

SME FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER



Pennies Add Up! Will you take the Bart Hyita Challenge?

Bart Hyita presented a challenge to the entire SMEF Board of Trustees at the 2016 Annual Conference & Expo. Mr. Hyita told a story of how he and his wife, Peggy, saved their pennies over the past year by not going to Starbucks. Mr. Hyita presented a mug to President Bryan containing pennies and a personal check for \$5,000 to the SME Foundation representing what they had saved. Mr. Hyita encourages everyone to take on a personal fundraising challenge of their own and give generously to benefit the SME Foundation.



The SME Foundation's 12th Annual Gala Dinner was a huge success with another sellout crowd. Guests enjoyed casino night, a silent auction, live music by the Walkens Band and great Amazon gift card door prizes!

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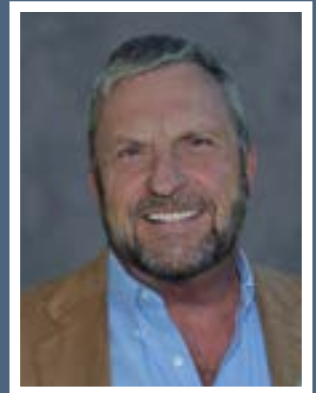
Photos from the SME Foundation Dinner can be found at smefoundation.org



Letter from the President

Dear SME Members and Friends:

The SME Annual Conference & Expo was well attended. All trustees on the SMEF are focused on moving forward with helping fund the various programs and initiatives that are important to our Society and to the industry. Of special mention is our Ph.D. Fellowship and Career Development Grant Program that was initiated last year and is currently fully funded through 2016.



Even though some portions of our industry are experiencing some challenging times, our membership continues to support those programs they deem important. I want to especially thank all the membership for your support of the SMEF through your dues renewal. We are proud to report that a voluntary donation reminder at dues renewal time has resulted in approximately 2,300 members contributing over \$44,000 to the Foundation. Thank you for your continued support.

I am looking forward to this year's continuing efforts in bringing in additional funds for our worthy programs.

Cheers, and have a wonderful spring and summer.

Best Regards, Dennis P. Bryan

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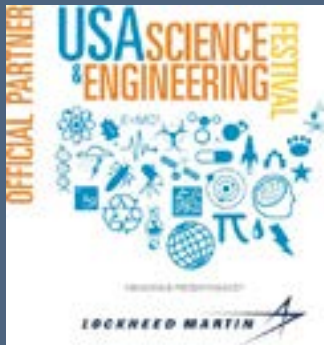
Minerals Education Coalition

Congratulations to the 2015 MEC Award winners. The Minerals Education Coalition recognizes outstanding individuals and organizations that have significantly aided in its activities and programs to educate K-12 students and increase public appreciation of minerals and mining. Any SME Member or organizational unit may nominate a candidate for these awards. All nominations must be submitted online at the MEC awards page on the SME website, April 1 through June 1, 2016.

Upcoming Events:

2016 SME Minnesota Conference
April 11-13, 2016
Duluth, MN

USA Science and Engineering Festival
April 15-17, 2016
Washington, D.C.



Renzo Omar Solis Vega and Lisandro Fabio Porles Gutti of Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos, winner of the MEC Student Chapter with SME President Steve Gardner



Dan Alexander representing the Pittsburgh Section, winner of the MEC Organization Award with SME President Steve Gardner



Kenneth Reid, winner of the MEC Leadership Award with SME President Steve Gardner



Daphne LaPointe, Nevada Bureau of Mines & Geology, winner of the MEC Partnership with SME President Steve Gardner

Coming Soon: MEC is launching a redesigned website

The MEC website (www.MineralsEducationCoalition.org) will be redesigned in 2016 to better present the clearinghouse information and will enhance and facilitate MEC audiences' use of the website to locate the resources they need on mining, minerals, K-12 education and outreach. The launch is expected by August. The website will meet MEC's mission to provide fact-based K-12 minerals education activities and to inform and educate the general public about the importance of mining and minerals in their everyday lives.



Minneapolis, MN
October 27-29, 2016

Portland, OR
November 10-12, 2016

Columbus, OH
December 1-3, 2016

For the most up-to-date MEC content, follow



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Ten Scholarships totaling \$59,000 were given to SME student members at the 2016 SME Annual Conference & Expo



MMSA/ Presidential Scholarship winner Elizabeth Radcliffe, University of Utah.



Ernest K. Lehmann Memorial Scholarship winner Caroline Dziak, Missouri University of Science and Technology.



JH Fletcher & Co. Scholarship winner Elizabeth Radcliffe, University of Utah with JH Fletcher & Co. President Greg Hinshaw.



Rahul Thareja, University of Reno-Nevada, receiving the Syd Peng Ground Control in Mining Scholarship.



Anna Perry, Queens University, receiving the Syd Peng Ground Control in Mining Scholarship.



JH Fletcher & Co. Scholarship winner Brooklynn Yonts, University of Kentucky, with JH Fletcher & Co. President Greg Hinshaw.



Laura Steeves, University of Kentucky, receiving the McIntosh Scholarship.



Kevin Moran, Colorado School of Mines, receiving the McIntosh Scholarship.



Robert Glen Murray, University of British Columbia, receiving the McIntosh Scholarship.

Special thank you to **Marcus Wiley of Wiley Consulting, LLC.** in Denver, CO. Marcus won the SME Foundation 50/50 giveaway at the SME Annual Conference and donated the money back to the Foundation. The mining engineering consulting firm has been providing professional services to the mining industry for over 35 years. The company provides clients with professional services in mineral research, exploration, geologic mapping, reserve evaluation, mine engineering, permitting, operations review, feasibility studies, market analysis, bid evaluations, contract evaluations, project management, contract mining, contract reclamation and litigation support. These services are provided by professionals who have technical expertise, direct knowledge, and worldwide experience in various mineral commodities.



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The mission of the SME Foundation is to be the source of funding for education and outreach of SME and the community it serves.

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