Polymer Valley News

The Newsletter of the Akron Section of the Society of Plastics Engineers
Our 57th Year of Education and Service to the Plastics Industry

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Holiday Gathering

Monday, December 7, 2015 5:30 p.m.



The Taverne of Richfield
3960 Broadview Road

Richfield, Ohio 44286

A quick presentation on the history of the Taverne will be provided.

The Taverne of Richfield is in an 1886 building offering steaks & seafood plus a martini bar, a patio and live music.

Costs, Schedules, Reservations

Member and/or guest	\$30
Retired	\$25
Student	\$10
New Member - first meeting	ng Free
Social / Networking / Bar	5:30 p.m.
Dinner	6:00 p.m.
Madrigal Singers	6:30 p.m.
Speaker	7:00 p.m.
Peservations must be in h	v noon on

Reservations must be in by noon on Friday, Dec. 4 and can be made to Gary Taylor at 330-419-4380 or akronspe1@gmail.com

Please be sure to include the company affiliation of each attendee including dietary restrictions.





Firestone High School Madrigal Singers

January 11 – NASA – see page 4 for details



The Firestone High School Madrigal Singers

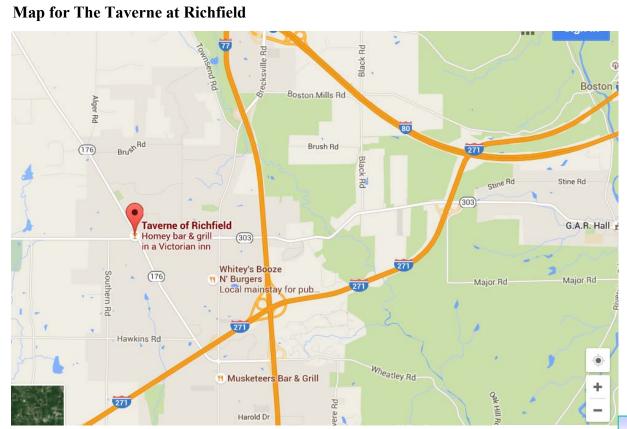
The Madrigal Singers are one of six choral ensembles taught at the Akron School of the Arts at Firestone High School. This ensemble consists of advanced singers who excel in sight-reading, vocal technique and musicianship. They are chosen based on academic and character references and perform all a' cappella literature without an adult director.

The Madrigal Singers have represented Akron at local, state and national level professional conferences, as well a private functions including weddings and funerals.

The director, Mr. Chad Pitman, is a graduate of Baldwin Wallace University. He has received numerous awards for outstanding work in music education/performance and been invited to serve as guest conductor for many school and community choral ensembles in northeast Ohio.

The Madrigal Singers have been performing at Akron SPE holiday gatherings for many years. Join us on December 7 at the Taverne in Richfield to brighten your holiday spirit.





Technical Meeting

January 11, 2016 5:30 p.m. **Hilton Inn** 3180 West Market Street Akron, Ohio 44333

Joint Meeting with ACESS



www.acessinc.org







Costs, Schedules, Reservations

Member and/or guest \$25 Retired \$20 Student \$5 New Member - first meeting Free

Social / Networking / Bar 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m. Program after dinner - 6:45 p.m.

Reservations must be in by noon on Friday, Jan. 8 and can be made to Gary Taylor at akronspe1@gmail.com or 330-419-4380

Please be sure to include the company affiliation of each attendee including dietary restrictions.

A patented chemist turned astronaut, Janet Kavandi (pronounced kuh-VON-dee) was named deputy director of NASA Glenn Research Center in early March.

Kavandi was born Janet Lynn Sellers in Springfield, Mo. She earned a bachelor's degree in chemistry at Missouri Southern State College-Joplin, a master's in that subject from the University of Missouri-Rolla and a doctorate in analytical chemistry from the University of Washington-Seattle. In 1995, Kavandi became an astronaut. She flew on the Space Shuttle three times and spent a total of more than 33 days in space. After 10 years as an astronaut, she began moving up in NASA's administration. She served as director of flight crew operations at the Johnson Space Center in Houston.

