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The 2019 Colorado MPD Conference was a great success. In large part, this was due to the positive support of our sponsors and presenters.

### **THANK YOU!**

With your help, we provided financial assistance to three students. They are Mr. Grant Colligan of the Colorado School of Mines, Ms. Melinda Ravnaas of the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, and Mr. Marc "Freddy" Sime of Montana Technological University (Montana Tech). Mr. Colligan won the best student presentation award with his paper titled *Importance of Mineral Processing on Rare Earth Hydrometallurgical Extraction*

The recipient of the 2019 Daman Lifetime Achievement award was Mr. James Metsa, Regional Director of Sales and Technical Support, Weir Minerals.

The winner of the Lou Cope award for the best paper was Mr. Matt Fuller of Tierra Group International, Ltd. for his paper titled *The Infamous Legacy of Upstream Tailings Dams*.

Thursday evening's banquet continued with the theme from the previous year with multiple food stations and casual games for attendees to socialize in a more relaxed setting.

Dr. Hugh Miller, 2019 SME President, presented Friday's luncheon talk entitled *The Future of Minerals Education: Landmines and Opportunities*.

We are pleased to announce the 2020 meeting will be **April 23 - 25, 2020**. The theme for the conference will be announced later this year.

The conference once again will be held at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, and the code with which to make Broadmoor room reservations is **SME20**. Rooms sell out quickly, so be sure to make your reservations early.

Please be aware we will again be asking for sponsorship next year, and our request will be made in the near future. As you begin the preparation for next year's budget, we would like you to note the various levels of sponsorship should you wish to provide support again next year.

Please remember all sponsors are prominently acknowledged throughout the sessions and on our website, [www.ColoradoMPD.com](http://www.ColoradoMPD.com). Feel free to contact Mr. Chris Schultz ([SchultzCP@hazenresearch.com](mailto:SchultzCP@hazenresearch.com)) with questions regarding sponsorship.

We look forward to seeing you next year.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jaye Pickarts', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

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