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U.S. News Ranks Cal Poly Best in the West for 20th Consecutive Year

College of Engineering Also Ranked High Nationally

SAN LUIS OBISPO – For the 20th straight year, Cal Poly has been rated the best public-master’s university in the West in U.S. News & World Report’s 2013 America’s Best Colleges guidebook.

Cal Poly ranked sixth 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.

“Being named Best in the West for 20 straight years is a terrific acknowledgment of Cal Poly’s sustained excellence over a long period of time,” said Cal Poly President Jeffrey D. Armstrong. “The credit belongs to our faculty and staff for their unwavering dedication and commitment to our students’ success, and it underscores the power of our Learn by Doing philosophy.”

Cal Poly’s College of Engineering program was named the third best public master’s engineering program in the country, behind the U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Air Force Academy and the U.S. Naval 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, as well as the university’s aerospace engineering program were ranked the second best programs at a public university.

The U.S. News rankings are available at <http://colleges.usnews.rankingsandreviews.com/best-colleges/rankings/regional-universities-west>. The 2013 America’s Best Colleges Guidebook hits newsstands Tuesday, Sept. 18.

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