Visit from Industry Guest

Anthony Farmand, PE; a licensed Professional Civil Engineer; was our guest at the CCEE department on November 15. He started his visit with a lunch meeting with Drs. Hassan Tavakol and Christy Dykstra; discussing the differences in the licensing procedure in different states. Next, he lectured as a guest speaker at our CIVE 444 (Applied Hydraulics) class on the importance of professional licensing, teamwork, and communication for all kinds of Civil Engineering projects. He explained the inter-connection of all Civil Engineering sub-fields by showing different example projects that performed as designed, and projects that failed, followed by a discussion on possible reasons for failure and solutions to repair. Lastly, he met with Interim Chair Dr. Janusz Supernak to discuss potential ways for collaboration through holding PE review sessions for CCEE students at SDSU.

Global Water Sustainability Seminar

Lorelay Mendoza and WIRLab received Student Success Fee funds to host a Global Water Sustainability Symposium in April 2019. Congrats!

Women in Construction Leadership

Dr. Thais Alves nominated one of our engineering students for an upcoming seminar which is promoted by Kiewitt, a very large construction company. Kiewitt issues a nationwide call for nominations for this opportunity, and Michelle Filanc was selected to participate. Michelle is a senior in the Construction Engineering major at SDSU and is the immediate past president of our very successful and engaged AGC & CMAA Student Chapter, and has a passion for all things involving Construction. Congratulations Michelle! You can find more information on the seminar here: https://www.kiewit.com/events/womens-construction-leadership-seminar/

Poster Presentations at SCUR

Undergraduate students in Dr. Natalie Mladenov’s WIRLab, Denise Garcia and Stephanie Chao presented posters on urban creek water quality and decentralized water reuse at SCUR, the Southern California Conferences on Undergraduate Research in Pasadena, CA. Fed Pinongcos and Kristen Snyder from the WIRLab, as well as Fei Zhao and Anais Gaunin from Dr. Matt Verbyla’s Safe WaTER lab, were also in attendance.

EIS Table Tennis Dedication

The concrete canoe ping pong tables at the new EIS complex received Dr. Janusz Supernak’s name following his donations to SDSU. He was the winner of the Dean’s Table Tennis Tournament in Spring 2018. The dedication ceremony took place on November 27, 2018.

Thesis Defense Congratulations!

Congratulations to Kristen Snyder (advisor Dr. Natalie Mladenov) who successfully defended her thesis on the persistence of dissolved compounds from oil spills and oil seeps!!

Accepted for Publication

A manuscript by Dr. Natalie Mladenov, her graduate student, Joseph Wasswa, and their colleague William Pearce from the City of San Diego Pure Water Program on “Assessing the potential of fluorescence spectroscopy to monitor contaminants in source waters and water reuse systems” was accepted in Environmental Science: Water Research and Technology.

Quotes of the Month: “Education is the key to unlock the golden door of freedom.” – George Washington Carver