Hispanic Outlook Names Cal Poly a 'Publisher's Pick'

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- The Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education has again included Cal Poly in its latest "Publisher's Picks" list, an annual list of American colleges and universities that the publication believes have solid records in recruiting, enabling and graduating Hispanic students.

The standings are based on formal and informal inquires as well as data from the National Center for Education Statistics. Cal Poly was one of 19 California State University campuses to receive the designation. The CSU is the most diverse higher education institution in the nation, with ethnic minorities making up more than half (53 percent) of its identified student body. Hispanics make up nearly a quarter of the total CSU student population. The CSU annually confers 58 percent of the state's bachelor's degrees earned by Hispanics.

"The California State University is proud to be highlighted in Hispanic Outlook," said CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed. "Our responsibility is to provide access to California's best and brightest students, and to provide them with the opportunity of a quality education and an excellent start in a fulfilling career. The California State University is the gateway to success for many of these first-generation college-goers."

The California State University is the largest system of senior higher education in the country, with 23 campuses, nearly 400,000 students and 44,000 faculty and staff. Since the system was created in 1961, it has awarded about 2 million degrees. The CSU is renowned for the quality of its teaching and for the job-ready graduates it produces. Its mission is to provide high-quality, affordable education to meet the ever-changing needs of the people of California.

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