

# CSE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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## Zahn Prize Competition Gives Undergraduates Opportunity, Mentoring to Launch Startups

It was standing room only at the grand opening of the Moxie Center for Undergraduate Entrepreneurship as 10 undergraduate student teams waited to see who among them would win one of three Zahn prizes, for a total of \$10,000 in cash to help them bring their products to market. The room was filled with students, faculty, industry partners and investors as well as San Diego Mayor Bob Filner, University of California, San Diego, Chancellor Pradeep Khosla, and Juan C. Lasheras, interim dean of the UC San Diego Jacobs School of Engineering.

The Moxie Center opened at the Jacobs School of Engineering in January with a gift from Irwin Zahn and his family through their Moxie Foundation. The Moxie Center includes two student workspaces – one in the Computer Science and Engineering building and one in the Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering building – designed for prototyping as well as meetings and brainstorming. The Moxie Center's focus on undergraduates complements the Jacobs School's von Liebig Entrepreneurism Center, which provides faculty and graduate students access to entrepreneurship education, proof-of-concept grants and business mentoring program. It is part of the Jacob School's mission to ensure graduates possess high-level technical skills as well as the business and entrepreneurship training to become tomorrow's technology leaders. Read more about this article by going to this link. [http://www.jacobsschool.ucsd.edu/news/news\\_releases/release.ste?id=1366](http://www.jacobsschool.ucsd.edu/news/news_releases/release.ste?id=1366)



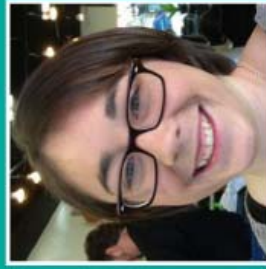
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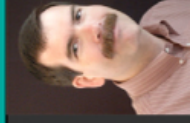


Sarah Esper, CSE Grad, wins a GSA Community award. She won under the category "Outstanding Graduate Student Leader" award. The Graduate Student Association (GSA) at UCSD gives out awards each year to exceptional individuals who has helped to strengthen our graduate and professional student community and improve the quality of the graduate and professional student experience. The awards will be presented and given on Tuesday, May 28th from 5:00 – 7:00pm at The Loft. Congratulations Sarah! Great job!

## Faculty GPS



**Gary Cottrell**  
traveled to Seattle on 05/17-05/19 to attend his stepdaughter's graduation from Law School.



**Dean Tullisen**  
will be traveling from 06/23-06/27 to Tel-Aviv Israel for ISCA 2013.