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Cal Poly Architecture and Landscape Architecture Programs Earn No. 2 and No. 4 in National Rankings

SAN LUIS OBISPO —Cal Poly's bachelor of architecture program was recognized as the No. 2 program in the nation in the latest DesignIntelligence ranking of the country's top architecture and design schools. Additionally, Cal Poly's bachelor of landscape architecture program maintained the No. 4 national ranking. Both programs received the highest ranking of schools in the 13 western states.

The rankings also include the top 10 schools in eight architecture skills. Cal Poly placed in the top 10 in seven of eight categories. Cal Poly was deemed strongest nationally for education in construction methods and materials, third in sustainable design practices and principles, and fourth in cross-disciplinary teamwork.

"We consistently rank among the best due to our faculty, students and strong industry partnerships," said Christine Theodoropoulos, dean of the College of Architecture & Environmental Design. "This recognition reflects the collaborative efforts of everyone associated with our programs."

In a separate survey that asked architecture school deans to name the most admired undergraduate architecture programs, Cal Poly placed second for its "solid technical education, excellent reputation, and continued quality of graduates."

The landscape architecture program was noted for preparing graduates for success in the profession. In skills assessment, the program placed nationally in the areas of computer skills and sustainable design practices and principles.

"Sustainability was identified in the survey as the number one design concern facing the profession," said David J. Watts, chair of the landscape architecture department. "Ranking well in that area is a testament that the department continues to demonstrate an awareness of current issues and a commitment to preparing graduates for their contributions to future solutions."

The ranking results are published in the 2015 edition of "America's Best Architecture & Design Schools" and are based on a survey conducted by DesignIntelligence on behalf of the Design Futures Council. Data was gathered from 1,059 professional practices that hire recent graduates. For more information, go to di.net.

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