National Science Academy
Our very own, Dr. Ken Walsh, Dean of SDSU-Georgia, and Bill Tong, Chair of SDSU’s Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, were elected to the National Academy of Sciences of Georgia. Congratulations.

Professional Development Day
Hosted by the Student Organizations ASCE & AGC/CMAA, this was an opportunity to meet with a large variety of companies that employ engineers. It was held on November 9, 2017 in the Montezuma Hall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Students were encouraged to bring plenty of resumes and to dress to impress for possible internships or even future employment upon graduation.

50th Anniversary Celebration
Dr. Victor M. Ponce attended the 50th Anniversary celebration of his graduation at the Faculty of Civil Engineering, National University of Engineering in Lima, Peru on November 10-11, 2017.

Seminars for Graduate Students
The Safety Through Disruption University Transportation Center, or Safe-D, is presenting the first in a series of seminars for graduate students. The seminar series is administered by Texas A&M Transportation Institute but you can join the seminars online or in person with the Safe-D group. The first seminar was offered on November 13, 2017 from 3:30-5:00 p.m. Each event will feature a skill-building presentation.

Graduate Student Precast Plant Tour
Graduate students in ConE 651 visited the Oldcastle Precast Plant in Lakeside on November 17, 2017. They had a chance to see how their processes work and also meet Todd Ebbert (Regional General Manager for SoCal) who welcomed the students during the tour.

Mortar Board Honors Faculty & Staff
The Jane K. Smith Cap and Gown Chapter of Mortar Board, the national honor society for college seniors, hosted its 28th annual faculty and staff appreciation dinner Nov. 2 to recognize those who have made significant contributions to the academic achievement of the San Diego State University Mortar Board members. This year, Professor Nensi Lakrori, was one of the faculty honored. You can find the story here: http://newscenter.sdsu.edu/sdsu_newsoncenter/news_story.aspx?sid=77022

Fall 2017 Design Day
Design Day will be Friday, December 08, 2017 from 3-5 p.m. It will be located at the Caltrans HQ (4050 Taylor St. San Diego, CA 92110) in the Garcia Room. There is no pre-registration required and parking is free. Please be sure to join us to see the hard work of our SDSU Senior Engineering students!

40th Publication Anniversary
This month is the 40th anniversary of the publication of Prof. V. M. Ponce’s seminal paper "Shallow wave propagation in open-channel flow." (ASCE Hydraulic Engineering, Vol. 103, December 1977). This work clarified the difference between kinematic, diffusion, dynamic, and inertial waves. For this work, Prof. Ponce and his coauthor, Dr. Daryl B. Simons, were awarded the ASCE 1978 Karl E. Hilgard Hydraulics Prize.

Summer International Research
SDSU Environmental Engineering students, Kevin Clack, Lauren Steinberg, and Zoë Orandle, supervised by Dr. Natalie Miladenov, presented their summer international research on agricultural water reuse in South Africa at the 2017 Southern California Conference on Undergraduate Research (SCCUR). They are joined by Cal Poly Pomona colleague Dr. Monica Palomo and students Alexia Mackey and Rianne Okamoto.

Quotes of the Month: “Scientists study the world as it is; engineers create the world that has never been.” – Theodore Von Karman