LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear SME Foundation Friends,

It was wonderful to see so many of our Foundation supporters at the SME Foundation Annual Gala Dinner during the 2019 SME Annual Conference & Expo in Denver. The Gala was very well attended and provided an opportunity to recognize donor companies and individuals along with scholarship and award winners. Congratulations to all the Foundation Award Winners and our sincere thanks to the valuable Foundation donors!

I want to extend my personal thanks to Bill Hancock for his dedication and service these past two years as the SME Foundation President. Under Bill’s leadership, the Foundation has reorganized and repositioned itself to meet the increasing demands of our crucial professional and educational programs. He provided the leadership and drive that were critical to meeting the Foundation financial goals.

In 2017 and 2018 the Foundation has been successful in meeting the challenging fundraising goals of $1.3-1.6 million. We still have more challenges in front of us with the peak costs of the Ph.D. Fellowship and Career Development Grant Program hitting in 2019 and 2020. These costs and those for the other Foundation professional and educational programs require our fundraising to reach $1.9 million.

The Foundation Board of Trustees are already busy with efforts from both the Corporate Giving Committee (CGC) and the Individual Fundraising Committee (IFC). Since the SME Annual Conference & Expo, three companies have committed to join the Corporate Roundtable with donations of $25,000. The IFC is also aggressively targeting some new, exciting events that should be announced later this year.

In addition, last year the SME Foundation and the SME Young Leaders Committee announced a new challenge for SME members under the age of 40. The $4K by 40 Challenge was developed to encourage philanthropic giving by young SME professionals to promote our industry and the outreach goals of the SME Foundation. Members who contribute $4,000 or more by the age of 40 will be honored and recognized.

The success of the SME Foundation programs is dependent on the generosity and commitment of our past donors and future donors. Please help the Foundation meet its fundraising goals in order to continue to make an important difference for our industry and our members.

With sincere thanks and gratitude,

Mary B. Korpi
SME Foundation President

The SME Foundation’s 15th Annual Gala Dinner was a celebration to remember! Guests enjoyed a cocktail reception, silent auction, dinner and live entertainment by the WireWood Station Band. Five lucky winners went home with $500 Amazon gift card door prizes too! This evening was a success thanks to all of the generous sponsors:

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Please visit www.smefoundation.org to view all of the photos from the SME Foundation Gala Dinner.
CELEBRATE THE MOVE MINING SEASON 3 WINNING TEAM

Please join us in congratulating Team Mine2Me, the winners of the Season 3 Move Mining competition. Presenting before a live audience and broadcast to viewers throughout the world on Facebook live, this team of three students from Canada — Kwan Fung, Robert Fuerderer and Retsepile Sello — shared their idea on how to change the public's perception of mining. Team Mine2Me presented their plan to develop short, video infographics on YouTube that can be shared on Facebook and on other social media platforms to reach a wide audience. They took home the grand prize of $5,000 for their creativity, hard work and focus.

The support of Move Mining’s Overall Sponsor Komatsu has been indispensable throughout this program.

All five finalist teams from three countries, with members from several more countries, pitched their ideas to the expert judges in the Move Mining live event. Watch their presentations at Facebook.com/SocietyForMining.

The winner in the Best in Grades K-5 category, $250 prize, is Team Let’s Learn About Coal with Maddox, Carson & Evan, with Evan Murray from Saint Clairsville, OH, Carson Sauvageot from Rayland, OH and Maddox Ochap from Wheeling, WV.

The winner in the Best in Grades 6-8 category, $250 prize, is Team The Clever Copper Shopper — Madison Husted, from Mukwonago, WI.

The winner in the Best in Grades 9-12 category, $250 prize, is Team Mara—Iron Mining — Mara Bernstein, from Minneapolis, MN.

And the winner in the Best Overall category, $1,000 prize, is Team Let’s Learn about Coal with Maddox, Carson & Evan, with Evan Murray from Saint Clairsville, OH, Carson Sauvageot from Rayland, OH and Maddox Ochap from Wheeling, WV.

The winner of the People’s Choice Award, $500 prize with 1,308 votes, is Team Mining Rocks, Blake Austin and Chase Landon Butterfield from Hibbing, MN.

SAVE THE DATE!

The contest will re-open: Monday, September 9!
MEC provides K-12 educators with educational resources at three National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) area conferences each year. MEC will work with SME members, mining companies and other geoscience organizations to fund, plan and conduct this year’s conferences in Salt Lake City, UT (October 24-26), Cincinnati, OH (November 14-16) and Seattle, WA (December 12-14). MEC welcomes sponsorship of the boxes and printing, box assembly teams, donations of rock and mineral samples and enthusiastic volunteers to talk with teachers during the event. Get involved in this valuable outreach by contacting Tanya Kriss at kriss@smenet.org.

Help Scouts from around the globe take a “Journey to the Middle of Your Mobile” July 22 – August 2, 2019, at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve in West Virginia. Volunteer to help guide participants through hands-on activities about the importance of mining and minerals in their lives. Sponsored by the SME WAAIME division and CONSOL Energy, the booth will focus on mine safety, reclamation, public perception, exploration and careers in mining. For information on attending the event as a volunteer for one or two weeks, please contact Tanya Kriss at kriss@smenet.org. Please view SME member and MEC Scouting Subcommittee Chair Charlie Zimmerman’s video at https://youtu.be/xGe1f7c078.

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