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CAL POLY GRAD STUDENT TAKES FIRST IN NATIONAL CONTEST

San Luis Obispo, Calif.- Cal Poly Dairy Products Technology Center Master of Science candidate Lauren Collinsworth, took first place in this year’s Sensory Evaluation Division Rose Marie Pangborn Memorial Graduate Paper Competition. The competition was held June 25-28, 2012 at the Institute of Food Technologists (IFT) Annual Meeting in Las Vegas, NV. Her presentation was titled: “Evaluating The Change In Emotions During The Consumption Experience Of Carbonated Orange Soda, Dairy Beverages, and Convenience Cheese.” Collinsworth was one of only six finalists selected to present her graduate research. The award is presented annually by IFT's Sensory Evaluation Division Executive Committee to a graduate student for exemplary research and oral presentation of research and is judged on technical merit, writing, and organization. “All the presentations were phenomenal, making the competition very, very difficult,” said Dr. Amy Lammert, Assistant Professor, Cal Poly Dairy Science, who serves as Collinsworth’s MS Graduate Committee Chair.

Collinsworth received a dual BS in Food Science and Nutrition from Cal Poly in 2009. Upon graduation, she worked with the sensory group at the National Food Lab in Livermore, California for more than a year before returning to Cal Poly to work with Lammert. She is continuing to pursue her interest in sensory evaluation by studying the role of consumer emotional response to alternative health products, specifically low-sodium cheese at the Cal Poly Dairy Products Technology Center. Her work is made possible in part by the financial support of the California Dairy Research Foundation and Dairy Research Institute.

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