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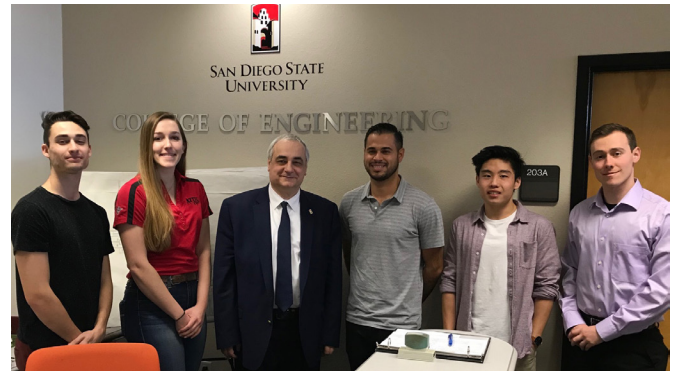
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Donald Grey Wilson Scholarship Recipients Announced

"On behalf of the College of Engineering, we are pleased to announce that the Wilson scholarship has awarded a total of \$60,000 for the 2018-2019 school year," said Interim Dean Eugene Olevsky.

SDSU College of Engineering's largest scholarship endowment has awarded five \$12,000 scholarships to deserving seniors with GPA's of 3.5 or higher:

- Kyl Stanfield is a senior from Folsom majoring in Aerospace Engineering
- Mike Ciafre is a senior from San Diego majoring in Civil Engineering
- Kenny Huynh is a senior from San Diego majoring in Electrical Engineering
- Jared Beach is a senior from Saratoga majoring in Mechanical Engineering
- Hannah Pollek is a senior from Cupertino majoring in Mechanical Engineering



From left to right: Jared Beach, Hannah Pollek, Interim Dean Eugene Olevsky, Mikel Ciafre, Kenny Huynh, and Kyl Stanfield.

The Donald Grey Wilson Endowed Scholarship was first established in 1992 and provided support for seniors who are U.S. citizens with a 3.5 GPA or higher majoring in Electrical Engineering. Shortly before his passing in 2012, he updated his estate plans for the scholarship and included all departments in the College of Engineering.

Donald Grey Wilson was twice named "Most Influential Instructor" by San Diego State University students in the 1980s. Wilson passed away in 2012 at the age of 95, but his legacy at SDSU lives in perpetuity as his \$1.3 million estate gift will award scholarships every year.

Wilson received his undergraduate degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, his master's and doctoral degrees at Harvard, and headed the University of Kansas Electrical Engineering Department before teaching at San Diego State. But something about SDSU really resonated with him. In a 2009 interview, Wilson told SDSU News Center, "My San Diego State experience was very rewarding, and making my contribution was a way to express my appreciation."

Wilson's career as an electrical engineer began in 1940 with a five-year stint as an instructor at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Over the next five decades he conducted radar research at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; chaired the Electrical Engineering Department at the University of Kansas; consulted with the U.S. Naval Ordnance Test Station on the Sidewinder Missile; held leadership positions with General Dynamics, P.R. Mallory and Company, C.C.C. Inc., Continental Resources Minerals Corporation and Tanzi Mergers and Acquisitions before landing as a lecturer at SDSU.

SDSU is grateful for the generous support of many. If you would like to provide scholarship support or make a donation to the College of Engineering, please do so by using the following link: <http://campaign.sdsu.edu/Eng>

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