Congratulations to Kyle DerHaag on receiving the $2,000 Simpson Strong-Tie Scholarship. Kyle is a senior in civil engineering with an emphasis in construction. Simpson Strong-Tie Co., Inc. has established a scholarship program to assist Construction Management, Architecture, and Structural Engineering students to support education and encourage the design and building of safer structures in our communities.

Kyle joined 30 of the 68 scholarship recipients in Pleasanton, California, to visit the Simpson Strong-Ties factory and training center to learn more about safe construction methods. Kyle states, "It was interesting to see the manufacturing of connectors and wedge anchors, some of which I have used on the I-10 bridge replacement project I worked on this summer."

This summer Kyle was an intern with Granite Construction, Inc. in Tucson where he worked on bridge and roadway construction projects, getting involved in survey layouts, and coordinating work activities with ADOT and subcontractors. Kyle also put to use the P6 scheduling skills he learned in CE482-Construction Planning, Scheduling, and Control. He has been reporting and explaining the weekly schedules to ADOT and Granite’s management team each week. Kyle reports, “This summer I’ve learned a lot about bridge construction, along with subcontractor coordination and the financial aspects of a project from the perspective of the general contractor”