

Thanks to the mentors at the SME Annual Meeting

SME and the Young Leaders Committee would like to thank the members and exhibitors who volunteered to mentor students at the 2008 SME Annual Meeting in Salt Lake City, UT. SME would also like to thank Nikky LaBranche and Angie Harmon of the Young Leaders Committee who were instrumental in matching mentors with the more than 100 students who needed to be matched on site. Additional thanks to the many volunteers who walked in and agreed to mentor the students.

Mentors assist students with industry networking by introducing them to colleagues in the industry. This is an opportunity to have an impact on the society at a personal level. Students who request mentors are matched with volunteers based on the information from the student interest application. It is the SME Mentor Program Committee's goal to notify mentors and students of their match prior to the SME Annual Meeting so they can make advance arrangements.

The SME Mentor Program was initiated in 2001 and is coordinated by the SME Young Leaders Committee. The program is designed to match mentors and students by their areas of interest. This year, the program attracted 200 students

and 100 mentors. The committee is always looking for ways to improve the program and would welcome your comments. Please contact Mona Vandervoort, SME Education Coordinator, at vandervoort@smenet.org or 303-948-4227.

Thanks to the following people who volunteered to be mentors at the 2008 SME Annual Meeting:

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The SME Mentor Program Committee would also like to acknowledge and thank the many volunteer members that showed up at the mentor meeting place to handle the student walk-ins. ■

Young leaders tour Cripple Creek gold mine

Members of the Denver area SME Young Leaders Committee, Chris Ross and Erik Ronald, participated in a tour of Anglo-American's Cripple Creek & Victor (CC&V) gold mine near Victor, CO. The tour was sponsored by the Denver Regional Exploration Geologists Society and was led by Tim Brown, CC&V's exploration manager. CC&V has been conducting gold mining and precious metal extraction operations in the Cripple Creek Mining District since 1976.



Chris Ross and Erik Ronald tour CC&V's gold mine.

Highlights of the trip included a pre-lunch presentation on the historic mining district, orebody genesis and future developments. After the presentation, the tour included several stops in the pit as well as at the primary crushing facility.

The SME Young Leader's Committee is an active organization that provides younger members of SME the opportunity for professional and career development. If you'd like to learn more about the Young Leaders please go to www.smenet.org/YoungLeaders. ■

Class of 2008 joins the SME Young Leaders Committee

The Young Leaders Committee would like to introduce its five new committee members for 2008. Of the 12 young members who applied to SME, five were selected to become Young Leaders. Those who are chosen for committee membership agree to a four-year commitment in the program.

The Young Leaders Commit-

tee was created in 2002. It is the task of the committee to implement programs and services relevant to younger professionals and students in the industry. SME has created this program to help equip young professionals with the tools they need for success in SME and in the mining profession. SME depends on the development of qualified, capable individuals who have the

vision and dedication to lead the society in this new century. One of the objectives of the Young Leaders program is to increase the involvement of young professionals within the society. The other is to present professional-development programs for the society as a whole.

To learn more about the Young Leaders, please visit <http://www.smenet.org/youngleaders/>.

Joe Carnahan

Joe Carnahan graduated from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 2003 with a B.S. degree in mining engineering. During his time at Virginia Tech, he successfully completed a 15-month co-op program with Luck Stone Corp. in Richmond, VA. He gained additional summer experience with

Tilcon of New York in Haverstraw, NY.

Upon graduation, Carnahan accepted a position with Luck Stone. He trained for a year in the field at the company's Fairfax and Pittsboro sites. After his training was complete, he relocated to Luck Stone's headquarters in Richmond,

where he currently works as a mining engineer.

Carnahan is the co-chair for the 2008-2009 SME/NSSGA Student Design Competition.



CARNAHAN

Craig Hairfield

Craig Hairfield graduated with a B.S. degree in mining engineering from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 2005. He also completed a one-year study program at the Helsinki University of Technology in Finland, the Royal School of Mines in London, the RWTH-Aachen University in Germany and TU Delft in the Netherlands. He received the Pittsburgh Coal Mining Institute of

America's Senior Design Project Award in 2005 and also participated in the first NSSGA Student Quarry Design contest.

