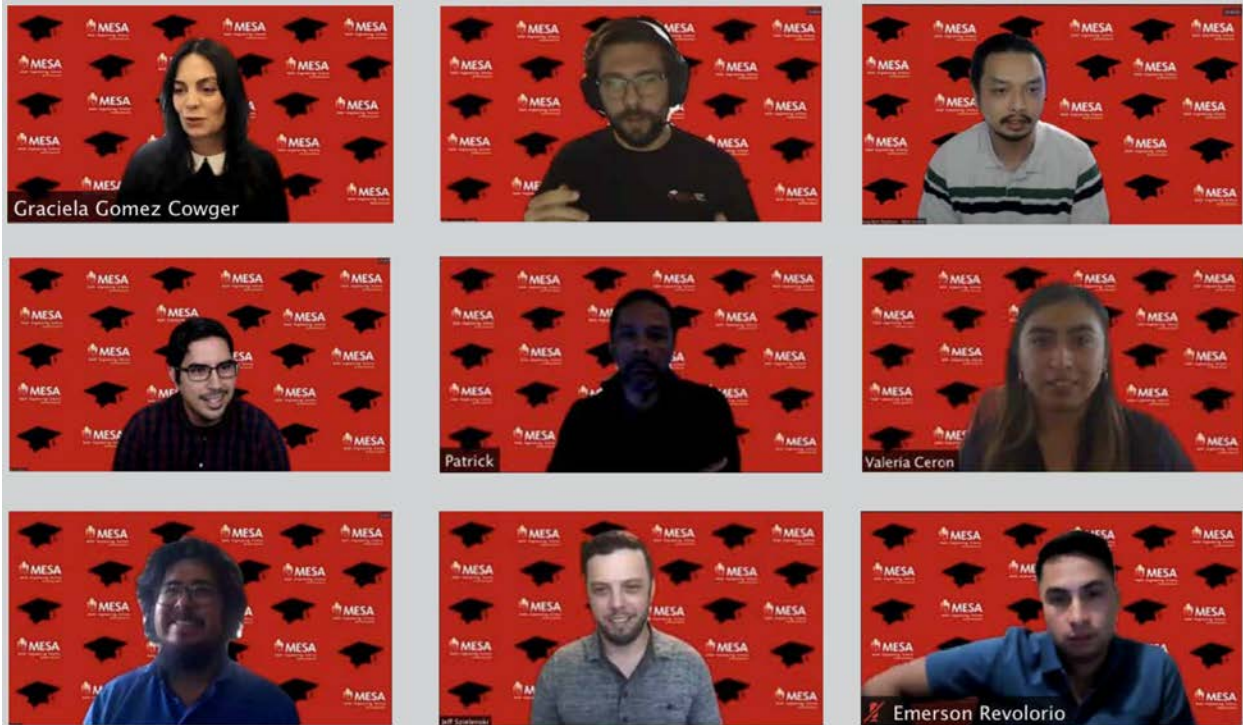# MESA Alumni engage with students via Virtual Alumni Chats

Pictured: October Chat

December 3, 2020

MESA asked and our alumni responded overwhelmingly!

More than 20 SDSU MESA Alumni participated in MESA's Virtual Alumni Chat series for Fall 2020. During the months of August, September, October and November, a panel of alumni shared their personal and professional STEM journeys. Our alumni represented various STEM fields within industry and academia. One of the good things to come out of the Covid pandemic is the technology that allowed our alumni to join us from near and far. While many of our alumni are local, residing and working in San Diego and other parts of California; others joined us from as far as Germany and Jordan with differing time zones.

We are grateful to our alumni for participating in these chats and engaging with our students; sharing best practices and expertise in their field. Topics included internships, graduate school, working abroad, engaging while at SDSU, networking, skills sets, leadership roles and more. Special thank you to participating alumni listed below!

August
Donald Mensah – Lockheed Martin
Jennifer Martin Velasquez – Sierra Lobo Inc.

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September
Jose Agraz, Ph.D. – University of Pennsylvania
Robert Davis – Parsons Corp
Rocio Hernandez – GKN Aerospace
Jay Macaraeg – Raytheon
Phillip Patague – 3J Consulting
Dawn Verdugo, Ph.D. – U.S. State Department – Embassy Amman Jordan

October 2020
Phong Bach – Raytheon
Valeria Ceron – TY Lin International
Graciela Gomez Gower – Schwabe, Williamson & Wyatt
Sergio Juarez – Ford Motor Company
Nicolas Lograsso – SDG&E
Jose Melgoza – Latitude 32 Engineering
Emerson Revolorio – Earth Mechanics Inc.
Jeff Szielenski – Walmart Labs
Patrick Taylor – Northrop Grumman

November
Carlos Gonzalez – Clark Construction Group
Lisa Mesia – NAVFAC
Sashary Ramos, Ph.D. – Ruhr-Universität Bochum
James Strayer – Black & Veatch
Janet Tisnado – Qualcomm

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