CMAA Awards 2018
Dr. Thais Alves (pictured center) with Professor Nensi Lakrori & Administrative Staff Michele Ritchie (left) were accompanied by ConE students (scholarship recipients) to receive the Friend of the Industry award for the J.R. Filanc Construction Engineering and Management program! The CMAA (Construction Management Association of America) held their annual awards gala on April 18, 2018 and we appreciate their recognition of our commitment to professionalism and excellence for the practice of construction management.

Best Paper Award
Dr. Sahar Ghanipoor-Machiani attended the 47th Annual Meeting of Western Decision Sciences Institute (WDSI). She presented her work with an undergraduate student related to driver behavior modeling and decision making and they won Best Paper!

PSWC 2018
Our students competed at their annual ASCE conference in Tempe, AZ April 12-14, 2018. Our Department Chair, Dr. Janusz Supernak, was in attendance for his 27th consecutive time as the Faculty Adviser. We sent a record number of students to the event: 125! The students competed with a total of 18 schools including: UCSD, UCLA, USC, UCI, Cal Poly SLO, Cal Poly Pomona, UNLV, ASU, U of Arizona, U of Hawaii, and several CSU schools. Although the complete results are still being tallied our school was awarded the following: First Place: Timber Structure Design; Second Place: Transportation Design; Third Place: Surveying; First Place: Jeopardy (technical & general knowledge); First Place: Volleyball; Third Place: Ultimate Frisbee; and Third Place: Kan Jam. You can find the results here: http://pswc2018.weebly.com/

WPRI 10th Annual Conference
Dr. Alicia Kinoshita was selected to attend the California State University Water Resources & Policy Initiatives (WRPI) 10th Annual Conference in Palm Desert April 5-6, 2018. Each spring, WRPI holds its annual conference at a CSU campus, bringing together faculty, students, and industry partners to explore various topics related to water. This year, the conference theme was “Changing the Path of Waterways: The Unforeseen Consequences” and included presentations on changing waterways throughout California and near Palm Desert and a field trip to the Salton Sea.

Annual Ping Pong Tournament
The Annual Ping Pong tournament, a special event developed by students and Dean Monte Mehrabadi, was held on April 12, 2018. To honor Monte, the students plan to continue this event annually. Our Department Chair, Dr. Janusz Supernak, (pictured on the left) won the tournament.

WIRL Student Surprise
The students of the WIRL Lab surprised Dr. Natalie Mladenov this month by decorating her door for her birthday! Happy Birthday to Natalie and thanks to the thoughtful students who decorated her door.

Quotes of the Month: “Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.” – Helen Keller