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Cal Poly Recognized as Leader in Sustainability by National Wildlife Federation

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly was recently recognized as the Leading School for Environmental or Sustainability Goal-Setting by the National Wildlife Federation in their "Campus Environment 2008, A National Report Card on Sustainability in Higher Education."

The NWF and Princeton Survey Research Associates International reviewed trends and new developments in environmental performance and sustainability at 1,068 colleges and universities. According to the NWF, the purpose of Campus Environment 2008 was to "explore the extent to which college and university leaders value environmental performance and sustainability and are putting these values into practice."

The publication recognizes colleges and universities for exemplary efforts and awards academic letter grades for collective performance by region on environmental literacy, energy, water, transportation, landscaping, waste reduction and more. The individual campuses were not graded.

Cal Poly was also recognized by NWF as a "Leading School for Employing Environmental and Sustainability Personnel."

"I am pleased that Cal Poly was named a leader in sustainability by the NWF," said Larry Kelley, vice president for administration and finance. "While we have much more work before us, we are honored to be recognized by an independent, national review as an example of best practices in these two categories."

For more information about Cal Poly's sustainable programs, visit http://www.facilities.calpoly.edu/sustainability/SusInd08.pdf.

For more information about the National Wildlife Federation and the "Campus Environment 2008" publication, visit http://www.nwf.org/campusEcology/campusreportcard.cfm.

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