

Spring News from the SPE Palisades-MidAtlantic Section

Scholarship Applications Open – Deadline April 20, 2024.

The Palisades-MidAtlantic Section of the Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE) is proud to offer academic scholarships to associated 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, 2024. If you would like to learn more about our scholarships, which honor our Section members, you can read the history [here](#). Click [here](#) for our website with details for how to apply. Awards will be announced in May 2024.

Awards News

Kelvin Okamoto was named the recipient of the Robert MacFarlane Award of Excellence from ASTM International's plastics committee. Kelvin was Chair of the SPE TPM&F Division and has shared his expertise with our section in one of our virtual meetings (and Bob was a long-time leader in our Section). Congratulations Kelvin!

The Palisades-MidAtlantic Section was named to the Grand Patron Level of the SPE Foundation Ambassador Giving Society, recognizing the years of support that the current and legacy sections of our local chapter have contributed to general plastics education through SPE. "Your membership in this society is an outward display of the Palisades-MidAtlantic Section's dedication to our Positive Plastics Education™ programs. Thank you for recognizing the need to support our future plastics professionals and for continuing to be a part of our mission," said Katie Zahrt, Director of Partnerships & Development, SPE Foundation.

Upcoming meetings

Save the date - [SPE Foams® 2024 | SPE \(4spe.org\)](#)

September 17–20, 2024
King of Prussia, PA

Hosted by the SPE Thermoplastic Materials and Foams Division and the SPE Palisades-MidAtlantic Section

The FOAMS® 2024 Tutorials and Conference event will be held on September 17-20 in King of Prussia, PA. This international conference, sponsored by SPE's Thermoplastic Materials & Foams division and the Palisades - Mid-Atlantic section, is the premier forum related to new developments in foaming technologies.

The FOAMS® 2024 conference on September 19 and 20, 2024 will feature presentations by leading foam researchers in industry and academia on innovations in foam processing, novel blowing agents, micro- and nano-cellular foams, sustainability in foams, biodegradable foams, foamed nanocomposites, etc. with special emphasis on potential industrial applications.

For those new to the foams area, FOAMS® Tutorials will be held prior to the conference on September 17 and 18, 2024.