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Greetings from the Division of Academic Affairs.

**CSU Immersive Learning Summit 2017**

**James Frazee**, senior academic technology officer and director of Instructional Technology Services, worked with the Chancellor's Office to organize the inaugural [CSU Immersive Learning Summit 2017](#) on Oct. 27 at San Diego State University. It brought together industry representatives and more than 130 faculty, staff and administrators from 19 of the 23 CSU campuses to share ideas about immersive learning for higher education. Representatives included staff from Apple, DreamWorks, HTC Vive, Pearson, and Sony.

Co-hosted by **Michael Berman**, CSU chief innovation officer, the event focused on providing inspiration and thought leadership for the use of augmented and virtual reality technologies that can enable experiences that are unavailable in traditional learning environments.

**Kudos and Accolades**

- SDSU’s Department of Educational Leadership received a $600,000 award from the Stuart Foundation. The foundation will support the department in assisting other CSU Educational Leadership Programs to make programmatic changes similar to the changes that helped it prepare school and district leaders at SDSU.

- *The Daily Aztec*, SDSU’s independent, student-run newspaper, won “Best College Newspaper” in this year’s Excellence in Journalism Awards from the San Diego Press Club. Congratulations to staff and general manager **Jay Harn**. Other award winners at the event included **Bill Eadie**, professor emeritus in the School of Journalism and Media Studies (JMS), for a theatre review and for the entertainment website, SanDiegoStory.com, and JMS lecturer **Roman Koenig** was honored for two editorials and for the news website, *North Coast Current*. JMS alumni also made showings this year, with **Andrew Kleske** winning the Harold Keen Award for Outstanding Contribution to Journalism; **Rick Griffin** winning the Andy Mace Award for Outstanding Contribution to
to Public Relations; and Jamie Reno winning a special award for high-impact reporting that resulted in a demonstrable, measurable, effect or result.

- Richard Levine, professor in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, was selected to serve in 2019 as the Program Chair of the Joint Statistical Meetings, the largest gathering of statisticians held in North America. Read the full story on the Department of Mathematics and Statistics website.

- Hilary McMillan, associate professor in the Department of Geography, was quoted in a recent article in the journal, Science: “Utah’s Great Salt Lake has lost half its water, thanks to thirsty humans.” Read it here.

No postscript this week

The SDSU Chronicle provides information about campus events and national and international-caliber faculty and staff accomplishments. If you would like to share an item for possible inclusion in future issues, please contact Jayla Lee at jnlee@sdsu.edu by 10 a.m. each Thursday. All photo submissions assume permission to be used.