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MESA Program celebrates Graduates, Scholarship Awardees, and Industry of the Year!

Students of the San Diego State University Mathematics Engineering Science Achievement (MESA) program were recognized at the 35th Annual SDSU MESA Graduation & Scholarship Reception held at the Parma Payne Goodall Alumni Center on April 26, 2019.

12 Scholarships were awarded thanks to supporters Northrop Grumman, Rick Engineering Company, Solar Turbines, and the MESA Alumni Fund. Additional sponsorships were made by SDG&E and high achieving students with SDSU GPA of 3.5 and higher were presented with a medal.

The highlight of the evening came as degree candidates adorned their graduation sashes and took a group photo. The graduating class consists of 42 MESA students, 33 from the College of Engineering and 9 from the College of Sciences, who will be moving onto graduate school and industry. Three of those degree candidates made remarks at the reception:

Anita Sanchez, 2019 Degree Candidate, Environmental Engineering

In the Fall, Anita will study at Cornell University for a Ph.D. program in Environmental Engineering.

Donald Mensah, 2019 Degree Candidate, Aerospace Engineering

While at SDSU Donald interned at General Atomics, served as President for the National Society of Black Engineers and was a member of the Design Build Fly student organization. He has accepted a position at Lockheed Martin.

Sara Torres Robles, 2019 Degree Candidate, Chemistry/BioChemistry

Sara is recent recipient of NSF Graduate Research Fellowship and will be heading to UC Berkeley's Ph.D. program in Molecular and Cell Biology in the coming Fall.

An annual tradition was continued, as *Nhu Tran of San Diego Gas & Electric* was presented with the "Industry Supporter of the Year" award for her continued support of the MESA program at all educational levels.

"After working with MESA for many years, I've come to learn, with MESA, student success is at the epicenter of every meeting, every event and every decision", *shared Ms. Yolanda Tanner*, Naval Information Warfare Center (NIWC) Pacific (formerly SPAWAR) - STEM Postsecondary Outreach Lead and Vice Chair of the San Diego MESA Alliance - Industry Advisory Board.

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