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SME Philanthropic Challenge for Rising Professionals
Contribute $4,000 to SME Foundation Programs by age 40

The Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration Foundation (SMEF), in conjunction with the SME Young Leaders Committee, is pleased to announce a new giving 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 the mining and minerals industry as well as the outreach goals of the SME Foundation. Members donating $4,000 or more cumulatively to the Foundation’s programs by their 40th birthday will be honored for their contributions and commitment to the industry. Donors will have the flexibility to choose the SME Foundation program to which their donations will be allocated.

“An affiliation with SME enhances professional growth and personal fulfillment,” said Bill Hancock, SME Foundation President. “By financially supporting SMEF programs and initiatives, the donor’s investment strengthens the industry, benefits the community, and expands their philanthropic impact.”

Starting October 1, 2018, individual donors who give $4,000 by their 40th birthday will be recognized as $4K by 40 Challenge members. In the year of their induction, $4K by 40 Challenge members will receive:

- Special recognition at the SME Foundation Annual Gala Dinner
- Special recognition in Mining Engineering magazine
- Special donor recognition on the $4K by 40 SME Foundation website page
- A unique mineral sample keepsake with a personalized engraved nameplate

For more information visit the $4K by 40 website page, or contact the SME Foundation at 303-948-4239.

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