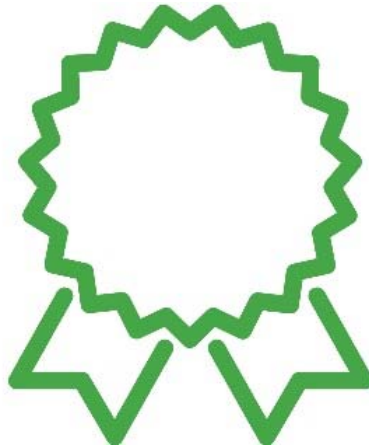
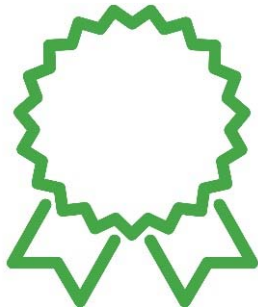


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## ~ Akron Awards Issue ~



### ~ Reminder to our Advertisers and Sponsors ~

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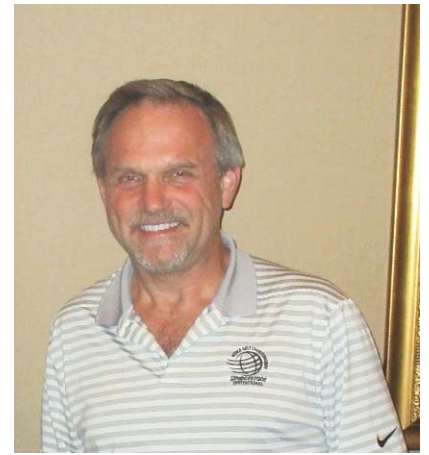
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# President's Message

Dear Akron SPE Members,

Since this is my last president's message, I would like to offer a quick review of what has been happening this last year. First of all, we have seen a drastic change in business, school and life over the last 16 to 18 months. We have added new words and phrases to our everyday vocabulary: pandemic, Zoom, work from home, remote learning, lock-down and virtual (which can be used in front of almost anything, such as meetings, learning, birthdays and reunions).

We have also learned how to rise above these challenges to succeed, which was evident in our awards event last month. It was inspiring to see so many students and adults overcome the challenges they faced and to excel in their respective areas. We learned through our various speakers how life had changed and what effect the pandemic had and would continue to have on us and on our world. Mostly, though, we learned that caring for others never changes even though we may have to learn new ways to show it. With that last thought, I would like to thank everyone on our BOD, and those from the Cleveland SPE section, along with Missi Zender-Sakac and, of course, our own Jenny Digiantonio, whom I have to thank personally for "trying" to get me to give her what I was supposed to on time. Thanks also to Dave and Sherri for keeping things afloat this year and, lastly, thank you, Joe Mattingly, for agreeing to take over as president for the 2021-2022 year.



It has been an honor working with all of you the last 2 years; thank you for helping to make the Akron SPE the best section in the country (my opinion).

Stay tuned for our upcoming program section and have a great and safe summer.

President, Akron Section

*Larry Stanek*

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# Scholarship Winners - 2021

## SPE Special Merit Winners

### Erin Christian

#### **The Ohio State University**

Erin has just completed her third year in the College of Engineering at The Ohio State University. A member of the Health and Science Scholars, CHAARG, CRU, and Society of Women Engineers, Erin will find many future opportunities as she continues her education studying Mechanical and Biomedical Engineering. Erin sees her future in designing and producing medical devices that help improve the quality of life for cancer survivors.



### Carter Kuwatch

#### **The University of Akron**

Carter just finished his sophomore year at the University of Akron, pursuing a Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering Technology. He has worked as an engineering intern at Aurora Plastics located in Streetsboro, Ohio, and with a consulting firm working on various projects to further expand his knowledge in polymers and engineering. Carter one day hopes to own his own business in the plastics field.

### Victor Vogt

#### **Texas A&M**

Victor is a materials science and engineering major at Texas A&M University with minors in computer science and physics. He is an ambassador for the university, also participating in nanofabrication and solar cell research. Victor is heading into his senior year in the fall with plans to apply to graduate programs in materials science. He hopes to work in electronic materials development in either industry or a government lab and will be interning with Samsung Austin Semiconductor this summer.



The Education Foundation of the Akron Section was established in 1983 and has provided scholarships to over 300 young men and women totaling in excess of \$430,000 to assist them in furthering their careers in the polymer industry. The foundation has grown through endowments, donations and fundraising efforts. We awarded seven scholarships totaling \$11,000 for the 2021-2022 school year. Scholarship winners attend The University of Akron, The Ohio State University and Texas A&M University.