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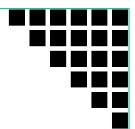
For technical polymer questions please use the SPE International forum "The Chain"

For local questions please contact the officers at akronspeweb@gmail.com



Councilor's Corner

Report - SPE International Council – October 9 – 11, 2015 Dan Jones (for councilor Kevin Malpass)



We passed Friday evening in activities that encouraged us to get to know each other. Although the time was inadequate to allow us to know all of the other counselors (or their representatives), the relationships that we established helped make the discussions easier for the rest of the weekend

The continuing reductions in membership and finances have imposed changes in the society's model for finances and leadership for the future. A committee, the Governance Task Force is proposing that the current Executive Committee take more responsibility while still being guided by the whole council. A comprehensive overview can be found in the posts from President-elect Scott Owens on The Chain.

I was encouraged by what I heard in the break-out/brainstorming sessions on ANTEC and Special Interest Groups (SIGs) because I felt that the leadership was listening to us and open to new ideas, and I also felt that they are ahead of the curve and already putting into place new approaches that will address dropping attendance at ANTEC and bureaucratic sluggishness to set up new SIGs. There are many changes and rough times in our future.









2015 Pittsburgh SPE Fall & Winter Events

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B--8NWjblc-kX0JvV1duUnY5bTA/view?pli=1

January:

Time: TBD Location: TBD

Silicone Design & Molding Symposium

This presentation will provide an overview of silicone molding, what it will take to get started with silicone molding, and comparison to injection molding for companies who are interested in entering the silicones market.

March:

Time: TBD Location: TBD

Finances for Engineers:

Michael Masilunas & Rylan Marx; Lincoln Investment Planning

As a follow-up to last year's finances for engineers meeting we will discuss a variety of topics ranging from taxes, investments, health plans, college savings, & more.

RSVP: Send Ideas to: More Info at: \$20.00 for SPE members, \$25.00 for non-SPE members Pgh.spe+rsvp@gmail.com
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Akron Section SPE Past Presidents



1959-1960	Donald F. Siddall	1987-1988	Judith A. Fallon
1960-1961	Milan Krajcik	1988-1989	William E. Tosko
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1969-1970	Harold R. Schick	1997-1998	David Schultz
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1971-1972	John J. Satterfield	1999-2000	Gary Taylor
1972-1973	Alexis M. Gross	2000-2001	Kevin Malpass
1973-1974	Francis J. Maurer	2001-2002	Kenneth L. Sharp
1974-1975	Leverett A. Anderson, Jr.	2002-2003	Joseph E. Pfeiffer
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1976-1977	Richard L. Fleshman	2004-2005	Joseph Mattingly
1977-1978	David Curtis	2005-2006	Lloyd A. Goettler
1978-1979	John A. Zelek, Jr.	2006-2007	John Woodside
1979-1980	Gerald W. Whitnable	2007-2008	Vivian Malpass
1980-1981	Kathleen N. Bechter	2008-2009	Joseph Mattingly
1981-1982	Victor E. Giuffrida	2009-2010	David A. Katz
1982-1983	James Steiner	2010-2011	Lloyd A. Goettler
1983-1984	Robert G. Hills	2011-2012	David Schultz
1984-1985	Anthony F. Dean, Jr.	2012-2013	Kevin Malpass
1985-1986	Gene Buser	2013-2014	Dan Jones
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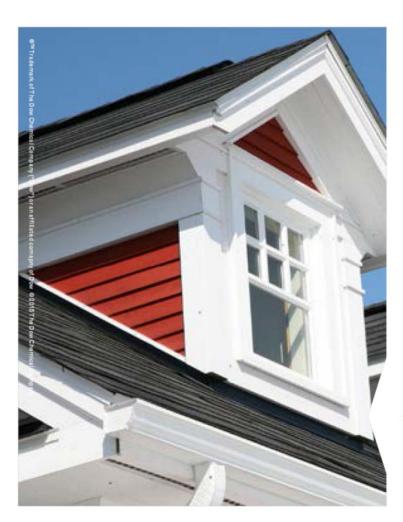
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The Akron Section is in need of New Board Member.

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Contact anyone currently on the board (see page 22)

if you are interested.
Thank You!



