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Dr. Ponce's Visualab turns 20!



Several of our faculty members and students joined **Dr. Victor M. Ponce** for dinner to celebrate the Visualab. The website turned 20 as of last month! You can visit the site here: <http://visualab.sdsu.edu/>

CCEE Student of the Month



ENVE student, **Rachel Astete Vasquez**, was selected for the prestigious University Graduate Fellowship to pursue her PhD in the SDSU and UCSD Joint Doctoral Program. Rachel recently graduated with honors from our BS program in ENVE and is now conducting research on onsite wastewater treatment systems in Dr. Mladenov's Water Innovation and Reuse Laboratory (WIRLab). In addition, Rachel was this year's recipient of the Woodard Curran Fellowship, which was presented to her at the American Water Works Association Annual Conference and Exposition in Denver, Colorado (photo). Rachel also was awarded the Society of American Military Engineers Jackie Price- Dunn Scholarship for a female engineer who exhibits leadership skills. Congratulations Rachel!

International Education in Peru



Dr. Victor M. Ponce, emeritus professor of civil engineering, led a Colloquium on Water Engineering at the Catholic University of Peru, on June 26, 2019.

Appointment of Permanent Chair



Dr. Janusz Supernak, has been appointed as our permanent Department Chair effective July 1, 2019. He was appointed by an overwhelming majority vote. After joining SDSU in 1984, Dr. Supernak was promoted in 1988 to Full Professor, elected Department Chair in 1992, continued at this post for 18 consecutive years, and since 2014 he has been CCEE Interim Department Chair. Please join us in congratulating Dr. Supernak!

FMA Conference 2019 Student Scholarship

Congratulations to **Brent Wilder** for winning the Floodplain Management Association (FMA) Conference 2019 Student Scholarship! The FMA Emerging Professionals Committee found Brent's interest and commitment in advancing post-wildfire flood risk predictions to be in alignment with their vision and mission of FMA. He will attend and present his project poster at the conference in September.

DHL Trip to Golden Trout Wilderness



The Disturbance Hydrology Lab (DHL) and **Dr. Alicia Kinoshita** volunteered with the San Diego Fly Fishers (SDFF) to maintain a cattle exclusion fence to protect a portion of the headwaters to the Kern River. **Samuel Zorn**, an SDSU undergraduate in the Environmental Engineering program led the DHL team in field reconnaissance for his project. The meadow was beautiful and the team finished the afternoon fly fishing for beautiful and feisty golden trout.



Conference in Tempe, AZ



Students and faculty in Safe WaTER lab and WIRLab (photo top row: **Lauren Steinberg, Federick Pinongcos, Anais Gaunin, Isaac Musaaazi, Dr. Matthew Verbyla**; front row: **Mireille Garcia, Fei Zhao, Lorelay Mendoza, Jose Calderon, Arnold Wong, Dr. Natalie Mladenov**) gave oral and poster presentations at the 2019 Association of Environmental Engineering and Science Professors Conference in Tempe, AZ. **Dr. Matthew Verbyla** and AEEP president **Maya Trotz** co-organized a workshop entitled "Environmental Engineering for the 21st Century: Increasing Diversity and Community Participation to Achieve Environmental and Social Justice."

Environmental Scholarship



MS student in ENVE, **Federick Pinongcos**, who is conducting research on anthropogenic sources of contamination to the San Diego River during storm events was awarded the 2019 ASCE Pipeline Environmental Scholarship (photo), which provides support to first year graduate students who are ASCE student members.

Grants of the Month

Dr. Robert Dowell was granted \$72,654 for the Swage Bulkhead Details Study for General Dynamics NASSCO.

Quotes of the Month: "Remember that the happiest people are not those getting more, but those giving more."
—H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

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