

Best Property Management

FARRELL SMYTH

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For the second consecutive year, real estate company Farrell Smyth has been named No. 1 in property management by Cal Poly students because of its above and beyond approach. As comfortable and affordable housing becomes more difficult to secure in San Luis Obispo, Farrell Smyth does more than just manage property.

Larry Smyth, realtor and owner of Farrell Smyth, said the company does everything it can to make the process of finding housing for Cal Poly students as easy as possible. Understanding that most sophomores have never gone through the renting process before, Smyth attributes his success to making the process accessible and straightforward for potential tenants.

"They are professional with how they handle matters and are very familiar with renting to Cal Poly students," said business administration senior Katie McAndrews, who was a sophomore when she rented from Farrell Smyth.

As a first-time renter, McAndrews found that Farrell Smyth helped her through the process by being available to answer all her questions over the phone.

"The workers that answered the phone were knowledgeable, as well as patient and understanding," she said.

They were also available for in-person appointments, which helped her with the more pressing matters she faced as a renter.

Smyth intends on providing a "Housing 101" crash-course specifically created for Cal Poly students.

"By the time people graduate from Cal Poly, they have gotten an education from us, too, on what it takes to be a good tenant and what is expected from them," Smyth said.

Smyth expressed appreciation for winning this award again and looks forward to providing excellent property management and education to Cal Poly students in the future.