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NEWSLETTER



New Look, New Mission

The SME Foundation recently unveiled a new strategic marketing, branding and communications plan. The new mission and vision statements reflect the changing industry of which SME serves. You'll notice these improvements on the SME Foundation website, Mining Engineering magazine, and on social media. Continue to visit the SME Foundation website for updates and improvements.

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to mining's challenges



SME announces recipients of first academic grants

SME and the SME Foundation are pleased to announce the recipients of the 2015 Ph.D. Fellowship and Career Development Grants program. The program initiative focuses on rebuilding the U.S. mining school faculty pipeline.

The program allocates to each recipient:

- Career Development Grant - \$100,000 per year for a maximum of three years: provides assistant or associate professors with support towards achieving tenure and promotion.
- Ph.D. Fellowship Grant - \$60,000 per year for a maximum of four years: provides support to students with industry experience, and a desire to pursue an academic career, with the means of acquiring a doctoral degree.

The recipients of the 2015 grants are:

Career Development

Aaron Noble – Assistant Professor, Dept. of Mining Engineering, West Virginia University

Emily Sarver – Assistant Professor, Dept. of Mining & Minerals Engineering, Virginia Tech

Ph.D. Fellowship

Russell Lamont – Mining Engineering, University of Kentucky

Christopher Roos – Mining Engineering, Montana Tech & University of Montana

Joshua Werner – Metallurgical Engineering, University of Utah

For more information on the academic grant program visit

<http://www.smenet.org/students/grants-scholarships>

Letter from the President

Dear
SME Members and
Friends:

I appreciate your continued commitment to SME and the SME Foundation.

SMEF provides many ways for you to get involved.

I'm volunteering with the MEC booth at the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) Area Conference in Reno, Nevada later this month. It's another great way to show your support for the SME Foundation.

Continue to visit the SME Foundation website for updates and new information.

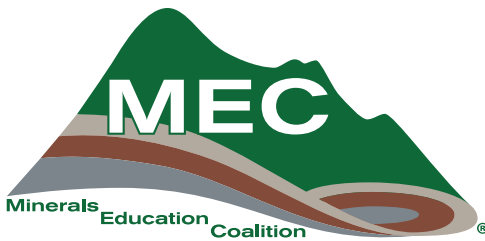
The Foundation cannot thrive without the support and participation of SME Members like you.

Best Regards,
Dennis P. Bryan



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Minerals Education Coalition

Careers in Mining Interviews

MEC has created a series of Careers in Mining interviews to introduce students to mining and possible careers in the mining and minerals industries. Science, technology, engineering and math (STEM subjects) are used by mining professionals throughout the industry. Share these podcasts to show students that an interest in STEM subjects can lead to a rewarding career in the mining industry.

Through a partnership with American Geosciences Institute (AGI), these interviews will be promoted online at www.earthsciweek.org/esw-denver. The interviews are also available at www.smenet.org/publications-resources/resources/podcasts as part of SME's Thought Leaders Podcast Series and at www.MineralsEducationCoalition.org/careers-mining.

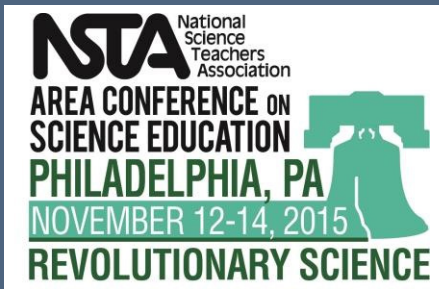
Upcoming Events:



If you're located in the Reno, NV, Philadelphia, PA or Kansas City, MO areas and would like to volunteer your time to staff the NSTA booth, we'd love to have you! Booth staff will hand out rock and mineral kits and posters to educators and talk to them about the importance of mining and minerals in everyday life.

Visit www.MineralsEducationCoalition.org/SME-Outreach-Resources for free, downloadable handouts and discount bulk poster pricing for SME members, sections and student chapters.

Contact Rachel Grimes, MEC Outreach Coordinator, at grimes@smenet.org or 303-948-4247 for more information.



Educational Standards

Teachers can now search MEC educational materials for national and state standards correlations. The correlations are made by curriculum experts at EdGate Correlations Services and kept up-to-date. MEC curriculum materials can be searched by subject and standard at any time online.

Using EdGate is an exciting way to improve www.MineralsEducationCoalition.org for teachers.

EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS CORRELATION

Teachers can now search MEC materials for correlations with the full array of Next Generation Science Standards, Common Core standards in Language Arts, Math, Arts Education and Social Studies, including Geography, History and Economics, and all state standards.

SEARCH NATIONAL AND STATE EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS



For the most up-to-date MEC content, follow



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and "like" Minerals Education Coalition's Facebook page.





What's the best way to kick off the SME Annual Conference & Expo?

Be our guest for the SME Foundation Dinner Gala and Silent Auction and experience good food, lots of fun and great networking opportunities.

Tickets are available online with conference registration.

Do you have photos to share as we celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the SME Foundation?

Look through your photo albums for photos to share for this memorable night. Please scan and email the photos directly to the Foundation at wayne@smenet.org. Please list the date the picture was taken, the location and the names of the people in each photo. The SMEF staff is interested in any special stories or anecdotes from the past 25 years as well.

A video/slide presentation of the past 25 years of the SMEF will be created for the 2016 SME Foundation Gala dinner. We are also accepting items valued over \$100 for the silent auction.

Make your tax-deductible contribution today.

Sponsor a table of 8 - \$3,000
Individual tickets - \$105

Ticket includes entry into door prize drawings

Benefits of sponsoring a table:

1. Company logo on table tents recognizing you as a sponsor.
2. Special thank you in *Mining Engineering* magazine April issue.
3. Company logo scrolling on the overhead screen throughout the dinner.
4. Listing in the dinner program as a sponsor.
5. Listing in the SME pocket program as a sponsor (deadlines apply).
6. Tickets to the dinner for eight people.
7. Tweet & Facebook post recognizing you as a sponsor.

Contact Megan Wayne to sponsor a table ■ wayne@smenet.org ■ 303-948-4224

Professional Engineers Exam PE Update

The SME PE Committee has had a busy fall. Edition 8 of the PE Exam Study Guide was sent to SME Editing to achieve a January 15, 2016 launch. It will be used by October 2016 test takers for PE exam preparation. Writing has begun on the 2nd Edition of the Mining Reference Handbook that will be used as the only allowed reference to be taken in the exam room.

The 42 member PE Exam Committee continues to write and review problems maintaining an excellent 400 problem set in the vault for use in future exams. **A request is made to all PE SME, members who are not serving on the PE Committee, to retake the PE Exam Dec. 3-4, 2016.** This assembly of volunteers is most important as the results will determine how the exams are graded for the next seven years.

Please contact Dr. Andrew P. Schissler PE, SME PE Exam Coordinator, if interested at (303) 948- 4252 or Schissler@smenet.org.



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