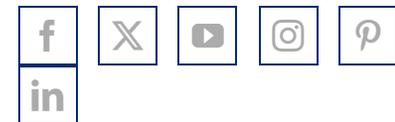




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Fresno State was singled out among CSU campuses for its commitment to substance abuse awareness at the 2013 California State University [Alcohol and Other Drug Conference](#), April 18 and 19 on the campus of Chico State.

Fresno State Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Paul Oliaro was recognized with the Chancellor's Award for furthering alcohol and other drug initiatives on a CSU campus or within the CSU system. Oliaro is the chair of the campus [Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Safety Council](#) and leads the effort to implement Fresno State's alcohol and drug policies.

Professor of Public Health, Dr. Greg Thatcher, was also honored for his work to support alcohol and drug initiatives. He received the Alcohol and Other Drugs Champion award in recognition of his efforts to create dynamic and solid partnerships that led to exemplary alcohol and drug prevention programs.

Thatcher oversees the [Finding Responsible and Entertaining Activities on KampuS](#) (FREAKS) club at Fresno State. Every Friday night the club invites students, colleagues and community members to the Student Union to play board games and socialize. FREAKS was highlighted by the CSU as an example of best practice for a drug and alcohol abuse prevention program.

Twenty Fresno State students attended the conference along with faculty and staff. The annual conference is sponsored by the CSU as part of its effort to fight alcohol and drug abuse on campus.

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