

Palisades-MidAtlantic SPE News

Congratulations to the SPE PalisadesMidAtlantic Scholarship Winners

In June this year, the Section awarded 13 scholarships for a total of \$26,000.

Congratulations to all the students and best wishes for success in the semester ahead!

Graduate scholarship awardees:

- Alva Whitney Scholarship: Eli Paul (Stanford, Physics)
- John Manson-Les Sperling Scholarship: Tyler Kleinsasser (SD School of Mines, Engineering Management)
- Board of Directors Scholarship: Emmy Duerr (Duke, MD)

Undergraduate scholarship awardees:

- Jack Ryan-Kris Mathur Scholarship: Tiffany Lan (Haverford, PreMed)
- John Manson-Les Sperling Scholarship: Katherine Dooley (James Madison, Occupational Therapy)
- Richard Bradley Scholarship: Zach Labuda (Utah, Finance)
- J. Stephen Duerr Scholarship: Kristen Lavallee (Duquesne, Physical Therapy)
- Board of Directors Scholarships:
 - Sean Remillard (Clemson, Business Management)
 - Kendall Balas (College of New Jersey, Early Childhood Education)
 - Katie Lavallee (Purdue, Civil Engineering)

High School scholarship awardees:

- Sal Monte Scholarship: Grant Cibulsky, attending Tufts University
- Francis McAndrew Scholarship: Matthew Dooley, attending Vermont University
- Board of Directors Scholarship: Matteo Fisch, attending Florida State University

Section News and Congratulations

Lehigh University will be holding a 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Polymer Science and Engineering Program on October 21, 2025. For more info and to register see: [PSE 50th Anniversary | P.C. Rossin College of Engineering & Applied Science](#)

Congratulations to Ray Pearson, who is retiring from a long and impactful career as Professor at Lehigh University!

Congratulations to Tom Nosker, Professor at Rutgers University and principal investigator at the [AMIPP Advanced Polymer Center](#) who was named a 2024 National Academy of Inventors Fellow. The Rutgers group was recently awarded a patent for “Use of Graphene-

Polymer Composites to Improve Barrier Resistance of Polymers to Liquid and Gas Permeants”. You can also read an [article in the August issue of Inventor’s Digest](#) interviewing Tom and the history of his work in immiscible polymer blends for reinforced recycled plastic lumber.

Vinyltec Oct. 20-22

Vinyltec 2025 will be held in New Orleans, LA, from October 20–22, 2025. This annual conference serves as a key platform for professionals across the vinyl industry, focusing on cutting-edge technologies, regulatory updates, sustainability initiatives, and market trends that shape the future of vinyl plastics. Building on the success of previous editions, this year’s event will feature expert-led discussions, technical presentations, and networking opportunities designed to foster innovation and collaboration in the industry. See details and register [here](#).