

### **Cardenas Emerging Professional Scholarship**

This award, previously known as the New Professional Award, was renamed in honor of Sally Cardenas, a lifetime member of CIWEA and a recognized leader and mentor in the field. Awardees are new to the field, interested in connecting with other professionals, and in learning how to make their college programs stronger. The award is presented annually to one practitioner from a two-year college and one from a four-year college.

#### **Four-Year Recipient:**

**Michelle Svay, Internship & Career Fair Coordinator in the Graduate Career Management Center in the College of Business at San Diego State University**

Michelle is truly a newcomer to the field, having started her job in July 2015. According to her nominator, Heather LaPerle, Michelle has done an amazing job connecting with campus internship colleagues, students, and employers, while also contributing to campus wide internship processes.

One of her major accomplishments was mastering the college's new online process for Services Learning Agreement (SLA) contracts, using it process 50-100 new SLAs per semester and to maintain 900 current SLAs, and also training other campus departments to implement the system. At the same time, Michelle vets employers and internship opportunities to provide students access to experiential learning opportunities that will provide them professional and career development opportunities.

Additionally, Michelle was willing to be the first to pilot the college's annual review process, which requires a follow-up email to be sent out to all SLA organizations and companies each year. Michelle's contributions have been invaluable and her willingness to learn and partner have continued to strengthen her professional development.