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## CCEE Advisory Spotlight

This month is it our honor to present our selected spotlight CCEE Advisory Board member: **Steve Doyle**. He has been a Board Member of the Department of Civil, Construction, & Environmental Engineering for over 21 years, a Board Member of the Construction Engineering Management Board since its inception 10 years ago, and a Board Member of the College of Engineering Dean's Advisory Board since 2006. Mr. Doyle was presented with the Monte Award for Distinguished Alumni for the College of Engineering in 2008 and has been a guest speaker at numerous engineering clubs and associations. He is a member of the EIS Campaign Committee (2015/16) and became the Chair of the College of Engineering Dean's Advisory Board in 2015. Steve Doyle is still serving as the Chair to this day. Mr. Doyle is a prolific philanthropist for our school, and his efforts to help build and support our department, through his service and generosity, is greatly appreciated. Beginning in 2007, Mr. Doyle began giving annual donations to the Chair of the SDSU CCEE Department. In addition, he has given donations to the CEM Chair endowment and to the California Homebuilding Foundation to benefit the SDSU CCEE Department. Recently, he donated to the EIS Building Campaign in 2015. The total donations provided by Mr. Doyle to or for the direct benefit of the College of Engineering at SDSU is approximately \$750,000!(continued)

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His continual efforts to help develop our programs here at SDSU is a great example of how our Advisory Board members support the engineering community as a whole. Steve Doyle's philosophy is "giving back is not just writing a check once in a while. Giving back is investing my time, talent, and treasure for the opportunity of future generations of Aztec Engineers to be successful in their careers, hence leading to their desire to give back. Paying it forward works!" Thank you so much, **Steve Doyle!**



## Grants of the Month

**Professor Thomas Zink** received another grant from the DOD Army Corps of Engineers for his project "Reagentless Environmental Water Hazard Sensor Research" in the amount of **\$59,968**.

**Dr. Alicia Kinoshita** acquired a grant in the amount of \$5,000 from the Big Bear Valley Trails Foundation for her project "Developing a Model to Predict the Hydrologic Impacts of Recreational Trails in the San Bernardino National Forest"

Congratulations Professor Zink and Dr. Kinoshita!

## NASA Fellowship

**Dr. Alicia Kinoshita's** Graduate student **Patrick Poon** had his application accepted by the Earth Science portion of the NASA Earth and Space Fellowship (NESSF) Program for funding! This prestigious fellowship is for 2017-2019 and only 73 awards were offered out of 425 applications submitted. He was granted Award no. 16-EARTH16F-0233 with the title of "Estimating Satellite-Based Evapotranspiration After Wildfire". The purpose of the NESSF is to ensure continued training of a highly qualified workforce in disciplines required to achieve NASA's scientific goals. Criteria for evaluation included: (a) the scientific merit of the proposed research; (b) the relevance of the proposed research to NASA's objectives in Earth or space science; and (c) academic excellence based upon an applicant's transcripts, the letter of recommendation by the student's academic adviser, and the degree to which it supported the proposed research. Please help us congratulate **Patrick Poon** on his success!



**Quotes of the Month:** "Engineering is the art of directing the great sources of power in nature for the use and convenience of man" – Thomas Tredgold