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Ramses Barden Giving Back to His Alma Mater



SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Ramses Barden will never forget the loyalty and support he received from Cal Poly. He wants to keep the Cal Poly tradition moving forward.

Because of his experience at Cal Poly, Barden announced Monday (Oct. 19) that he is going to donate a minimum of \$7,500 back to the Mustang football program this season. He will donate \$1,000 for every Cal Poly football victory and \$500 for every touchdown he scores this season for the New York Giants.

Barden also is asking everyone else to join him in supporting Mustang football by matching his contribution to the program. Visit www.gopoly.com for more information.

"Cal Poly is a special place that I am proud to be forever linked with,² Barden said. "I had a wonderful experience in San Luis Obispo and would not trade my time for any of the so-called bigger schools."

"Please join me in supporting our school, our football program and our community by giving what you can," Barden said, and added: "GO MUSTANGS!"

Barden became Cal Poly's fourth draft choice in the last five years when the Giants selected him in the third round of the 2009 NFL Draft. He was the 85th overall choice, becoming the second-highest draft selection in Cal Poly history.

In 2008, Barden (6-6, 227, Altadena, Calif./Flintridge Prep HS) was named to the American Football Coaches Association¹s Football Championship Subdivision All-America Team, the Walter Camp Football Foundation FCS

All-America Team and the Associated Press FCS All-America First Team, all for the second year in a row.

He finished fourth in balloting for the 22nd Walter Payton Award, presented annually by The Sports Network to

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the top offensive player in the NCAA's FCS.

Barden completed his Cal Poly career with 206 catches for 4,203 yards and 50 touchdowns, all school records. He also is in the NCAA record book for most consecutive games with a touchdown catch, both in the FCS and all-time (20) as well as most career games with a touchdown catch in the FCS and all-time (32). His 50 career scoring receptions is No. 13 all-time in the NCAA as well.

He caught at least one touchdown catch in each of Cal Poly's 11 games last season, tying an NCAA mark for consecutive touchdown catches in a single season set by Randy Moss.

Barden finished first in the conference in receiving yards per game (114.3) and scoring (9.8) and was second in receptions per contest (6.1). Among NCAA FCS players, he was No. 2 in receiving yards per game, No. 8 in scoring and No. 20 in receptions per contest.

Barden set a career high with 12 catches against Southern Utah last October while his career high for receiving yards in a game is 268 against Idaho State during the 2007 season.

Barden was named offensive player of the year in the Great West for the second straight year and was named to the All-Great West first team four times.

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