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Cal Poly Moves Up on Forbes Magazine’s List of Best Colleges

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly ranks No. 177 on Forbes magazine’s list of the 610 best colleges and universities in the U.S. for 2010, up 24 places from 2009.

The list, released this week, puts Cal Poly at No. 21 among 50 California colleges and universities featured. And just as last year, Cal Poly is the highest ranked California State University campus on the list.

It is the third year Forbes has produced the list. Cal Poly appeared at No. 369 on the inaugural 2008 list, and then at No. 201 in 2009.

“With our rigorous academics, bright students, dedicated faculty and alumni and focus on hands-on learning, it’s no surprise that Cal Poly continues to climb the ranks of Forbes’ list,” said interim Cal Poly President Robert Glidden. “Cal Poly is only improving on its longstanding reputation for producing committed, well-prepared professionals who make a real difference in the world.”

The rankings focus on things that directly concern undergraduate students, such as: interesting courses, speed of graduation, job prospects afterward, and how much debt students rack up during their studies. The magazine used students’ evaluations of courses and instructors, post-graduate success, estimated average student debt after graduation and graduation rates among its measurements.

Click here for more information and to see Forbes’ full list of America’s Best Colleges for 2010