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Cal Poly Pomona Ranked Among Top Universities in the West Engineering Places 12th in the Nation among Non-Doctorate Granting Institutions

POMONA, Calif. — August 25, 2008 — Cal Poly Pomona is among the best public universities in the Western United States according to the newly released 2009 edition of "America's Best Colleges" by *U.S. News & World Report*.

Among public universities, Cal Poly Pomona is ranked 7th among non-doctorate granting institutions in the category "Best Universities – Master's" for the Western United States. When compared with both public and private universities in the same category, Cal Poly Pomona ranked 32nd in the top tier of Western universities with undergraduate and master's programs.

The university's College of Engineering was again singled out as exemplary. The college moved up four spots in the rankings to 12th in the nation on the list of "Best Undergraduate Engineering Programs - Master's."

Cal Poly Pomona's diverse mix of students was also acknowledged by *U.S. News'* rankings for master's level universities in the West. Cal Poly Pomona has a diversity index of 0.70, making it the fourth most ethnically diverse university in the West. With international students making up 6 percent of the student body, the university was tied for 9th among Western campuses with the most international students. Cal Poly Pomona's students are also economically diverse, ranking 41st among Western campuses.

Cal Poly Pomona provides a quality education for a fraction of the cost of other universities. A California resident can attend Cal Poly Pomona for a full academic year for less than \$4,000. *U.S. News* found that the university's graduates were among the *least* indebted, ranking 5th in the West.

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Cal Poly Pomona was ranked against universities in the Western United States, which spans 15 states, including Alaska, Hawaii, and reaching as far east as Texas and Oklahoma.

The "America's Best Colleges" rankings are available online at www.usnews.com/colleges.

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ABOUT CAL POLY POMONA — Striking a balance between urban excitement and rural charm, Cal Poly Pomona is nestled in 1,438 rolling acres in the heart of sunny Southern California. With 3,000 faculty and staff to serve 21,500 students, Cal Poly Pomona's mission is to advance knowledge by linking theory and practice while preparing students for leadership and careers in a multicultural world. The university seeks to place learning at the center of every program, course, and activity on campus. Students can apply their knowledge through hands-on projects, collaborate with faculty members on research, and participate in valuable internships and service learning programs. Eight colleges (agriculture; business administration; education; engineering; environmental design; hospitality management letters, arts and social sciences; and science) offer 56 undergraduate and 23 graduate degrees, as well as 8 credential programs.