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Cal Poly Announces Centennial Campaign Grand Total: $264.4 Million

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly President Warren J. Baker announced today that the university’s Centennial Campaign raised more than $264.4 million in private funds, an amount that is nearly $40 million over its goal.

The campaign, which ended on Dec. 31, 2004, had actually reached its original $225-million goal a year early.

This inaugural fund-raising effort for Cal Poly inspired more than 73,000 alumni and other individuals to donate $131 million. In fact, Cal Poly leads The California State University system in alumni and parent giving. Corporations contributed another $100.2 million and foundations added $29 million. Another $4.2 million-plus came from other sources.

“This is an exciting time in Cal Poly’s history,” said President Baker. “The momentum our Centennial Campaign has generated is extraordinary. Our new challenge is to maintain this momentum as we form new partnerships to ensure Cal Poly’s margin of excellence for the next 100 years.”

Highlights of the campaign’s success include:

• Cal Poly Endowments: more than tripled during the seven-year campaign, from $43.1 million to $140.1 million, the largest in the CSU.

• Students: $44.2 million for scholarships, internships and student activities.

• Faculty: $51.2 million to attract, recruit and retain outstanding faculty, including funding for 20 privately-supported chairs and professorships.

• Enhanced learning: $59.3 million for programs in every college and department.

• New facilities: $79.6 million to enhance teaching and learning in laboratories, theaters, sports complexes, studios, classrooms, and outdoor learning spaces.
• Enhanced technology: $30.1 million for research labs, equipment, computers, multimedia resources and a vital modern library.

By the Numbers: Click Here for more Centennial Campaign Facts

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