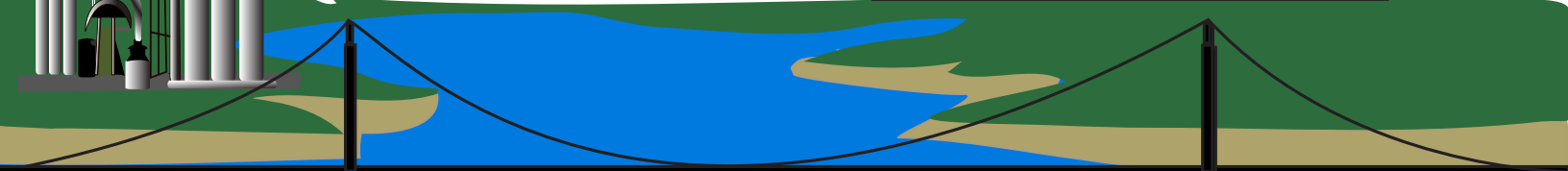
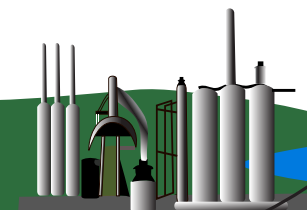


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## SPE PALISADES-MIDATLANTIC SECTION SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2022 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS!

Alva Whitney Memorial Graduate Scholarship:  
[Alyaa Elsaadany](#), PhD candidate in Materials Science at Rutgers.

John Manson/Les Sperling Graduate Scholarship:  
[Jordan Greenland](#), PhD candidate in Polymer Science and Engineering at Lehigh University.

Jack Ryan Memorial Undergraduate Scholarship:  
[Melanie Alpert](#) (Rutgers)

J. Stephen Duerr Undergraduate Scholarship:  
[Elise Curren](#) (Rutgers)

John Manson/Les Sperling Undergraduate Scholarship:  
[Eli Paul](#) (California Institute of Technology)

Richard Bradley Undergraduate Scholarship:  
[Alissa Kapp](#) (Elon University)

Sal Monte High School Scholarship:  
[Kristen Lavallee](#) (entering Duquesne University)

Francis McAndrew High School Scholarship:  
[James Finnegan](#) (entering University of Florida)

Board of Directors scholarships were awarded to [Tyler Balas](#) (TCNJ), Emily Duerr (Duke), [Kyle Duerr](#) (Duke), Courtney Kapp (Longwood College), [Jessica Novak](#) (James Madison University), and [Jordan Remillard](#) (Elon University).

This year, our Section awarded \$26K in scholarships. We will also be giving \$1K towards the creation of the SPE Fellows Scholarship by the SPE Foundation. Our combined sections account for nearly 20% of the Fellows of the Society, and this donation is made in honor of the 60 Fellows of the legacy sections making up the Palisades-MidAtlantic Section. The foundation is also launching an Honored Service Members Scholarship.

## **SECTION NEWS: OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR THE COMING YEAR**

Thank you to all who served this past year and to those who have volunteered to be Section leaders this coming year, which begins July 1, 2022. President (Arya Tewatia), first vice-president (Paul Brigandi), and past-president (Peggy Schipper) will remain in their roles for an additional year. Francis McAndrew continues as treasurer and will be assisted by Paul Brigandi. Caroline Mutari will join the Board as second vice-president. Stephanie Angelo will take over the role of secretary, and Greg Treich will become Councilor. We are grateful for the service of Stu Kapp and Maggie Baumann who have been serving as secretary and councilor and will now become directors. Thanks also to outgoing directors Joe Duska and Bob Kappus for your dedicated service.

The directors include:

2024-2025 Term: Maggie Baumann, Mark Lavach, Stu Kapp, Rutgers Student Chapter President

2023-2024: Rob Decker, Andres Ginez, Gayatri Anand, Brittany Walls

2022-2023: Art Finkle, Patrick Kelley, Ray Pearson, Sharan Thathand.

