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Cal Poly Among the Best Colleges for Educational Value, Money Magazine Survey Says

University ranks in top five percent of 1,500 colleges and universities reviewed

SAN LUIS OBISPO — Cal Poly was recently ranked one of the “Best Colleges” for overall value among U.S. four-year colleges and universities, according to a survey by Money magazine.

The Learn By Doing university rated in the top 5 percent of 1,500 colleges and universities reviewed by Money as part of its “Best Colleges for Your Money” list. In addition, Cal Poly ranked 11th among California public and private institutions, behind Stanford, four other private colleges and five University of California campuses.

“We are gratified by the ranking,” said Cal Poly President Jeffrey D. Armstrong. “With an impressive employment rate of well over 90 percent, our graduates are highly sought after and are well-compensated, even in their first jobs, with average starting salaries of \$54,000.

“Cal Poly offers our students a unique education that combines learning with doing in order to prepare them for a meaningful life as well as for rewarding careers. The recent survey just confirms that.”

Money’s rankings were based on educational quality, affordability and alumni-earning capacity. Other factors included the relatively low \$124,874 net price of a Cal Poly degree compared to a graduate’s annual salary amount, the magazine reported.

According to PayScale.com, an online salary, benefits and compensation site, Cal Poly grads can expect to see their starting salaries nearly double from \$54,000 a year to \$99,100 by the middle of their careers.

To see the complete list of colleges and universities, visit time.com/money/collection/moneys-best-colleges/.

Cal Poly, with more than 19,000 students, is a nationally ranked public university in San Luis Obispo, located midway between San Francisco and Los Angeles. Its distinctive learning community offers academically focused students a hands-on educational experience that prepares them for today’s scientific and technical world.

The university offers 65 bachelor’s and 31 master’s degree programs in its six colleges. For more details about Cal Poly, visit www.calpoly.edu.

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