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The 2018 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. Fangyu Liu of the Colorado School of Mines, Mr. Benjamin Suslavich of Montana Technological University (Montana Tech), and Mr. Simon Timbillah of Montana Tech. Mr. Liu won the best student paper award with his paper titled *A Review of Technological Advances in Rare Earth Metal Making*.

The recipient of the 2018 Daman Lifetime Achievement award was Mr. Fred Menzer, formerly of Freeport McMoRan – GM Colorado Operations.

The winner of the Lou Cope award for the best paper was Ms. Janet Baron Gavidia of Barrick Gold for her paper titled *Thiosulfate Processing of Double Refractory Ore at Goldstrike TCM Plant*.

Thursday evening's banquet was a little different this year with multiple food stations and casual games for attendees to socialize in a more relaxed setting.

Mr. Jan Kwak, Managing Director – Australia and Asia of Hatch presented Friday's luncheon talk entitled *Mines of the Future*.

We are pleased to announce the 2019 meeting will be **April 25 - 27, 2019**. The title for the meeting is *Playing in the Mud – The Positive Side of Mineral Processing*.

The meeting once again will be held at The Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, and the code with which to make Broadmoor room reservations is **SME419** or you may reserve online: <https://book.passkey.com/go/SME419>. 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. Since now is the time most of us prepare next year's budget, we would like you to note the various levels of sponsorship should you wish to provide sponsorship 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. Brett Berg ([brett.berg@intrepidpotash.com](mailto:brett.berg@intrepidpotash.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 horizontal line.

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