Dear SME Foundation Friends,

We would like to express our gratitude to our many corporate and individual donors who have supported our important educational and public outreach programs through their generous funding. As a result, we are proud to announce that our programs are achieving and exceeding their challenging missions.

In the four years since commencing the PhD Fellowship and Career Development Grant program, it has produced two PhD candidates who have received their PhDs and accepted faculty positions, and two Professors who have successfully achieved tenure. Presently, the Foundation supports nine PhD Fellowship candidates and five professors seeking tenure. This comes at a significant expense of $1.2-$1.3M to run this program each year. In response, we actively seek donor and corporate support for this notably important program that is necessary to help ensure the sustainability of the existing U.S. university mining programs.

Our other programs are also successful in their respective mission charges:

• Professional Engineering exam (PE) – 76 engineers took their exams in the last year. Also, 67 committee members have written, reviewed and added additional questions for the exam question bank which brings the total to a significant 654 for future exams.

• University Accreditation program (ABET) – six domestic and international university programs will go through a comprehensive review process this fall by seven trained SME Visitor Selection Committee members in order to maintain their ABET accreditation.

• Minerals Education Coalition (MEC) – has directly and indirectly reached hundreds of thousands of K-12 teachers, students and others both domestically and internationally through the MEC website, National Science Teacher Association conferences, Earth Science Week toolkits, lesson plans, brochures, posters and mineral samples. The Move Mining (all ages) and Move Mining Next Gen (grades K-12) program competitions challenge both industry and non-industry individuals to consider the importance of mining in their lives and propose ideas for ways to change the public’s perception of mining by submitting competitive videos and presentations.

• Miners Give Back (MGB) – three distinct projects have been funded by this outreach program in three countries; Las Mojarras, Guatemala; Khanalthok, Nepal; and Saccha, Peru. The purpose of the Miners Give Back program is to engage the SME community in philanthropy and/or involvement in global humanitarian projects.

We need your help. We ask you to please show your support for these programs by opting-in with $15 or more on your 2019 dues statement. If you would like to consider other ways you may make a meaningful contribution to the SME Foundation, go to the “Ways to Give” page at www.smefoundation.org. Don’t forget that many companies match their employees’ charitable donations. Please check with your HR department to see if your contribution may qualify.

Thank you for your support!

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2019 World Scout Jamboree

The MEC Scouting Subcommittee plans to represent Mining in Society with an exhibit at the 2019 World Scout Jamboree, to be held July 22 – August 2, 2019 at the Summit Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve facilities in West Virginia. This will be the first time the World Jamboree has been held in the U.S. since 1967, and is expected to draw 50,000 Scouts (boys AND girls, ages 14-17) and leaders from around the globe. Though the world Scouting movement doesn't have a universal mining merit badge for us to teach, we'll be helping the young men and women learn more about mining and its importance to everyday life. MEC's participation is possible, in part, thanks to generous donations by CONSOL Energy and the SME WAAIME Division.

Interested in volunteering at the World Scout Jamboree? Please contact Charlie Zimmerman at clz@cat.com.

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE MOVE MINING IDEA!
VOTING IS OPEN UNTIL NOVEMBER 14

Vote for People's Choice in the Move Mining competition. Go to www.movemining.org and select your favorite video. The top five finalist teams will compete at the live Move Mining event at the SME Annual Conference & Expo on February 25, 2019 in Denver, CO. Be sure to attend the free live "Shark Tank" style event!

MOVE MINING NEXT GEN COMPETITION IS OPEN

Move Mining Next Gen is a companion to the original Move Mining competition. Move Mining Next Gen asks K-12 students to answer the question: Why is mining important in our lives? Students can get a team together, research mined minerals that are important to their lives, and then submit their three-minute (or less) video for the opportunity to share their ideas with the world! Videos will be judged by age category, and one video will win the People's Choice award. Move Mining Next Gen video submissions are due January 14, 2019. Early submissions have the advantage of more time for online voting. The largest cash prize is $1,000, and there are prizes for different grade categories. All of the details, pointers and parent/guardian consent forms can be found at www.MoveMiningNextGen.org.

Did you know your employer may match your charitable contributions to the SME Foundation?

Employee matching gifts are donations a company makes to add value to its employees’ nonprofit donations. Participating companies typically match employee donations dollar-for-dollar, but some companies will double your gift amount. Matching gifts elevate the capacity of your charitable donation, so speak with your Human Resources representative today and help support the SME Foundation programs.

http://community.smenet.org/SMEFoundation/

Upcoming Events:
to the Foundation’s programs by their 40th birthday will be honored for their contributions and commitment to our industry.* Donors have the flexibility to choose the SME Foundation program to which their donations will be allocated. Qualified Employer Matching Donations will be considered as part of the member’s donations. Donations made will be jointly eligible to this challenge, the $1K Club**, and the John T. Boyd Challenge.

Starting October 1, 2018, individual donors who give $4,000 by their 40th birthday will be recognized as $4K by 40 Challenge members. If you have achieved this distinction prior to creation of this award, please contact the Foundation. In the year of their induction, $4K by 40 Challenge members will receive special recognition and a unique mineral sample keepsake. This challenge is currently seeking a nameplate or matching sponsor. Interested parties should contact the SME Foundation for details regarding this exciting opportunity.

*Donors must self-identify as participants in this challenge for specific $4K by 40 tracking purposes

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A Philanthropic Challenge for Rising Professionals

The Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration (SME) Foundation in conjunction with the SME Young Leaders Committee is pleased to announce a new challenge for SME members under the age of 40. The “$4K by 40 Challenge” was designed to encourage philanthropic giving by young professionals to promote our industry and the outreach goals of the SME Foundation. Member contributions will be tracked and those donating $4,000 or more cumulatively to the Foundation’s programs by their 40th birthday will be honored for their contributions and commitment to our industry.* Donors have the flexibility to choose the SME Foundation program to which their donations will be allocated. Qualified Employer Matching Donations will be considered as part of the member’s donations. Donations made will be jointly eligible to this challenge, the $1K Club**, and the John T. Boyd Challenge.

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Partner with the SME Foundation

Partner with the SME Foundation in support of its essential programs and we’ll treat you like a VIP! Celebrate the end of 2018 with a $1,000 contribution to the SME Foundation and become a VIP at the 2019 Annual Conference & Expo and CMA 121st National Western Mining Conference, February 24-27, 2019. You will receive a special VIP Access badge with special conference benefits. As of today there are already 27 SMEF contributors who qualify for 2019 VIP Access who have donated $1,000 or more in 2018! With your donation, you will also receive special recognition in the March issue of the Mining Engineering Magazine and special recognition at the annual SME Foundation Gala Dinner in February.

Donate online at www.smefoundation.org before December 31, 2018 to qualify for your VIP Access Conference Pass, or mail your contribution to: SME Foundation, 12999 E. Adam Aircraft Circle, Englewood, CO 80112.

Upcoming Events:

National Science Teachers Association Area Conferences:

OCT. 11-13, 2018 | Reno, NV
NOV. 15 – 17, 2018 | National Harbor, MD
NOV. 29 – DEC. 1, 2018 | Charlotte, NC
Thank You!

The SME Foundation thanks our Corporate Roundtable Partners for their encouragement, support and assistance in creating a stronger industry around the world, developing tomorrow’s professionals and leaders, and strengthening relationships within our communities. To find out more or to lend your support, please visit the Foundation website at www.smefoundation.org.