

**Our Mission:** *Our aim is to offer professional development opportunities to our chapter members through SME-sponsored plant tours, networking events, and board leadership. We also strive to promote manufacturing as a viable career path to high school and college students through our scholarship programs.*

## 2023 High School Scholarship Recipients

As a result of several successful fundraising events, we were able to increase the annual scholarship to two \$1,500 awards. We received over 40 applications from high school seniors in the Kansas City area who are pursuing a career in manufacturing or engineering related fields. The recipients for the 2023 SME Chapter 57 High School Scholarship were:

Miles Goodman, a senior at Lee's Summit North High School. Miles will be pursuing a degree in Mechanical or Aerospace Engineering. He is enrolled in Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Courses at Summit Technology Academy and is an Eagle Scout.

Colin Thomson, a senior at Kearney High School. Colin will be attending Missouri S&T majoring in Mechanical Engineering. Colin is enrolled in shop classes, is an active member in the school's robotics program, and is an Eagle Scout. He has experience working with various trades and enjoys working on automobiles.

Congratulations to Miles and Colin!

## Holiday Party Recap and Pictures

Our annual Holiday Party and Silent Auction was held on December 14<sup>th</sup>. Through the generous contributions from area businesses and chapter members, we raised over \$1,000 for the scholarship fund. The 2024 Board of Directors was installed by LaRoux Gillespie. We also awarded the SME Presidents Award to LaRoux for his continued support of SME Chapter 57. Thank you to all who attended and made this event possible!



## 2024 Membership Drive

SME Chapter 57 will be sponsoring a membership drive for new SME members and for members who renew their membership during 2024. The winners will be notified in December 2024. To register or renew your SME membership, please visit: <https://www.sme.org/join>.

- Each **NEW** SME Chapter 57 member will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 Amazon Gift Card.
- Each currently registered SME Chapter 57 member who **renews** their membership during 2024 will be entered into a drawing for a \$50 Amazon Gift Card.

Additionally, we are offering a \$25 Amazon Gift Card to current registered SME Chapter 57 members who refer a new registered SME Chapter 57 member. Submit your referral here: <https://forms.gle/sXz5Ca1cvFovt4Br6>.

Joining as a SME member unlocks many benefits, including:

- Early registration access to upcoming SME Chapter 57 Events
- Reduced price for paid SME Chapter 57 Events (fundraisers, etc.)
- Manufacturing Engineering and Smart Manufacturing Magazines (hard copy or electronic)
- SME Jobs Connections
- Industry-Recognized Certifications
- Peer-Reviewed Journals
- Scholarships

Have questions about membership? Contact Dave Nelson: [Dave.Nelson@peoplelinkstaffing.com](mailto:Dave.Nelson@peoplelinkstaffing.com).

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## November Tour Recap – Dimensional Innovations

Thank you to Dimensional Innovations for hosting our recent tour of their Kansas City facilities. Close to 30 SME Chapter 57 members were in attendance. The event included a tour of the shop floor and design facilities. The event was followed by a happy hour at Boulevard Brewing Company.

We are looking forward to hosting many exciting events in 2024!

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## Upcoming Events

Please mark your calendars for these upcoming events.

### March 21<sup>st</sup> Topeka Foundry & Iron Works

SME Chapter 57 will be touring the machining shops at Topeka Foundry & Iron Works on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Additional details and carpooling information will be announced soon.

### April 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM Tour of Brown Industries

Event registration details to be sent out soon.

### October 3<sup>rd</sup> at TBD Annual Fundraising Event at Dimensional Innovations

Mark your calendars for our annual gathering and fundraising event hosted at Dimensional Innovations. More details to come.

Have a suggestion for an upcoming event? Contact Brian Crawley: [brian.crawley@peoplelinkstaffing.com](mailto:brian.crawley@peoplelinkstaffing.com)

## Upcoming Member Satisfaction Survey

Be on the lookout for a membership satisfaction survey. We want to receive your feedback on how we can improve our chapter events and communications.

## Chapter LinkedIn Page

Did you know that we have a LinkedIn page where we share frequent chapter updates and events? Join our LinkedIn group at: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/14026221/>.

## Survey Opportunity

Rebekah McCartney, who is currently pursuing their master's degree in Engineering Technology at Purdue University, has asked interested SME Chapter 57 members to complete a brief survey on quality management systems. Your feedback is requested to help advance quality management system education in undergraduate engineering technology curricula. Questions? Please reach out to Rebekah McCartney at [mccartn1@purdue.edu](mailto:mccartn1@purdue.edu).

If you are interested in completing this survey, please visit:  
[https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9tTRVJsjXTON7WC](https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9tTRVJsjXTON7WC)

## 2024 Board of Directors

Please meet the 2024 Board of Directors. Our contact information is below. Please reach out to anyone on the Board with questions or concerns.

			
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