



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Dear SME Foundation Friends,

The long, hot days of summer are upon us and it seems more and more businesses are finally opening up and travel is back to pre-pandemic levels as vaccination rates have climbed throughout the country and the world. This is very good news for everyone, and I hope a sign of prosperity for the SME Foundation. As the world gets back to normal, the mining industry and most metals have benefited with strong demand and increased prices and profitability. This is a healthy sign for the future prosperity of our industry and SME overall.



The SME Foundation has been active on many issues in the last few months. The Executive Committee, Individual Fundraising Committee and the Corporate Giving Committee have been hard at work with outreach programs to draw in more donors in our effort to fund the critical programs the SMEF supports. Our largest program includes funding critical scholarships and grants for the next generation of mining professors and researchers to keep our mining schools strong and healthy. We have made excellent progress in funding PhD Fellowships and Career Development Grants in the last several years and we are well along towards our goal of helping establish new mining professors in several key mining schools throughout the United States. Congratulations to Andrea Brickey, who received tenure at the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, and Gail Heath, who recently received his PhD from the University of Arizona.

The SME Foundation Trustees will meet in mid-September in Henderson, NV, for the SME Midyear meeting to update the SMEF Strategic Plan prior to participating in MINExpo. It is certainly good to be able to safely meet face to face, and renew networking opportunities and friendships.

We also are gearing up for the Second Annual SME Foundation Benefit Golf Tournament, Friday, November 19, 2021 at the Gold Canyon Golf Resort in Phoenix, AZ. The tournament is filling up rapidly and will serve as another fun event and major fundraiser in support of the SME Foundation. There are sponsorships still available; please visit the link at www.smefgolfing4good.com and register today.

As families and friends return to a more normal lifestyle, and travel and vacations become the norm again, I encourage everyone to give thanks for science and the many vaccines quickly developed in combating the Coronavirus. I also encourage all of our members and sponsors throughout the mining industry to continue to support the SME Foundation's great work in providing much needed scholarships, education and professional development within our industry. Together, we all can make a positive difference in people's lives by increasing everyone's standard of living.

Enjoy your summer and the return to a more normal life.

Thank you,

Steven C. Holmes
SME Foundation President

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RESOURCES ABOUT CAREERS IN MINING FOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Go to www.MineralsEducationCoalition.org/careers for resources to share with your community about careers in mining. View the new MEC mining career videos or download the Mining and Career bookmarks and other free resources about careers in mining.

2021 NATIONAL SCIENCE TEACHING ASSOCIATION AREA CONFERENCES

The National Science Teaching Association (NSTA) has announced that this fall's Area Conferences will take place, live and in-person! The Minerals Education Coalition (MEC) is pleased to travel, with mineral sample boxes and our wonderful volunteers in tow, to work with teachers from around the country. The conferences will take place at these locations:

- Portland Area Conference: October 28–30, 2021
- National Harbor, Maryland, Area Conference: November 11–13, 2021
- Los Angeles Area Conference: December 9–11, 2021

MEC is already working with SME volunteers in those areas to develop the free materials that will be distributed to hundreds of teachers at each location. If you would like to volunteer at one of these exciting events, please contact Rebecca Smith at smith@smenet.org or 303-948-4263.



Example of a free rock and mineral sample box provided by MEC at NSTA Area Conferences



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CELEBRATE SME ACADEMIC GRANT SUCCESS!

The SME Foundation congratulates Dr. Andrea J. Brickey who has achieved tenure at the South Dakota Mining & Technology and Dr. Javad Sattarvand who recently received his tenure at the University of Nevada, Reno on July 1. Gail L. Heath recently received his PhD from the University of Arizona. These successful outcomes are a result of the PhD Fellowship and Academic Career Development Grant Program designed to provide support to fund PhD students planning academic careers and university professors working toward achieving tenure.

Since 2015, four PhD Fellowship Awardees have received their PhDs. Three PhD Fellowship award recipients anticipate defending their thesis and hope to receive their PhDs in 2021. There have been seven Career Development Grant recipients who have received tenure; three awardees continue to be on track in their professional development.

ABET OPERATIONS AND COVID-19

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Due to the uncertainties of travel and social interaction related to the COVID-19 pandemic, ABET leadership is continuing with virtual accreditation visits and meetings for 2021. ABET held virtual Program Evaluator Candidate training workshops between March 19 and May 20, 2021. SME had eight new PEVs that completed their training. The new PEVs are:

- Laurie Anderson – South Dakota School of Mines & Technology
- Jeffery Connelly – University of Arkansas
- Rajive Ganguli – University of Utah
- John Hayden – Dixie State University
- Mohammad Hefni – King Abdulaziz University
- Ravi R Hiremath – Solvay Industries
- Jeremy Shannon – Michigan Tech University
- Daafi Youssef – Mohammad VI Polytechnic University

The July ABET summer Commission meetings and the ABET Society Summit will be virtual events, as will the Annual Fall ABET meeting and the ABET Society Liaison meeting. SME is responsible for assigning 16 program evaluators to 18 programs for visits between September 19 and December 5, 2021. SME Program Evaluators will participate in a virtual visit for the following programs at their respective universities:

- The University of Arkansas at Little Rock - ANSAC – Geology
- Universidad Industrial de Santander, Columbia – ANSAC – Geology
- Middle East Technical University – Mining and Geological Engineering EAC –Turkey
- The University of North Dakota – Geological Engineering - EAC
- Petro Vietnam University – Geological Engineering - EAC - Vietnam
- Universidad Politecnica de Madrid – Geological Engineering, Mining Engineering, and Mining Engineering Technology – EAC – Spain
- Pontificia Universidad Catolica del Peru – Mining Engineering and Geological Engineering – EAC -Peru
- United Arab Emirates University – Mining Engineering - EAC – United Arab Emirates
- The University of Utah – Mining Engineering and Geological Engineering - EAC
- West Virginia University – Mining Engineering – EAC

Hit the Links November 19, 2021



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