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Cal Poly Named Best in the West by U.S. News & World Report for 19th Straight Year

SAN LUIS OBISPO – For the 19th straight year, Cal Poly has been rated the best public-master's university in the West in U.S. News & World Report's 2012 America's Best Colleges guidebook.

Cal Poly ranked seventh in the magazine's overall list of the West's best universities, including both public and private institutions that provide "a full range of undergraduate and master's-level programs but few, if any, doctoral programs." U.S. News ranks colleges that grant doctoral degrees, such as those in the University of California system, in a separate category.

"We are pleased that U.S. News has again recognized Cal Poly as Best in the West," said Cal Poly President Jeffrey D. Armstrong. "We believe the dedication and commitment of our faculty and staff to our students along with our renowned Learn by Doing philosophy make this annual achievement possible. We couldn't be more proud."

Cal Poly's College of Engineering program was again named second best public master's engineering program in the country, just behind the U.S. Military Academy.

A number of College of Engineering programs ranked high in the Best Undergraduate Engineering Programs in their individual specialty categories. The university's computer, electrical and mechanical engineering programs were each ranked as the top program at a public university in their respective specialty categories. Cal Poly's civil and environmental engineering program was ranked the second best program at a public university.

The U.S. News rankings are available at www.usnews.com. The 2012 America's Best Colleges Guidebook hits newsstands Tuesday, Sept. 13.

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