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Goals for Akron Section SPE for 2015/2016

- Work closely with the Cleveland Section to promote attendance at Joint Section meetings and develop a diversified Program for 2015-16
- Increase involvement with U Akron Student Chapter to attend Section Meetings and functions and achieve better use of our website, Linked In and Face Book
- · Give better recognition to new members
- Increase Section membership by at least 1% by better promotion of Section value
- Work closely with the Vinyl Plastics Division to run a very successful Vinyltec TOPCON in October 2015
- Continue and expand on joint Society meetings and activities, such as ACESS, ACS and others
- Continue our recruitment efforts to add new Board members

The Akron Polymer Training Center (APTC) at The University of Akron provides short courses for the plastics, rubber, medical, corrosion, and adhesives and coatings industries.



APTC plastics courses include:

- Understanding Plastic Material Properties in Analyzing and Preventing Product Failures
- Making Properties and Profits: Twin Screw Extrusion Seminar
- Complete Injection Molding
- Polymer Compounding, Formulating and Testing of Plastics, Rubber, Adhesives and Coatings
- Rubber and Plastics Failure Analysis Physical and Chemical Analysis Techniques
- Plastic Material Selection and Testing
- Plastic Part Failure Analysis
- Chemistry and Technology of Polymeric Materials used in Medical Devices
- Validating Medical Molding Processes and Parts
- Color Theory and Applications

University of Akron

Visit uakron.edu/aptc for a complete list of APTC courses.

Customized training programs are also available. Contact APTC at 330-972-8303 or lbettinger@uakron.edu



Minutes of Board Meeting – November 2, 2015

Call to Order: 5:30 PM

Present: Keith Pelfrey, David Schultz, Bob Wegelin, Tom McQuaide, Sahil Gupta and Marcos Pantoja **Absent:** Dan Jones, Kevin Malpass, Bob Weiler, Tony Dean, Viv Malpass, Kevin Cavicchi, Gary Taylor, Joe Mattingly and Nicole Brostowitz

Special Guests: Dr. Younjin Min- Student Chapter Advisor, Scott Smith- PESO- President and Ashrita

Nallapaneni - PESO BOD Member

Agenda for Monday Nov 5 BOD meeting at 5.30pm at the U Akron Poly Eng Bldg:

1) Minutes available Oct 5 BOD meeting---Dave Schultz Passed out- quick review, voted and Approved by BOD TARGET planned Special Discussions – Student Chapter- Dr Y. Min with BOD

Keith reviewed briefly Akron Section SPE- Education ties to our current activity slate and added interest to get further engaged with active Student Chapter- PESO/ SPE

Review included:

Aim to promote leading edge technology at monthly meetings- very pertinent for students soon to be entering the work force

Monthly meeting format- meetings, tours, speakers

Recent Vinyltec and Student aid- opportunity to network with business

Interest for Akron Section to get the word out to students SPE

Undergraduate scholarships

SPE Events

Noted that of the PESO group that 15 students were as well SPE Student Chapter members-

Special note Memberships are free to US Citizens- as SPI providing funding currently

Reviewed current information and format re monthly meetings

Mass e-mail currently sent to all students Polymer Engineering

Pdf- available in monthly newsletter from SPE- plan to place on board at elevator in PEAC

Suggested that would be good to know current PESO/Student Chapter ratio now and for the near past

Dr Min noted after review with PESO /Student Chapter students 6 ways that SPE could engage students to a greater extent

Tours- with emphasis that could be potential job for students or in depth knowledge for job interview.

Technical meetings for future- Student presenter

Invite speaker that could aid in Career building techniques- Interview

Increase awareness of SPE Intl- SPE Membership drive to be planned Nov 2015

Networking- along with gift of appreciation

Suggested that Newsletter and website provide pictures so that students can ascertain depth of meeting-networking and dress

Dr Min also mentioned that Univ. of Akron- College of Polymer Science and Engineering hosting a Graduate Research Conf –June 2016- interest in companies to help sponsor- informed SPE currently a member driven organization vs SPI- Industry and company driven although SPE has some large company targets being developed

Minutes of Board Meeting – November 2 (cont.)

