

Fresno, California

Fresno State's Plant Science Club brings home the President's Trophy

Competing against 14 major U.S. universities with agriculture programs, Fresno State's **Plant Science Club** brought home the President's Trophy for the national Students of Agronomy, Soils and Environmental Sciences (SASES) club speech contest. The competition was held during the Tri-Societies (American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America and Soil Science Society of America) recent national conference held in Long Beach, CA. The contest challenged student clubs from agriculture universities to showcase their activities in community service, educational outreach, and professionalism in plant/crop and soil sciences. **Armando Guzman**, also one of two Fresno State Plant Science students selected as a Golden Opportunity Scholar, presented the slide show on the Plant Science Club's activities. This is the second win in the three years Fresno State's Plant Science Club has participated in this event. A delegation of 14 Plant Science Club members was able to attend the conference from Associated Student Incorporated funds and cheered for the Club's accomplishment. Additional students competed in the College Quiz Bowl, Crops Judging Contest and served as delegates for the national SASES meetings. **Mala To**, Plant Science Club president, said "I am very proud of our accomplishments and involvement in this year's club activities. Next year, our club members will be going to Minneapolis, MN to compete and bring home the Trophy again."

The Club members had a breakfast meeting with **Dr. S. Rajaram**, the 2014 World Food Prize Recipient who was recognized for his contribution in feeding the world. Following the conference, the group toured the CSU Chancellor's Office in Long Beach.