Grants of the Month
Dr. Sahar Ghanipoor-Machiani received $233,751 from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University for the “National Safety University Transportation Center”!

Spring Break in Hawaii
Dr. Alicia Kinoshita was invited to give a presentation to the 2nd-4th graders at the Abraham Lincoln Elementary School in Honolulu, Hawaii. The talk focused on water resources and the application of the scientific method to study stream restoration in San Diego. The students loved seeing the SDSU undergraduate and graduate students in the field collecting data for their experiments. They were a great audience and Dr. Kinoshita could feel the Aloha!

CMAA Tech Talk
Our very own Professors David Umstot and Daniel Shirkey participated in a panel on the use of technology in Construction during the CMAA Tech Talk event at UCSD on April 25, 2017.

PSWC 2017 Conference
The Pacific Southwest Conference was held on April 6-8 and was hosted by ASCE at the University of California, Irvine. This friendly competition was attended by ASCE student chapters from all over the Pacific Southwest. Our SDSU chapter had a record high attendance and won several medals in many of the events including 3rd place for Design-Build Construction &:

- Second Place: Surveying (pictured above),
- Second Place: Volleyball,
- Second Place: Concrete Canoe (Women’s Sprints & Women’s Slalom/Endurance Race).

Graduate Student Presentations
Dr. Natalie Mladenov (ENVE) and graduate students Kristen Snyder and Joseph Wasswa presented their research on water reuse, arsenic in groundwater, and oil spills at the 253rd American Chemical Society (ACS) National Meeting & Exposition in San Francisco from 2-5 April 2017. Graduate students Daniel Parsons and Joseph Wasswa also gave oral presentations at the American WaterWorks Association California-Nevada Section Conference in Anaheim from 10-13 April 2017. It was a big month for graduate student Joseph Wasswa, as he also received two awards, one for his essay submitted to the SDSU 2017 International Student Essay Contest and one (a $500 travel award from Turner Designs, Inc.) for his presentation given at the ACS National Meeting & Exposition.

Presentation at Sacramento State
Dr. Alicia Kinoshita was invited to speak at Sacramento State by the CSUS Depts. of Geology, Biological Sciences, and Environmental Studies, and the U.S. Geological Survey for their Geology/Ecology/Environmental Science Colloquium on April 25. Her presentation was entitled “Investigating altered hydrologic processes after wildfire in southern California.”

Quotes of the Month: “A smooth sea never made a skilled sailor.” – English proverb