Donovan Geiger Receives Presidential Staff Excellence Award

Donovan Geiger, Coordinator in the Engineering Student Affairs Office, was awarded the prestigious Presidential Staff Excellence Award, in the category of Service to the Community, by President Weber at the Staff Awards ceremony in October. This is the second year for the Presidential Staff Excellence Awards, which are designed to recognize exceptional contributions by university staff.

Donovan’s deep commitment to community service and volunteerism were recognized by this award. He is presently the elected Vice President of the Tierrasanta Community Council, representing over 35,000 residents to local, state, and federal officials. He is also the Vice Chair of the non-profit Tierrasanta Planning Group which evaluates commercial development, infrastructure improvements, and code-compliance issues in the community.

On a wider city scale, Donovan is a member of the San Diego Community Planners’ Committee and has worked on the city’s Master Plan and on improving community governance. He is also a member of the Mission Trails Regional Park Advisory Committee where he works to preserve over 5,800 acres of natural habitat in one of the largest urban parks in America.

Donovan has also been appointed by Mayor Jerry Sanders to the San Diego International Affairs Board where he has developed an annual International Organization Conference and is presently renovating the International Cottages in Balboa Park. He is also the driving force behind developing new sister city agreements between San Diego and the cities of Marseilles, France and Palermo, Italy. Plans are in the works for Donovan to be received by the Mayor of Marseille as an ambassador of San Diego this summer with Palermo to follow.

In addition to his civic work, Donovan is a volunteer with the Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute and manages a facility in Point Loma for their Aquaculture Program. He has raised and released over 30,000 White Sea Bass to replenish their dwindling population off the coast of California and Mexico. He also volunteers at a small-animal rescue agency and fosters dogs from local animal shelters.

Please stop by E-200 to congratulate Donovan on this award and to thank him for his many contributions to the betterment of our community.