

“Where are They Now?” Donor Story: Paul Stuverud



Grateful for his SDSU engineering education and a fulfilling career, Paul Stuverud ('71 BSEE and '76 MSEE) wants to help others achieve their academic goals and have rewarding careers. As a long time donor to the College, Paul's first gift to SDSU was in 1976 for \$2. He said it was for a library card. Since then he's made over forty gifts to SDSU and almost always to the College of Engineering. Earlier this semester, Paul made a \$50,000 gift to the Math, Engineering, Science, Achievement (MESA) program that will create the Paul Stuverud

MESA Endowed Scholarship that will award to a deserving student each year. The MESA program appealed to Paul as it helps first generation and low income students become engineers. MESA serves as a safety net and a launching pad for some 250 SDSU engineering students each year. He was impressed with MESA's 36 year success story at SDSU.

Paul's over 30 year engineering career was spent right here in San Diego working in integrated circuit design for mainframe computer companies including Burroughs and Unisys.

He remembers how difficult many of the classes were and hopes that his scholarship support can ease the financial burden that so many students face today. He specifically remembers two professors that had very high expectations for students, Dr. Marino and Dr. Fred Harris. The professors demanded a lot and prepared students well for the work force.

A lifelong cyclist, Paul rode his bike to campus to get to class (and recalls that Dr. Harris rode a skateboard). Today he still rides to campus, but doesn't have to worry about going to class. In retirement he's an avid cyclist and belongs to three cycling clubs in San Diego.



Paul Stuverud is Aztec Proud and we are proud of him!