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HAPPY HOLIDAYS! From PECG Mentors and Their Students



Forty PECG members from throughout California served as mentors for 130 middle and high school students in the Sacramento area during PECG's second annual Mentor Day. Students designed enclosure enhancement and enrichment items for rescued and special-needs animals at the Folsom Zoo Sanctuary. They gained excellent advice from PECG members on how to refine their proposals before gaining final zoo approval to build and install them. The four major television networks in the area covered the event, including interviews and other features with the PECG members, students, and teachers.

Mentor Day is one of many elements in PECG's Promoting Readiness for Engineering Professions (PREP) program. PECG's Annual Bridge Building Competition, the

coordination of AASHTO's TRAC & RIDES educational program, the sponsorship of Science and Engineering Fairs, the California Academic Decathlon, robotics tournaments, the Science Olympiad, and numerous other education-related activities in cooperation with county Boards of Education and other organizations are part of PECG's program throughout the year.

PECG members have the knowledge and experience to serve as mentors, project judges, members of the event Boards, and in a variety of other functions to assist students at all levels to understand and become interested and involved in engineering and related disciplines. If you would like to volunteer some of your time and expertise, or find out more about what is available in your area, contact your PECG Section Officers or any of the three PECG Offices.

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Halloween at the Governor's Mansion

Governor Jerry Brown and First Lady Anne Gust Brown were assisted by PECG President Sutida Bergquist (left) in handing out candy to trick-or-treaters at the Governor's mansion on Halloween evening. The mansion is home to the Governor, the First Lady,



and Colusa, their four-legged friend who was dressed as Wonder Woman.



Legislative Staffer of the Year

2017

As Chief Consultant for the Assembly Transportation Committee, Janet Dawson served a key role in securing the passage of Senate Bill 1, which reenergized California's transportation and infrastructure program by authorizing an additional \$5.2 billion in funding every year. She is retiring this month after 37 years of outstanding public service.



Janet Dawson (center) receives her award as PECG's 2017 Legislative Staffer of the Year from PECG President Sutida Bergquist and PECG's Past President Robert Lumahan.

