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Cal Poly Ranked Best In the West by U.S. News for 21st Consecutive Year

College of Engineering Also Lauded in Annual Best Colleges Guidebook

SAN LUIS OBISPO — Cal Poly has been rated the best public-master's university in the West in the U.S. News and World Report's 2014 America's Best Colleges guidebook — the 21st consecutive year the university has earned the label.

Cal Poly ranked ninth 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.

"Cal Poly's excellence is deep and enduring, as shown by our continued success in this prestigious ranking," said Cal Poly President Jeffrey D. Armstrong. "This honor belongs to our dedicated faculty and staff members, who provide the backbone of the Learn by Doing experience. And it belongs to our loyal alumni, whose generous support enriches the educational experience that transforms our students into the innovative leaders and resourceful professionals who can help solve society's most difficult challenges."

Cal Poly's College of Engineering was named the fourth 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 Cal Poly Engineering programs ranked high in the Best Undergraduate Engineering Programs in their specialty categories. The university's Mechanical Engineering program ranked No. 2 in the nation. Civil and computer engineering ranked No. 3 on their respective lists. Electrical Engineering ranked No. 5.

The U.S. News rankings are available at www.usnews.com/colleges. The 2014 America's Best Colleges Guidebook hits newsstands Sept. 24.

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