### Visiting Research Scholar

Jana Da Silva has joined Prof. Victor M. Ponce’s Visualab as Visiting Research Scholar. Jana is a 2015 graduate of the Federal University of Itajubá, Minas Gerais, Brazil.

### SDSU NewsCenter Feature

The article in the SDSU NewsCenter is called “Stewards of the San Diego River.” Dr.’s Natalie Mladenov, Matthew Verbyla and Alicia Kinoshita, as well as biologist Thomas Zink and environmental health researcher Richard Gersberg, are involved in several projects studying the San Diego river. The projects are funded by the San Diego River Conservancy and the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board. You can find the article here: [http://newscenter.sdsu.edu/sdsu_newscenter/news_story.aspx?sid=77157](http://newscenter.sdsu.edu/sdsu_newscenter/news_story.aspx?sid=77157)

### Celebration of Life

Our Dean, Morteza “Monte” Mehrabadi, passed away on March 13, 2018 after a brief illness. On Friday, March 23, 2018 we joined together in solidarity to mourn the passing of our mentor, colleague, and friend. His Celebration of Life ceremony was held in the Parma Payne Goodall Alumni Center, with several presenters who spoke about his lasting impact both professionally and personally, including his daughter, Roxana. We will miss his leadership, kind nature, and dedication. Our Department sent flowers and condolences to Mrs. Ashi Mehrabadi; and our Department Chair, Dr. Janusz Supernak, contributed to a touching tribute in the SDSU newsletter: “Always very friendly with people around him, Dean Mehrabadi created an atmosphere of comfort & warmth. He was modest & soft-spoken, yet powerful in his quest for progress and excellence. He was a true gentleman: elegant, smart and caring. He will be missed, and remembered very fondly.” You can find the full article here: [http://newscenter.sdsu.edu/sdsu_newscenter/news_story.aspx?sid=77145](http://newscenter.sdsu.edu/sdsu_newscenter/news_story.aspx?sid=77145)

### Student Research Symposium 2018

Dr. Alicia Kinoshita’s student Jack Mikese (pictured above) won the Provost’s Award for Engineering at the SRS which was held this month in the Aztec Student Union on March 2 & 3, 2018. Dr. Mladenov’s Water Innovation and Reuse Lab (WIRLab) students, Laura Panduro, Lorelay Mendoza, and Anita Sanchez presented oral and poster presentations at this year’s Student Research Symposium. Lorelay Mendoza was awarded the Dean’s Award for her presentation on fluorescence-based sensors for tracking sewage inputs to rivers. Congratulations to our winning students and to the students who also participated!

### New EIS Hydraulic Lab

Dr. Victor M. Ponce demonstrating to students in his new Hydraulic lab in the EIS Building.

### Undergraduate Research Presentation

Undergraduate Environmental Engineering students, Lauren Steinberg and Lorelay Mendoza (pictured below) and Anita Sanchez, working in Dr. Natalie Mladenov’s Water Innovation and Reuse Lab (WIRLab) presented research on decentralized wastewater treatment systems, river sensors for sewage spills, and ultrafiltration membrane fouling at the 255th American Chemical Society National Meeting & Exposition in New Orleans this month. Dr. Mladenov also gave an oral presentation on undergraduate international research at the food-energy-water nexus.

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**Quotes of the Month:** “The comfort of having a friend may be taken away, but not that of having had one.” - Seneca