

IMPORTANT NOTES AND SECTION NEWS

Now Accepting Scholarship Applications for 2023 -see page 3. Deadline is April 20.

Volunteers Wanted:

We're looking for a new volunteer to fill the Secretary position. Secretary is a great volunteer job for someone who would like to get to know people in section leadership—the primary role is to take notes during meetings and distribute them. We typically have a few in-person board meetings and a few virtual meetings. Contact anyone on the board or our general address: info@spe-pma.org or reach out to us at our LinkedIn page.

Next year, we would like to host a Processing TopCon. Contact Paul Brigandi, pjbrigandi@dow.com if you would like to join the planning committee.

Upcoming Events:

- The Design for Additive Manufacturing Workshop is being planned as an educational event for students, young professionals, and anyone interested in additive manufacturing. It has been postponed from the April date but will be rescheduled.
- The Philadelphia Section is hosting a golf outing on May 8, and we're planning a golf outing for the fall!
- The year-end awards meeting in late May is tentatively planned to be virtual. More info to come.
- Also coming up this fall is a tour of Penn Color's color lab in Hatfield, PA and a section meeting and tour at Lehigh University.



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And our Website https://spe-pma.org

CALL FOR PAPERS

VINYLTEC® 2023

SPE's Vinyl Division announces a call for papers for

Vinyltec® 2023:

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October 10-12, 2023 Hilton Inn, Akron, OH

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

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

Timeline: ASAP! No later than April 30, 2023 Please Contact: TPC Chair, Raechel Sincavage with proposed talk title and author



CALL FOR POSTER PRESENTATIONS

SPE's Vinyl Division announces a call for poster presentations for the upcoming: VinylTec® 2023:

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• Vinyl Industry Association Updates

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Posters will be highlighted during the cocktail hour & coffee breaks. A great time to show off new product/technical innovations! Timeline: Abstract and Title by July 31, 2023 Please Contact: TPC Chair, Raechel Sincavage with proposed poster title and author

2023 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION NOW OPEN

The Palisades-MidAtlantic Section of the Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE) is proud to offer academic scholarships to associate members who have demonstrated excellence in various fields of study. Listed below are the available scholarships and criteria. If you, or a family member, are interested in applying, please submit the required documents by April 20, 2023. If you would like to learn more about our scholarships, which honor our Section members, you can read the history here.

If you are not a current member of SPE but you are interested in joining or becoming affiliated with the SPE Palisades-MidAtlantic Section, please contact us at info@spe-pma.org or visit www4spe.org

Scholarship Name	Scholarship Award	Number Available	Academic Criteria	Palisades- Midatlantic Section Criteria
Alva Whitney Graduate Scholarship	\$4000.00	1	Graduate study in any field. Applicant must be in good academic standing	Full, affiliate, or student SPE member, OR child/grandchild of an active Palisades Midatlantic Section Member
John Manson-Les Sperling Graduate Scholarship	\$2000.00	1	Graduate study in Physical/Chemical or Materials Science/Engineering Applicant must be in good academic standing	Full, affiliate, or student SPE member, OR child/grandchild of an active Palisades Midatlantic Section Member
Jack Ryan-Kris Mathur Undergraduate Scholarship	\$4000.00	1	Undergraduate study in any field. Applicant must be in good academic standing	Full, affiliate, or student SPE member, OR child/grandchild of an active Palisades Midatlantic Section Member
J. Stephen Duerr and John Manson-Les Sperling Undergraduate Scholarship	\$2000.00	2	Undergraduate study in Physical/Chemical or Materials Science/Engineering Applicant must be in good academic standing	Full, affiliate, or student SPE member, OR child/grandchild of an active Palisades Midatlantic Section Member
Richard Bradley Undergraduate Scholarship	\$2000.00	1	Undergraduate study in any field. Applicant must be in good academic standing	Full, affiliate, or student SPE member, OR child/grandchild of an active Palisades Midatlantic Section Member
Francis McAndrew and Sal Monte High School Scholarships	\$2000.00	2	Enrollment at 2 or 4 year college/university. Planned study in any field	Graduating High School Student at Time of Award. Child/grandchild of an active Palisades Midatlantic Section Member
Palisades-Midatlantic Scholarships	Varied	TBD	Graduate or undergraduate study in any field. Applicant must be in good academic standing	Full, affiliate, or student SPE member, OR child/grandchild of an active Palisades Midatlantic Section Member

To apply for a scholarship, please submit the documents listed below. Transcripts are confidential and not viewed by anyone outside of the evaluation team. Submit essays and any membership information by email to mark.lavach@arkema.com. If not using validated transcript service, submit official transcripts to Mark Lavach, Arkema, Inc., 900 First Avenue, King of Prussia PA 19406.

Required documents:

- Official transcript (Submitted by mail or validated transcript service)
- A one to two page essay describing your contributions to your chosen field of study or how the scholarship award might help you to achieve your future goals.
- · Your SPE membership number, or the name and membership number of the member to whom you are related.

The deadline for submissions is April 20, 2023, with awards announced in May 2023



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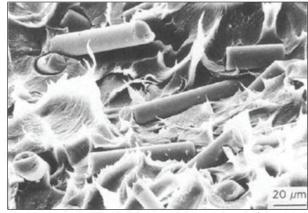


Figure 1 Untreated E-Glass (Silane Sized) Fibers in ETFE (ethylene Tetrafluoroethylene).

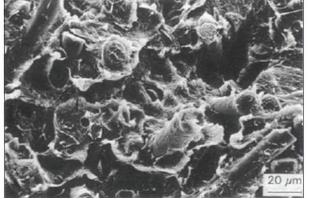


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