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| Engineering News, November/December/January, 2010-11 **In this edition**  **♦  Dr. Fletcher Miller Represents SDSU at SolarPACES 2010                                  Conference*♦* Donovan Geiger Awarded Presidential Staff Excellence Award*♦  Cubic Corporation Makes $100,000 Gift to the College*♦  Dr. Luciano Demasi Earns Best Paper Award                         ♦  Dr. Joe Katz Publishes Text on Introductory Fluid Mechanics *♦  Stig Johansson Received AIAA Award                          ♦* Associate Dean German Travels the Globe *♦  Tracking the Dean - Highlights of the Dean's Calendar*                     ♦  Research Corner - Projects Submitted & Awards Granted**  **Reminders**  **Wed. Feb. 9 at 10 am** is the next ALL-Staff Meeting in the Dean’s Conference Room.                                             **Thurs. Feb. 10 at 11 am** is the next ALL-faculty Meeting, location is still TBD. |
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Although there were many U.S. companies present, SDSU and Cornell University were the only two U.S. schools to attend the conference.    [Read More](http://newscenter.sdsu.edu/engineering/images/solarpaces_2010_conference-miller.pdf) Donovan Geiger Recieves Presidential Staff Excellence Award  Donovan Geiger, Coordinator in the Engineering Student Affairs Office, was awarded the prestigious Presidential Staff Excellence Award, in the category of Service to the Community, by President Weber at the Staff Awards ceremony in October. This is the second year for the Presidential Staff Excellence Awards, which are designed to recognize exceptional contributions by university staff.  Donovan’s deep commitment to community service and volunteerism were recognized by this award. He is presently the elected Vice President of the Tierrasanta Community Council, representing over 35,000 residents to local, state, and federal officials. He is also the Vice Chair of the non-profit Tierrasanta Planning Group which evaluates commercial development, infrastructure improvements, and code-compliance issues in the community.    [Read More](http://newscenter.sdsu.edu/engineering/images/geiger_-_presidential_staff_excellence_award.pdf) Cubic Corporation Makes $100,000 Gift to the College The College of Engineering is pleased to announce a gift of $100,000 from the Cubic Corporation to the Communication Systems and Signal Processing Institute, directed by Dr. Madhu Gupta, Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering and RF Communications Systems Industry Chair. Cubic has been a primary and critical supporter of the Institute since 1996. “We are pleased by Cubic's continued support of the Communications Systems and Signal Processing Institute's activities. This gift will continue to fund graduate student and faculty research in areas important to the local technical community as well as the overall national economy and security,” said Dr. Gupta.     [Read More](http://newscenter.sdsu.edu/engineering/images/cubic_corporation_gift.pdf) Dr. Luciano Demasi Earns Best Paper Award Congratulations to Aerospace Engineering’s’ Dr. Luciano Demasi who recently was awarded **Best Paper Published in 2008** by the International Editorial Board of the Journal of Composite Structures. The award is given annually to the paper judged by the journal’s editorial board to have made the most significant contribution to composite structures in a particular year.  Dr. Demasi’s paper, “∞3 Hierarchy plate theories for thick and thin composite plates: The generalized unified formulation” was published in July 2008 in the Journal of Composite Structures and focuses on a general model that unifies the available theories for composite structures.    [Read More](http://newscenter.sdsu.edu/engineering/images/demasibestpaperaward.pdf) Dr. Joe Katz Publishes Text on Introductory Fluid Mechanics Dr. Joe Katz Professor of Aerospace Engineering has authored a textbook entitled Introductory Fluid Mechanics, that was published in August 2010 by the Cambridge University Press.  The textbook familiarizes students with the basic elements of fluid mechanics so they will know the terminology of the discipline and the expected results.  The text also serves as a long-term reference for students who go on to study the subject in greater depth.  The textbook is different than others on fluid mechanics because it is shorter and has been simplified so it’s more logical and easier for students to understand.  Dr. Katz originally started teaching Introductory Fluid Mechanics about five years ago because he knew it was course students often struggled with.  “I tried to make it easier to learn and also to teach,” said Dr. Katz.       [Read More](http://newscenter.sdsu.edu/engineering/images/katz_-_textbook_published.pdf) Stig Johansson Received AIAA Award Stig Johnasson, retired Aerospace Engineering technician, has received the **Outstanding Contribution to Aerospace Education Award** from the San Diego section of AIAA.  The award is given annually to any individual or company that makes a significant contribution to the advancement of aerospace education. SDSU faculty members have received this award in the past, but Mr. Johansson is the first technician to receive it.  Johansson attended the AIAA awards banquet in May.  There he met with some past students who are now on of the AIAA nomination committee. During his time at SDSU, Johansson worked with students on their senior projects as they researched and built aerodynamic models and tested them in the lab’s wind tunnels.        [Read More](http://newscenter.sdsu.edu/engineering/images/johansson_aiaa_award.pdf) Associate Dean German Travels the Globe Dr. Rand German, Associate Dean, says he’s “travelled out.“  That’s because in 2010 he travelled extensively, in some months averaging a trip a week!   He receives invitations from all corners of the world to speak and to consult – often many more than he could possibly accommodate.   In the Spring 2010 semester he represented SDSU in Egypt on an NSF grant to collaborate on a project in Cairo, was awarded Honorary Membership in the Korean Powder Metallurgy Institute in Korea, and had a Chinese company pay for him to travel to and give a seminar in China.   During the Fall semester he travelled to Florence, Italy to give a talk at an International Congress, to South Africa to lecture on sintering and witness sintering of diamond, and to the Galapagos Islands in Ecuador for a personal vacation.       [Read More](http://newscenter.sdsu.edu/engineering/images/germantravels.pdf) Tracking the Dean - Highlights of the Dean's Calendar  |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Date** | **Event** | | 1/24 | Dean Hayhurst will meet with Irwin Zhan and Dean’s Advisory Board Members | | 1/24 | Dean Hayhurst will have lunch with CSU Trustee Carol Chandler | | 1/25 | Dean Hayhurst will attend a meeting on developing SDSU’s Congressional Strategy | | 1/26 | Dean Hayhurst will meet with Barbara Abelin, Vice President of Human Relation at Cubic Corporation | | 1/26 | Dean Hayhurst will participate in the CONNECT Board meeting | | 1/27 | Dean Hayhurst will have breakfast with President Weber and Bob Slapin, Executive Director of San Diego Software Council | | 2/2 | Dean Hayhurst will have lunch with CSU Trustee Debra Farar | | 2/4 | Dean Hayhurst attend the CSU Engineering Dean’s Meeting at Cal State San Jose | | 2/11 | Dean Hayhurst will address the departing Korean Students | | 2/22 | Dean Hayhurst will have lunch with CSU Trustee Lou Monville |  Research Corner - Projects Submitted & Awards Granted[****Click Here For Sizable Chart****](http://newscenter.sdsu.edu/engineering/images/awards_octobernovemberdecember.pdf) November December January 2010-11 Awards [****Click Here For Sizable Chart****](http://newscenter.sdsu.edu/engineering/images/awards_octobernovemberdecember.pdf) | |
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