We noted as well we felt that SPE Chapter had a good opportunity to get engaged with April 2016 Meeting being led by Dr Kevin Cavicchi-Industry Teacher Collaboration

The Student Chapter as well- noted past monies available for ANTEC Travel as Student presenter-BOD noted past year low level of communication but that monies are typically available-PESO/Studernt Chapter noted potential interest as well for students to travel to Regional Conference- TOPCON's.

They also noted they are very interested to have their students show subject specific Posters at monthly meetings - plans to have 3-4 posters for November- Rheology and Measurement excellent thought as noted by BOD present

Plan to request for SPE Student Chapter pens and provide early day refreshments for mid November Membership drive at PEAC

Invited Student Chapter to December Christmas Party and they will as well let BOD know date time and place for their Gathering for Christmas

KEY – Need to finalize for end of November- Pinnacle Award due

2) Section Goals—2015-16 Keith Pelfrey

Goals as developed- be meaningful need to be measurable and need to have a quantity associated with action. Determined that each Goal as set will be developed with appropriate BOD member denoted and that Joe Mattingly will aid in development using SMART method (We will do what by how much, when?) See below after great deal of discussions: Key to Pinnacle and Communication for year 2015-16- Due Nov 2015

- 1-Work closely with Cleveland Section to promote attendance at Joint Section meetings and develop a diversified Program for 2015-16 that will increase total attendance by 5% over 2014-15—Bob Wegelin to supply metrics for avg monthly meeting attendance last year.
- (Example: We will partner with the Cleveland section to increase joint average monthly meeting attendance from XX in 2014-15 to XX + 5% 2015-16 by providing compelling diversified programming)
- 2-Increase involvement with U of A-Student Chapter to increase student attendance at our Section Meetings and functions by 5% over 2014-15—Marcos and Bob to determine details and review with Advisor- Prof Y. Min
- 3-Increase the use of social media including website, Linked In and Face Book by creating a compelling story that will attract new members—Nicole to inform new details of activity including face lift to website, reviewing SPE story plus as discussed review of Continuing education as key moving forward- wide appeal to members??
- 4-Give better recognition to new members by personally contacting and welcoming them to our Society, both when joining and at first meeting they attend
- (Example: Increase new member recognition by 80% over 2014-2015 by personally contacting and welcoming them to our Society, both when joining and at first meeting they attend)
- 5-Increase Section membership by at least 1% by better promotion of section value and providing compelling events- Bob Weiler suggestions

Minutes of Board Meeting – November 2 (cont.)

6-Work closely with Vinyl Plastics Division to run a very successful Vinyltec TOPCON in Oct 2015 and prepare for TPE TOPCON 2016- Viv Malpass informs- Attendance, Exhibitors and profitability could be metrics

7-Continue to expand on Joint Society meetings and activities such as ACESS, ACS and others to share event notifications and improve attendance over 2014-15- Need to get details on who from each group may have attended in recent past- also make sure we have more details at ACCES and ACS than just date and location-Bob Wegelin and Tony Dean

8- Continue our recruitment efforts to add 2 new BOD members in 2015-16 (Example: Increase our recruitment efforts to increase the number of board members from 14 to 16 in 2015-2016

Suggestion to provide members and students at up-coming meeting with survey-Sahil Gupta to develop

Committee Reports:

Technical Program Review 2015-6--Keith Pelfrey- New 2015-16 Bob Weiler

Keith informed program is set for November and rest of the year with back ups available, reconfirmed that Bob Weiler has been provided a "germ" to start next year Bob Weiler has asked for comments from BOD and Student Chapter.

Christmas Party – Bob Wegelin will request a brief History of Richfield Taverne.

Membership--Bob Weiler

Membership at 307- recent Vinyltec and Sept activity.

Treasurer--Gary Taylor

Gary provided report for BOD to review

Councilor--Kevin Malpass / Dan Jones

No report- SPE Intl provided up-dated synopsis to review Dec BOD

AS NOTED above

Student Chapter—Younjin Min via Kevin Cavicchi

Marcos and Keith to developed discussions need input and involvement of students a very key part of this years Goal.

