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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear SME Foundation Friends:

I am truly honored to serve as the SME Foundation President for the 2021–2023 term, and I look forward to experiencing some of the very best years in our history as we move beyond the pandemic that has so negatively impacted the mining industry.

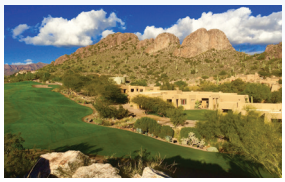
Thank you all for participating in the recent MINEXCHANGE 2021 SME Annual Conference & Expo. The SMEF UTV Benefit Raffle was quite the success; more than $20K was raised to benefit the PhD Fellowship and Career Development Grant program. Congratulations to lucky winner Steve Richards, our dedicated SME member and SMEF Trustee, who purchased the winning ticket. And thanks to Wagner Equipment Co. for their generous donation of the 2021 CAT CUV82 UTV.

**Hit the Links November 19, 2021**

Support the SME Foundation Programs

**Early bird registration opens April 2021**

- 18 holes at one of the area's best courses
- Golf cart
- Men's and women's contests
- Networking with friends, colleagues and customers
- Lunch and Snacks



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**SMEFGolfing4Good.com**

I would also like to thank Civil & Environmental Consultants and Black & Veatch for sponsoring the 2021 SME Virtual Silent Auction. Numerous items and funds were donated by individuals and companies which assisted in raising more than $27K for the SME Foundation and SME Division scholarship funds.

New this year is the Miners Give Back Award. The Miners Give Back Committee and the SME Foundation has launched this new award that will recognize the outstanding efforts of an SME Section for their accomplishments in community service and humanitarian outreach by members of the mining/mineral community to serve the mission of Miners Give Back. Applications are now being accepted; the deadline for submissions is June 1, 2021.

The Foundation cannot succeed without the generosity and participation from SME Members like you. I thank you for your continued support, loyalty and dedication to meet our fundraising goals.

Thank you,

Steven C. Holmes
SME Foundation President

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## MEC CAN HELP YOU GET STARTED WITH LOCAL OUTREACH!

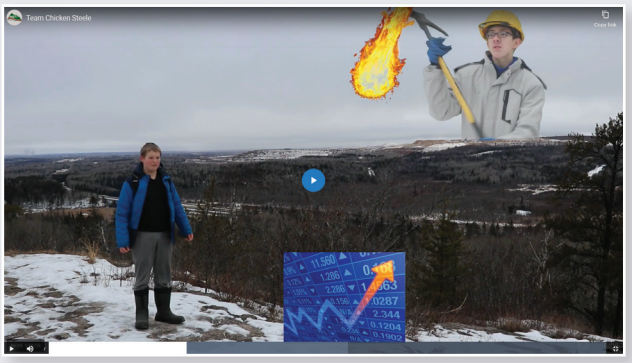
Check out this link for help in getting started on outreach to your community. Use the handouts, presentation resources, activity ideas and more: **mineralseducationcoalition.org/presentation-resources/.**

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS OF MOVE MINING SEASON 5!

Five finalist teams competed at the Move Mining live, virtual event during MINEXCHANGE 2021 SME Annual Conference and Expo. The competition was impressive and enlightening, and in the end, Team Children's Mining Pavilion took home the Grand Prize of $5,000! Elizabeth Araux, Carolina Hoyos, Tania Vega, Fernando Garcia and Nancy Leon presented the winning idea to change the perception of mining.

Thank you to our wonderful Move Mining Season 5 emcee, Heyda Vass, and our four expert judges Meg Roman, Tom Milligan, Allison Coppel and Nancy Morales-Arango! We truly appreciate your contribution to helping change the perception of mining.

Thank you to Komatsu, the Overall Sponsors of Move Mining.
To meet the finalists, including the winning team, and watch the entire Season 5 competition, go to **MoveMining.org.**




## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2020-2021 SEASON WINNERS OF MOVE MINING NEXT GEN

Move Mining Next Gen had 21 teams from three countries this year! The entries were wonderful and inspiring. When the judging and voting was completed, these were the winners:

- Team "We Rock" won Grades K-5 and People's Choice.
- "Team Stalter" won Grades 6-8.
- "The Coal Crew" won Grades 9-12.
- Team "Chicken Steele," pictured at left, won the Overall Winner prize!

Go to **www.MoveMiningNextGen.org** to see this year's entries, and start planning for next year's contest!

## MEC SCOUTING OUTREACH CONTINUES TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT

More than 29,000 Scouts have earned the Mining in Society merit badge from 2014 to 2020. 3,789 Mining in Society merit badges were earned in 2020, bringing the badge up to its highest rank yet (88th) among all the badges (137), even despite its recent release compared to others that have existed since 1911.

MEC ran another online Mining in Society merit badge class for Scouts in March. Conducted in collaboration with the Central Florida Council, the class ran for four consecutive Wednesdays in March, with each session lasting about an hour. Charlie Zimmerman, Dan O'Connor, Pam Wilkinson, Will Wilkinson, Katie Kosloski and Aaron Young presented the course. Approximately 150 Scouts registered for the class. About 90 Scouts have submitted for the first four requirements so far, and all have until late April to submit their work. Scouts from all over the country, and even overseas, took the training.

## AND THE WINNER IS…

Congrats to our Second Annual SME Foundation Benefit Raffle Winner, Steve Richards of Kentucky! Steve is the winner of the 2021 CAT CUV82 UTV with Upgrades and Trailer. With the support of Wagner Equipment Co., who donated this amazing vehicle package and everyone who bought tickets in support of this effort, you helped us raise almost $23,000 for SME Foundation programs. Thank you!

The SME Foundation Benefit Raffle was held live at Wagner Equipment Co. and livestreamed over SME Facebook just before the close of the 2021 SME Conference & Expo Exhibit Hall on March 5, at 1:00pm. Performing the honors was Bruce Wagner, Wagner Equipment Co. who announced that Steve Richards was the grand winner. Joining Bruce were Dave Kanagy, SME Executive Director, Bob Schafer, SME Past President and Stan Dempsey, Jr., President, Colorado Mining Association.

Overall, the Foundation sold 907 tickets, so the odds of winning were high. In fact, Steve bought four tickets early in the process. Then on a whim, he bought four more tickets just before sales closed. It was that choice which changed the outcome for him, because the winning ticket came from his last minute purchase.

Thank you, Bruce Wagner and Wagner Equipment Co. We are grateful for your generosity. Without Wagner Equipment Co.'s generous donation of this amazing UTV package we could not have raised these funds. Thank you for all the assistance we were given to make this exciting event happen.

The Foundation would like to thank everyone who participated in this raffle. You all gave it a valiant effort. We are so grateful for your support. We couldn't have done it without your participation. Thank you!

## SME FOUNDATION 2021 SILENT AUCTION

The SME Foundation partnered with SME Divisions to host our first Virtual Silent Auction.

With the support of our members, $27,459 was raised for SME Foundation programs and Division Scholarship Funds. We thank all of the individual and corporate donors to the auction for their help in making it a success. Online bidders won sports memorabilia, rock and mineral specimens, jewelry, vintage mining items and much, much more! A special thank you to our sponsors **Civil & Environmental Consultants** and **Black & Veatch.** Their support allowed us to cover all shipping and credit card fees associated with the auction.

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