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SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY

Department of Civil, Construction,
and Environmental Engineering

J.R. FILANC CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



Congratulations!
**CLASS
OF 2011**

Graduating with degrees in Construction Engineering are (pictured from left): Elio Ruiz, Conner Ruyeras, Nicholas Graziano, Dana Henry, Marcus Albitre, James Brownfield, Robert Quamina, Wendy Bohn, Lisa Gabourie, Teague Mays, Christopher Ruiz, Brian Galea, Jonathan Shores, Yusef Masjedi, Derek Coyle, Marta Borzuchowski, David Kuhle, Kenneth Ricker, Matthew Fiske, Catarina Pestana (MS Graduate), Tomas Sandoval, and Simon Maletic. Not pictured are Michael Balch and Robert Zimmerman.

This month's **CNV Up Front** is about San Diego State University's (SDSU) J.R. Filanc Construction Engineering and Management Program. Although it hasn't been around too long, it is beginning to play a very important part in San Diego's construction industry.

In the early 1990's, projected growth of construction in the San Diego area was expected to boom. Local contractors began to foresee a critical shortage of qualified engineers with construction and project management skills. The costs to recruit, relocate, educate and train inexperienced engineers were very high, and far too often the contractor would see his investment lost as they watched the homesick kids returning home after a brief stay.

Members of the Associated General Contractors of San Diego began working with SDSU for a solution. And then on August 1, 2002, Roel Construction took action and pledged to give San Diego State University a \$500,000 donation to help fund Southern California's first Construction Engineering and Management Program! Roel's pledge enabled the college to begin raising additional donations and pledges. The beginnings of the new program started taking shape.

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Then in June, 2006, Jack and Jane Filanc of the J.R. Filanc Construction Company generously donated \$3 million to SDSU. Jack said that he made the donation so the university could fulfill the region's needs for qualified engineers with construction



From left, supporters for the program included SDSU's President Weber, Kevin Elliott of Roel Construction, Jack and Jane Filanc and Pete Filanc

and project management skills. His donation insured that the new construction engineering and management program at SDSU was here to stay.

The program became part of SDSU's Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, and offers an emphasis in two different areas: the

theory and practice of construction engineering, and the management of construction enterprises. The J.R. Filanc Construction Engineering and Management Program was first made available for students and presented in the catalog for the 2007-2008 academic year, and is the only program of

its kind in San Diego. The school started out with its first seven students enrolled in the program, and another 15 students intended to enroll in the following semester.

Following an extensive accreditation process, SDSU's program became the 7th ABET accredited

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program in the summer of 2010.

Today, the school keeps a close and direct connection to the local construction industry. A collaborative pipeline of relationships, internships, volunteerism and other work experiences keeps Jack's vision intact.

It has surpassed target enrollment numbers in the 2010/2011 academic year and an anticipated 170+ students will be enrolled in the construction coursework for the 2011/2012 academic year. It plays a critical role in the development

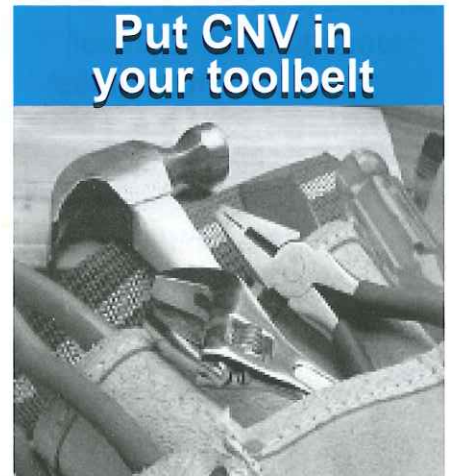


From left, Jack and Jane Filanc receive award from SDSU's Dr. David Hayhurst

of our industry's next generation of construction leaders. CNV congratulates the staff and this year's graduating class of San Diego State University's J.R. Filanc Construction Engineering and Management Program. These outstanding individuals are driven, passionate and committed to pursuing careers in construction. They reflect the program's excellence and fulfill our promise to those who have generously invested in SDSU as a chief resource for San Diego's future.

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