an assignment that required students to explain the research behind their entry,” she says. “Students then worked in class to get feedback from other students and to revise their work prior to submission. Students in the class voted on which logos to submit because there were so many students who wanted to compete in that category.”

“Winning was very much a team effort,” she says, a point that Dean Orn Bodvarsson of the College of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies punctuated by coming to the class, announcing the winners and congratulating the students.

Members had their winning entries displayed last month during the Certified Family Life Educator reception at the NCFR Annual Conference in Baltimore. They will receive recognition in the NCFR Report, CFLE Network and on the NCFR website.

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