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Cal Poly Again Among Top 50 on Kiplinger's 'Top 100 Best Value in Public College List'

SAN LUIS OBISPO — Cal Poly has again been named among the Kiplinger's Personal Finance list of "100 Best Values in Public Colleges" for 2014.

Cal Poly ranked No. 43 for in-state and No. 34 for out-of-state for its "high four-year graduation rate, low average student debt at graduation, abundant financial aid, a low sticker price, and overall great value."

The Washington, D.C.-based Kiplinger business publication develops its list based on measures of academic quality, including test scores and four-year graduation rates, as well as affordability. More than 600 colleges and universities are examined initially, to develop the Top 100 ranking.

"We are very pleased to be recognized on this list of best values in public higher education," said Cal Poly President Jeffrey D. Armstrong. "Rankings like this one show that Cal Poly is working hard to fulfill its mission of providing students with access to a top-notch education at a reasonable price and producing the creative, cross-disciplinary thinkers and success-bound young professionals our workforce so critically needs."

Cal Poly regularly appears in the top half of the publications list of the country's 100 best values. The university placed at No. 50 in 2011 and No. 40 in 2013.

Twelve California universities made the list, including eight University of California campuses (UCLA, Berkeley, San Diego, Santa Barbara, Irvine, Davis, Santa Cruz and Riverside), and three other California State University campuses (San Diego State, Cal State Long Beach, and California State Polytechnic University, Pomona).

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill tops the Kiplinger list, followed by the University of Virginia, the University of Florida, College of William and Mary and UCLA.

To view the entire Kiplinger Top 100 list, visit: <http://www.kiplinger.com/article/college/T014-C000-S002-best-values-in-public-colleges-2014.html>.

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