



# Opportunities for Alumni and Practicing Engineers

**The Department maintains strong ties with its alumni and the greater civil engineering community. There are many ways you and your organization can become more actively involved with our students and our programs:**

## Department Industry Events

### **An Evening With Industry**

Every fall, the Department seeks panelists and industry sponsors as part of this unique interaction between students and industry. Panelists are sought from all backgrounds, sectors of the industry, and disciplines of civil engineering to answer student questions and discuss their careers in civil engineering. Industry event sponsors can discuss what their company or agency does and can answer questions about careers in civil engineering.

### **The Ken Kerri Endowment Fund Luncheon**

The highlight of Alumni Week in April is the annual Ken Kerri Endowment Fund Luncheon which brings together members of the civil engineering to support student scholarships and special faculty-student projects.

### **CE Golf Tournament**

Every May, the Department welcomes golfers of all skill levels and industry sponsors to participate in a golf tournament to support Department activities.

### **Graduate Student Welcome**

At the start of the school year, the Department invites graduate students to meet with the faculty and other students in the program.

## Alumni News

If you have a story idea or information to share about an alumnus for CE Connection, our alumni newsletter, we want to hear about it! Tell us about life or career accomplishments since graduation. Send photos too.

## Guest Speaker Opportunities

### **Civil Engineering Seminar**

Every semester, guest speakers in Civil Engineering Seminar (CE 1A) class introduce students to the different disciplines and career opportunities within the field of civil engineering.

### **Alumni Week**

Every April, alumni are matched with civil engineering courses and scheduled as guest speakers to discuss trends in their field and lessons learned after college.

### **Student Clubs**

Professional student engineering organizations, like ASCE, meet monthly and seek both guest speakers and hosts to discuss or tour local projects. These organizations also have teams that welcome guidance on activities related to annual student competitions.

## Senior Design Clients and Tech Mentors

Every semester, our Senior Design (CE 190) class seeks project suggestions as well as involvement by practicing, professional engineers who serve as either “technical mentors” or “clients” to provide guidance or evaluate completed student projects.

## Part-Time Instructors

The Department is always looking for qualified and enthusiastic part-time instructors who can teach courses. University teaching experience is not required, but there are academic and professional requirements.

## Research Collaborations Sponsorships

Our faculty and graduate students welcome partnerships with practicing engineers to work on industry-inspired sponsored, applied research projects. The Department can serve as a resource for the local engineering community.

## Industrial Advisory Committees

The Department meets twice each semester with active members in the civil engineering community who provide guidance and recommendations to the Civil Engineering program and to help organize industry events.

## Engineering Career Fair

Every March, the College Career Services Center hosts an engineering career fair that brings together firms and agencies seeking to improve or expand their workforce with our students.

## Donations/Gifts

You can always support the program through a monetary donation or in-kind gift. The easiest way to give is through the Department website (just click on the link that says “Support the Department” and designate that your gift to go to the Department of Civil Engineering. Other gifts can be arranged by contacting the Department.

If you have any questions or would like more information about any of the opportunities above, please contact Dr. Kevan Shafizadeh, P.E., Civil Engineering Department Chair, at (916) 278-5348 or [kevan@csus.edu](mailto:kevan@csus.edu). Thank you for your support.