The UTRGV College of Engineering and Computer Science hosted the Engineers Week banquet on Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2017 at the International Trade & Technology building in Edinburg, Texas. Dr. Alexander Domijan, Dean, invited faculty, students and industry professionals to the event. Ben Atkins, NextDecade LLC CFO, advised students that college is “just the beginning of a lifetime of learning ahead of you. Atkins served in the U.S. Navy and shared the importance of safety saying to “Always lookout for your people.” Dr. Carlos Marin, Ambiotec Group, Inc. Principal-In-Charge, shared about his vision for the border region. He views neighboring Mexico as a partner and is hopeful for the future. One strength of the border region is that Research & Development and manufacturing can be done in close proximity which leads to innovation. Following the guest speakers, awards were presented to outstanding faculty and students.
Program

6:00 - 6:15 pm  Check In
6:15 - 6:20 pm  Welcome and Introduction of the Dean  Francisco Torres Diaz  President, Engineering Student’s Association
6:20 - 6:45 pm  Remarks and Introduction  Alexander Domijan, Jr., Ph.D.  Professor and Dean  Constantine Tsarouch, Associate Dean for Research  Javier Kypuros, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs  Immanuel Edinborough, Associate Dean for External Affairs & Innovation
6:45 - 6:50 pm  Introduction of Distinguished Speaker  Alexander Domijan, Jr., Ph.D.
6:50 - 7:05 pm  Distinguished Speaker  Ben Atkins  CFO, NextDecade, LLC
7:05 - 7:10 pm  Introduction of Keynote Speaker  Alexander Domijan, Jr., Ph.D.
7:10 - 7:25 pm  Keynote Speaker  Carlos Marin, Ph.D.  Principal-In-Charge, Ambitio Group, Inc.
7:25 - 7:55 pm  Award Presentation  Francisco Torres Diaz  President, Engineering Student’s Association
Civil Engineering  Dr. Jungsook Ho
Computer Engineering  Dr. Timothy Wylie
Computer Science  Dr. Emmett Toma
Electrical Engineering  Dr. Mounir Ben Ghallia
Manufacturing & Industrial Engineering  Dr. Hiram Moya
Mechanical Engineering  Dr. Noe Vergan

Awards

Outstanding Faculty (as Chosen by Students)

Civil Engineering

Computer Engineering

Computer Science

Electrical Engineering

Manufacturing & Industrial Engineering

Mechanical Engineering

Outstanding Students (as Chosen by Departmental Faculty)

Civil Engineering - Undergraduate  Ms. Cassandra Sias
Civil Engineering - Graduate  Mr. Jose Gonzalez
Computer Engineering - Undergraduate  Mr. Diego Alons
Computer Science - Undergraduate  Mr. Guillermo Vazquez & Austin Luchtinger
Computer Science - Graduate  Mr. Cameron Chalk
Electrical Engineering - Undergraduate  Mr. Dominic Lebon
Electrical Engineering - Graduate  Mr. Jorge Castilo
Manufacturing & Industrial Engineering - Undergraduate  Ms. Ilse Lopez & Mr. Samuel Molina
Manufacturing & Ind. Engineering - Graduate  Mr. Roberto Bandala
Mechanical Engineering - Undergraduate  Mr. James Aranda
Mechanical Engineering - Graduate  Mr. Oscar Rodriguez

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