Public Interest/Website-- Tom McQuaide/Tony Dean

Tom informed that he has recently provided a template for news release- could gather very up-dated education information now and place in template- In process of consideration.

Tony informed via notes next meetings have been placed at appropriate sites.

Need to confirm status of Electronic picture frames for PEAC



Minutes of Board Meeting – November 2 (cont.)

Website Improvement/utilization--Tony Dean/ Nicole Brostowitz

Tony informed that his current portion of website has been up-dated. Nicole reports she is making progress on the new look social media site and has asked for BOD to aid in helping to fill in the blanks-BOD to review Nicole's e-mail and provide input.

Nicole has requested up-date on Plastivan-Intl is placing a renewed interest and has expanded their out reach D. Schultz to check Cleveland Section as well local ESC- Dr Missi Zender Sakach.

Newsletter--Utilization/Advertisers--Tony Dean

No report.

Awards—Planning-Dan Jones

No report- Keith did mention Dan was working on this will review progress- Dec BOD Confirmed Awards for next year in progress.

Pinnacle/Communications/Timing 2016-17 --- Dan Jones

No report- Dan Jones will handle Pinnacle for year 2015- needs BOD input.

SPE/Section Award Planning 2016-7---Dan Jones/All

Keith asked BOD to review Awards and make suggestions for this and potentially next year- Org- Akron new business to be reviewed for potential Business Award for 2016- Need backup to aid D Jones in Awards work

Education Committee--Improvement Actions for 2015-6--Kevin Cavicchi/Tom McQuaide

Plan to reach out in other areas such as noted from last year suggestions: Contacts with Boards of Education, PTA, websites, local papers

Education Foundation-- Funding from Section/Fund Raising Event for 2015-6--Bob Wegelin

No report- plan to have final Foundation Meeting for year- re current situations in stock market- Bob plans to gather Foundation Committee for up-date and review.

Vinyltec 2015, Oct 13-15--Status--VM/Bob Weiler/Dave Schultz/ Bob Wegelin

No report- Vinyltec went very well- will await final details from Viv Malpass. We have asked to be considered for future Vinyltec meeting approved for 2021.

TPE TOPCON- September 2016--Status--VM/ Bob Wegelin

Viv reports that this Conference confirmed for Sept 20-22.

House- Bob Wegelin, Gary Taylor

Bob reports that all is set at Hilton for Nov. Meeting. We need to remind our co-workers about the Monday meeting to increase attendance.

New Business:

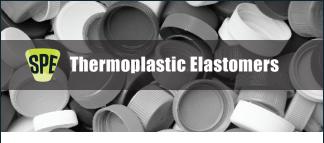
Reviewed request by Dr. Missi Zender Sakach-ESC for Teacher Grant for Hands On Plastics Kits- from Education Foundation

Suggested we get pens made up fro PR for Akron Section SPE- Jenny Digiantonio

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m. Next BOD Meeting November 30 Univ. of Akron PEAC -5:30 PM





Thermoplastic Elastomers Conference 2016

Stretching Performance with TPE's September 20-22 Hilton-Akron/Fairlawn Akron, OH

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225-776-6013 mark.berard@tsrc-global.com

Deadlines:

Abstract Submissions: January 31, 2016 Completed Papers: June 30, 2016



AKRON SECTION SOCIETY OF PLASTICS ENGINEERS Nomination Form - Election of Candidates to The Plastics Hall of Honor

Election to the **Plastics Hall of Honor** is conferred upon Akron area men and women who meet the following criteria:

- 1. Displayed exceptional effort and accomplishment in the field of Plastics and Polymers.
- 2. Displayed extraordinary dedication over many years that has contributed to the growth of the plastics industry.
- 3. Has not received national or international recognition.

The **Plastics Hall of Honor** seeks to recognize individuals for their quiet service, loyalty and support over the years. They are the unsung heroes, the everyday foot soldiers of our industry - area employers, employees and educators whose accomplishments are lacking only in recognition.

If you personally know such a deserving candidate, please forward your nomination to the selection committee, using this or any mailer.