Upon graduation, Hairfield joined Mine Ventilation Services in California. He conducted ventilation surveys and created ventilation computer models for many underground mining operations in the United States and abroad.

In 2007, Hairfield joined Mar-

shall Miller & Associates in Virginia as a consultant to the coal and aggregate mining industries. He works mainly on projects relating to mine design, reclamation, project evaluation and computer reserve modeling.



HAIRFIELD

Wesley Johnson

Wesley Johnson graduated with a B.S. in mining and minerals engineering from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in 2003. Johnson continued his education at Virginia Tech and re-

ceived an M.S. in mine engineering in 2005.

Upon graduation, Johnson went to work as an engineer for Newmont Mining in Elko, NV. Currently he works for Freeport-McMoRan

at its Henderson Mine in Colorado as a mine engineer and a member of the mine rescue team.



JOHNSON

Christopher Ross

Christopher Ross graduated in 2001 with a B.S. degree in mining

engineering from the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State Univer-

sity. While a student, he interned as
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Illinois coal associations sponsor safety workshop

The 2008 Annual Illinois Mining Institute (IMI) will be held Sept. 8-9, 2008 at Crowne Plaza, Springfield, IL. The IMI will also host "An Interactive Workshop on Midwest Mine Health and Safety Issues" in conjunction with the annual meeting. The workshop will have two sessions. Session I will focus on mine seals and refuge chambers; Session II will discuss noise control and dust control issues.

The workshop is cosponsored

by the Illinois Coal Association, the Illinois Clean Coal Institute/ Office of Coal Development of the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, the Illinois Office of Mines and Minerals, Southern Illinois University's Coal Research Center and Department of Mining and Mineral Resources Engineering and the Illinois Association of Aggregate Producers.

Professionals from the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health, the U.S. Mine

Safety and Health Administration, academia and industry have been invited to speak. The IMI meeting will also feature a golf outing, a mine-rescue competition and an equipment and services exhibit.

For additional information, please contact Nancy Cline, administrative assistant, Illinois Mining Institute, College of Engineering, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois 62901-6603, e-mail imi@enr.siu.edu, phone 618-536-6631. ■

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ROSS

a planning engineer for Arch Coal at its Hobet 21 operation and as a project supervisor for Aggregate Industries at its

Thornton operation. Upon graduation, Ross took a job at Florida Rock Industries' Ft. Myers Quarry, where he held the position of pit supervisor. He was also president of the safety and environmental committees.

Since 2004, Ross has been em-

ployed as a mining engineer for the John T. Boyd Co., a mining and geological consulting firm. His focus is on geologic modeling, mine design and planning at numerous U.S. operations, as well as for projects in South Africa, Colombia and Indonesia.

Andrew Soderman



SODERMAN

Andrew Soderman graduated from the University of Arizona in 1998 with a B.S. in mining engineering.

Throughout college, he had several internships with openpit copper mines.

After graduation, he worked for Cyprus Miami operations as a mine engineer. Since then, he has held a variety of positions within Phelps

Dodge Mining. Currently, he is the chief mine engineer at Freeport-McMoRan's Bagdad operation.

Soderman has been an active member of SME since college and is currently the vice-chair of the Grand Canyon Section of SME. ■

Mining museum celebrates Colorado tunneling

The Western Museum of Mining & Industry will celebrate the 35th anniversary of the Eisenhower Tunnel with the museum's latest exhibit, Colorado Tunneling. The exhibit will run from June 20 to Aug. 30 and will feature modern tunneling methods with photographs of transportation and water tunnels constructed throughout Col-

orado. Temporarily on loan from the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is a scale model of the construction for the Eisenhower Tunnel. Kiewit Construction Co. has loaned the exhibit a scale model of a state-of-the-art tunnel boring machine. Denver Water, CDOT, BT Construction, Mine Development and Engineering Corp., Deere &

Ault Consultants and Lyman Henn Inc. have supplied construction photos. The exhibit is organized by Raymond Henn of Lyman Henn in Denver. The museum is open Monday-Saturday, 9-5. It is located across from the U.S. Air Force Academy's north entrance, I-25 exit 156A; phone 719-488-0880 or visit the Web site, www.wmmi.org. ■