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Cal Poly is Best in the West for the 18th Year in U.S. News Rankings

SAN LUIS OBISPO - For the 18th year in a row, Cal Poly has been rated the best public-master's university in the West by U.S. News & World Report, in its 2011 America 's Best Colleges guidebook.

Cal Poly again ranked 6th 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 recognized the University once again for a level of excellence that Cal Poly faculty, staff and students have worked to achieve, and of which the entire university community is justifiably proud," said interim president Robert Glidden.

Cal Poly's College of Engineering program also moved up one spot to 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 aerospace engineering and its civil and environmental engineering programs were ranked the second best programs at a public university.

The U.S. News rankings are available at www.usnews.com . The 2011 America's Best Colleges Guidebook hits newsstands Tuesday, Aug. 24.

Cal Poly was featured on the Aug. 17 "Today Show" video segment on the rankings as one of the nation's "Up and Comer" universities to watch.
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