Name of Nominee (include title)		
Address	Phone No	City
StateZip co	ode	
Present affiliations (Plastics, inc	luding dates and positions held)	
Former affiliations (Plastics, includ-	ing dates and positions held)	
Specific contributions (Patents, pub	lications, etc. to plastics industry)	
Related Plastics activities (Clubs, O.	rganizations)	
Brief statement supporting the cand	date (Attach additional pages, if necessary)	
Membership	in SPE not required to Nomin	nate or to be Nominated
Name of Nominator	Signature _	
Address	Phone	

PLEASE MAIL THIS FORM TO ARRIVE BY APRIL 22, 2016 to: Bob Wegelin 13206 Kaufman Ave. NW Hartville, OH 44632 PHONE: 330-414-1498

E-mail questions to robert.wegelin@att.net

Honorees will be installed in the Plastics Hall of Honor at the Annual SPE awards night 2016 Their names and photographs will be displayed in the Plastics Hall of Honor within the University of Akron

Nominate a co-worker, employer, teacher, media person, leader, or any unsung hero who deserves this honor!

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SPE - Akron Section Special Merit Awards **Educational** Foundation



2016 Scholarship Program Information

Scholarships Available The Society of Plastics Engineers Akron Section

Please visit http://www.akronspe.org/education.htm for more information and to download the application form.

Background

The purpose of the Akron Section of the Society of Plastics Engineers Scholarship Program is to promote knowledge in polymer science, engineering, and technology. Started in 1988, it has awarded over \$300,000 to area students. Preference is given to students enrolling in two- and four-year programs with a focus on plastics and polymers.

Scholarships up to \$3000 per year will be awarded and can be used for tuition, books, laboratory fees, and other educational costs necessary to earn a certificate or associate or baccalaureate degree in preparation for a career in polymers.

Selection Criteria

- 1. Scholastic Achievement
- 2. Interest in a plastics career
- 3. Extracurricular activities
- 4. Financial need
- 5. Two letters of reference from instructors or supervisors. (to be included with application)
- 6. Residence within area covered by Akron SPE.

First-time Applicants

Interested students from local high schools, technical, and vocational schools, and area colleges are encouraged to fill out the attached SPE Scholarship Application form, including the essay, references, and current transcript. Students are encouraged to discuss their interests in plastics

All scholarships are awarded for one year with option for renewal. The awards are for full-time students only. Co-op students are also eligible.

Scholarship applications should be sent to:

Akron SPE Attn: Kevin Cavicchi 250 S. Forge St. Akron, OH 44325-0301

- OR -

kac58@uakron.edu

Deadline is March 18, 2016.

Renewal Applicants

Renewal Instructions:

- 1. Maintain a minimum **2.5/4.0** grade point average or equivalent.
- 2. Submit grade reports and course selections demonstrating polymer-related curriculum prior to start of next semester.
- 3. Apply for renewal scholarship using SPE application form. (References and essay are not required for renewal.)

Names of scholarship recipients will be distributed to donor companies for possible internship or cooperative programs.

The number of scholarships awarded per year will be variable depending on the number of qualifying applicants.



2016 Scholarship Application & Renewal Akron Section - Education Foundation

1.	Applicant Name:		
	Your Home Address:		
	City:	Zip:	Home Phone:
3.	Your Address at School:		
			School Phone:
	Your Email address:		
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	Cumulative GPA:		
5.	School/College to be attended:		
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6.	Please briefly describe how you into	end to finance y	your education:
7.	Current and Past School Activities:	(attach separa	te sheet or resume if necessary – 1 page only please)
8.	On a separate sheet of paper, type a	short discourse	e (no more than two pages) describing your
	enthusiasm and interest in pursuing	a career in plas	stics, as well as how your intended field of study

9. Have **two** (and only 2) academic references (instructors or supervisors) provide the committee with a letter documenting their insights on your scholastic achievements and potential for future success in the fields of plastics and polymers. Attach these references to this application.

will help you achieve your career goals.

All applications must include a current transcript.

All Applicants return application by March 18th, 2016 to the following address:

Akron SPE Attn: Kevin Cavicchi 250 S. Forge St Akron, OH 44325-0301

Programs for 2015 / 2016

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