Cal Poly Student Life & Leadership Director Named Open House Grand Marshal

Ken Barclay will be honored April 16 in the Poly Royal Parade

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Ken Barclay, longtime director of Cal Poly Student Life & Leadership who plans to retire this year, will serve as grand marshal of the 2011 edition of Open House.

Barclay will be honored Saturday, April 16, during the Poly Royal Parade.

As director, Barclay oversees a variety of student programs that provide students with opportunities to develop leadership skills, set goals, make decisions, share in group dynamics, experience diversity and work independently to reach goals. His approach allows students to be intricately involved with the creation, implementation, and assessment of each program.

Barclay has worked on many significant projects in his 32 years at Cal Poly, including passage of the student vote to build a recreation center and the establishment of the Multicultural Center.

“As someone who has been very involved in the past with Poly Royal and Open House, this is especially very meaningful to me,” Barclay said. “I thank all who were involved in selecting me for this honor.”

Cal Poly’s 18th annual Open House will take place April 14-16. The event allows admitted and current students, their supporters, alumni, and the San Luis Obispo community to spend the weekend exploring all that Cal Poly offers.

Cal Poly opens its campus to the public April 16 for the Poly Royal Parade, starting at 9 a.m. The parade kicks off at Grand Avenue and Perimeter Road and travels north toward Via Carta, ending at Dexter Lawn. Seating is available along the route.
Activities following the parade include a Kids’ Fair, live music, the Cal Poly Tractor Pull, the Cal Poly Rodeo and more.

For more information about Cal Poly’s Open House weekend, visit http://orientation.calpoly.edu/openhouse or contact Jason Mockford at jmockfor@calpoly.edu.

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