

### **Sally Cardenas Emerging Professional Conference Scholarship**

The Sally Cardenas Emerging Professional Conference Scholarship recognizes those with three years or less of experience in the field of internships and cooperative work experience education, who have a desire to connect with other professionals in the field and learn how to make their college programs stronger.

This award, previously known as the New Professional Award, has been renamed in honor of Sally Cardenas, a lifetime member of the California Internship and Work Experience Association and a recognized leader and mentor in the field. The award is presented annually to one practitioner from a two-year college and one from a four-year college. The 2015 Sally Cardenas Emerging Professional Award recipients are:

**2015 four- year college recipient:** Heather LaPerle, Campus Internship Coordinator in Career Services at San Diego State University

Heather was hired into a brand new position in which she was charged with the monumental task of connecting, defining, and streamlining multiple internship programs among the seven colleges at SDSU by collaborating with myriad faculty, staff and employers. She created a workshop series designed to help students understand and make the most of their internship experience and also "iExchange" workshops, which are offered to Department Internship Contacts. Heather has shown fortitude and perseverance in her quest to help all SDSU students get connected to meaningful and worthwhile internships.