Congratulations to Dr. Caren Sax (Chair, Department of Administration, Rehabilitation, and Post-Secondary Education, and co-director, Interwork Institute) for being the recipient of the largest total amount of funding awarded to an individual, out of 823 total research grants and contracts awarded to SDSU in 2008-09. Dr. Sax received 22 awards totalling $5.1 million, including a $200,000 award from the Administration for Children and Families for Project Pendleton: Military Family Support 360 Center, and a $2.6 million grant from Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to continue the California Health Incentives Improvement Project (CHIIP).

Dr. Jill Kerper-Mora (Associate Professor Emerita, School of Teacher Education) is the recipient of the Promoting Biliteracy Award from the Two-Way California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE), presented at the 17th Annual National Two-Way Bilingual Immersion Conference in Monterey, CA, this past July. The Two-Way CABE is given each year to individuals or organizations who are committed to promoting bilingualism and multilingualism through their body of work or through policy initiatives. Dr. Mora was recognized for her years of advocacy, scholarship and research in support of English Language Learners and second language learning opportunities on behalf of the students of California. Congratulations to Dr. Mora for this recognition of the expertise and leadership she has provided in the field of Bilingual Education.

The 15th Annual Communicator Awards has recognized Talent Knows No Limits with an Award of Distinction. Talent Knows No Limits, an education and public awareness program to increase employment of people with disabilities in California, was produced by Ponder Ideaworks for the California Health Incentives Improvement Project (CHIIP), in partnership with the Interwork Institute at San Diego State University. Talent Knows No Limits was one of over 7,000 entries for a 2009 Annual Communicator Award, which are overseen by the International Academy of the Visual Arts (IAVA), an international creative awards program honoring creative excellence.

Dr. Carol Robinson-Zañartu (Chair, Department of Counseling and School Psychology) was installed as a member of the Executive Board of the International Association for Cognitive Education and Psychology (IACEP) at their bi-annual meeting in Osnabreuck, Germany this summer. This organization’s international scholars currently come from 26 countries across five continents. Dr. Robinson-Zañartu continues to serve on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Cognitive Education and Psychology.

Dr. Bobbie J. Atkins (Professor Emeritus, Department of Administration, Rehabilitation, and Post-Secondary Education), was awarded the Vernon E. Hawkins Pioneer & Leadership Award at this year’s annual conference for the National Association of Multicultural Rehabilitation Concerns (NAMRC). Recipients of this award demonstrate exemplary leadership and advocacy over time on behalf of multicultural issues in rehabilitation; pioneering efforts on behalf of multicultural issues in rehabilitation, which have made an historical impact on rehabilitation professionals, the clients they serve, or the larger rehabilitation community; and demonstrated courage and visibility in “going against the grain” to further a multicultural issue in rehabilitation.

Dr. Frank Harris III (Assistant Professor, Department of Administration, Rehabilitation, and Post-Secondary Education) was selected by the Association for the Study of Higher Education (ASHE) Institutes on Equity and Critical Policy Analysis to participate as an Institute Fellow in the 2009 Principles and Methods of Participatory Critical Action Research, held in Los Angeles this past July. The aim of the Institute was to equip scholars to engage in rigorous participatory critical action research with specific attention to racial and ethnic equity in higher education practice and policy. Dr. Harris was one of only ten scholars chosen as a participant in the 2009 Institute out of a highly-competitive pool of one hundred applications.