In addition, Gayatri Anand will take the role of Social Media Manager, and Maggie Baumann will head a new "Innovation" committee to explore new initiatives.

Many thanks to Pete Hayles, who has been chairing the Sponsorship Committee for several years. If you (or someone you know) would like to join the committee, we are looking for a chair and committee members to reach out to companies who might wish to sponsor our Section (a 501c3 non-profit) with their donations. Sponsors receive an ad in the newsletter and a banner on our website. Check out our current sponsors, and reach out to the Publications Committee ([info@spe-pnj.org](mailto:info@spe-pnj.org)) if you would like to be a sponsor for the 2022-23 year.

### **VINYLTEC® 2022: CHARTING THE COURSE FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE SEPTEMBER 27-29, 2022 HOLIDAY CROWN PLAZA, KING OF PRUSSIA, PA**

The Vinyl Division Technical Program Committee is soliciting papers and Keynote Speakers in the following areas:

- Resin and Additives
- Sustainability and Recycling
- Megatrends (Climate Change, Data analytics & Digital Connectivity, Decentralized Financing, Globalization, Health and Wellness, Populations Shift, Resource Constraints, Social Responsibility, Transparency, Workforce Resilience)
- Vinyl Industry Association Updates

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with proposed talk title and author.

## COUNCILOR'S REPORT

By MH Baumann



This is my last report as councilor for the Palisades-MidAtlantic Section. It has been a pleasure to represent our Section at SPE.

We just concluded the 2022 ANTEC®, co-located with Informa's IM Engineering South exhibition in Charlotte, NC. Both the show and conferences were down in attendance compared to before the pandemic. The tracks were reduced in number, but the quality of the presentations were very good. ANTEC® gave us a chance to be in person and to see members that we have not seen since 2019.

We did not have a councilors meeting at ANTEC®, but I did have a chance to meet and interact informally with a number of councilors. I believe we still have not found our voice, although we continue to explore ways to serve the society in an advisory and oversight capacity. We all believe that education is a core purpose of SPE and feel that we should not stray far from that core purpose. There were several inspirational keynotes related to training, workforce development, and education—each of which showed us a glimmer of what SPE can contribute to the industry and to society as a whole.

Congratulations to Mark Lavach, who was inducted as a Fellow of the Society at the ANTEC® Awards Luncheon. In addition to the recognition of his technical contributions, he continues to serve as our education champion, and we thank him for all of his support to the section.

Greg Treich (Evonik) will be taking on the role of councilor for the section beginning July 1. Please engage with him and share what you think is needed about how we all can contribute as a section and as members. In many ways, we have a model section, and although we have had several transformations over the years, we have emerged each time stronger than before. We are a section with a dedicated board and continue to contribute to the Society. I want to wish the best to Greg Treich as councilor. Please feel free to contact me any time,

Maggie Baumann  
Councilor, Palisades MidAtlantic Section, 2016-2022

More Content for Plastics Professionals from SPE [ANTEC® On-Demand Sessions](#) are available on 4spe.org. These are free to those who registered for ANTEC® and available for purchase for others.

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Week of Aug 1: Injection Molding  
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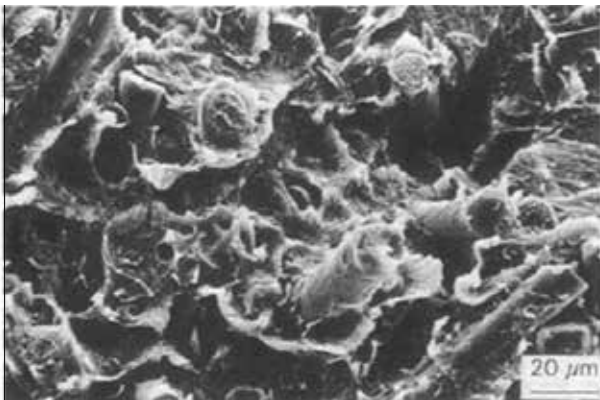


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