

# CCEE MONTHLY

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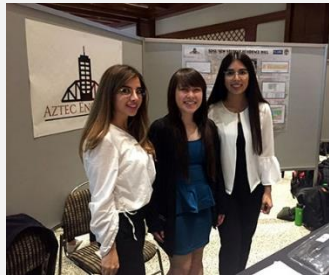


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## Senior Design Day



The annual SDSU College of Engineering's Spring 2018 Design Day was held on May 2, 2018. This event showcases the exciting and innovative design projects that the undergraduate students have been working on during the 2017-2018 academic year. You can find additional pictures, videos, and previous year coverage on the facebook page for the class here: <https://www.facebook.com/sdsucive495/>

## Thesis Defenses

We had several Master degree students present their thesis defense this semester and we would like to congratulate them all on their hard work! To point out a few, here are some of the students from our department that presented: **Patrick Poon, Samira Nourbakhshbeidokhti, Samia Silveria, Mohammad Al Heet, Charles Belt, Kawalpreet Kaur, and Andra Moradpour!**

## Lunch with WIRL



**Dr. Natalie Mladenov** and her students from her WIRL lab went to lunch at our local on-campus restaurant Eureka for an end of semester lunch. Thanks for all your dedication to the program!

## Dean Monte Mehrabadi Memorial Fund



The unexpected passing of San Diego State University College of Engineering Dean Morteza "Monte" Mehrabadi is cause for reflecting on a life well lived. Memorial gifts should be directed to San Diego State University, College of Engineering in memory of Dean Monte Mehrabadi to support scholarships for first-year engineering students. <http://campaign.sdsu.edu/DeanMehrabadiMemorial>

## Visiting Research Scholar

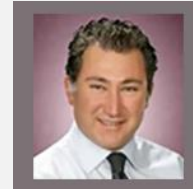
**Paul Benalcazar**, a Ph.D. student from Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada, is spending this summer 2018 in **Prof. Ponce's** Visualab as a visiting research scholar.

## Retiring from our Department

We have three Professors retiring from our department this semester and we would like to thank them for their efforts. Please help us in wishing them the best:



**Dr. Kenneth Walsh**



**Dr. Faith Buyuksonmez**



and **Dr. Victor M. Ponce.**

Dr. Ponce will be going on FERP the next semester and he has put together a farewell video of his final lecture which you can find here:

[http://ponce.sdsu.edu/youvideo/video\\_finallecture.html](http://ponce.sdsu.edu/youvideo/video_finallecture.html)

## National Water Research Institute News

Our very own **Dr. Matthew Verbyla** is on the NWRI Panel to Review the Las Virgenes-Triunfo Pure Water Project. The panel was established this year to provide a third-party peer review of the technical, scientific, regulatory, and policy aspects of the proposed project. The proposal is for an indirect potable reuse project involving surface water augmentation (SWA) of the Las Virgenes Reservoir in Westlake Village, CA.

**Quotes of the Month:** "The most splendid achievement of all is the constant striving to surpass yourself and to be worthy of your own approval." – Denis Waitley