# Scholarship Winners - 2021

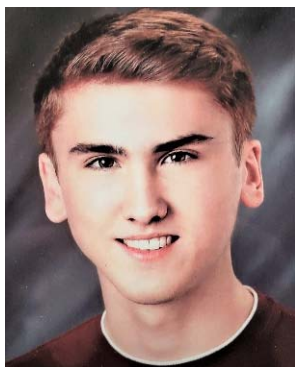


Goodyear Corporation Scholarship Winner - *David Prexta*  
**The Ohio State University**

David is a mechanical engineering major at The Ohio State University. He hopes to pursue a career with the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company after completing his education.

Newell/Rubbermaid Corporation Scholarship Winner – *Kaila Oberhaus*  
**The Ohio State University**

Kaila is a rising senior at The Ohio State University, majoring in chemical engineering with a minor in chemistry. Her current aspirations are to go into pharmaceutical engineering and epidemiology, or maybe work for the CDC. Outside of class Kaila is involved in Naval ROTC and The American Institute of Chemical Engineers.



Jim Steiner Memorial Scholarship – *Ian Malpass*  
**The Ohio State University**

Ian is currently pursuing a mechanical engineering degree at The Ohio State University. With an interest in the widespread use of photovoltaic panels and improvements to this technology, Ian hopes to build his career in the sustainable energy field.

Kenneth L. Sharp Memorial Scholarship – *Christian Jenkins*  
**The University of Akron**

Christian is a third-year chemical engineering major at the University of Akron. He is also pursuing a minor in Polymer Science and Polymer Engineering. After completing his co-ops and graduating, Christian plans to continue working in the polymer industry. He is also an avid runner, and serves as president of the University of Akron Running Club.



# SPE National Award – Honored Service Member

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**ROBERT WEILER**

Robert began his vinyl plastics career with Diamond Shamrock and Interstab Chemicals/Akzo Nobel. He was plant manager at Alside/Associated Material. Robert has also served as Business Manager for PVC Heat Stabilizers at Akcros Chemicals. Most recently Robert is North America Sales Manager and Product Line Manager for Non-Halogen Flame Retardants at Amfine Chemical Corporation. Robert has authored five publications on PVC compounding and stabilization and has co-authored several others. He is a past president of the SPE Akron Section, past TPC Chairman for the SPE Vinyl Plastics Technical Division, in which he is current Chairman. Robert also served on the Board of the SPE Non-Halogen Flame Retardant Materials Special Interest Group.

- Nominated by the SPE Akron Section and the Vinyl Plastics Technical Division

## “The Wonders of Plastics” Essay Contest

**For middle and high school students in Northeast Ohio.**

**The focus of the essay contest is to provide students an opportunity to explore how plastics affect every day life and to investigate emerging technologies.**

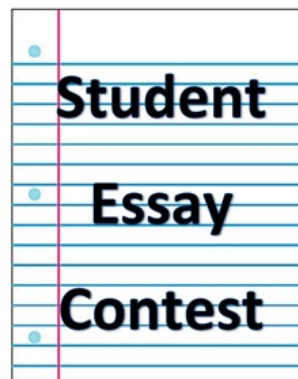
***The winners are:***

**First Place: Madelyne Gerrick “Positives of Plastic”**

**Runner Up: Ailaini Mathias “The Plastic Among Us”**

**Teacher: Nicole Gastrigano, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**School: North Ridgeville Academic Center**



# "The Wonders of Plastics"

## Essay Contest Winner

**Madelyne Gerrick**  
North Ridgeville Academic Center  
Nicole Gastrigano, Teacher

### Positives of Plastic

Think about how much plastic you use in a day, would we be able to live without it? Plastic is a lightweight material used in many everyday items. Nearly 1 million people are employed in manufacturing plastic. Plastic bags help carry groceries and can be used for different purposes in your home like putting in small trash bins and carrying smaller items to school or other places. I believe that plastic has more positive impacts. Plastic is a material we use every day, and without it, about 1 million people wouldn't have a job. Plastic bags also have a variety of uses.

Plastic has many positive impacts on people's daily lives. "A fabric bag must be used forty or more times to match a plastic bag's environmental footprint." A 2018 study by the Ministry of Environment and Food of Denmark showed creating and disposing of plastic bags actually had a lower environmental impact than many of the alternative bag options that are often used as a replacement at most supermarkets (*Pros and Cons of Plastic Bags*). Many Americans are employed to make plastic or make items that involve plastic so if we were to get rid of plastic many American people would lose their jobs. Plastics in cups, bottles, and fridges allow us to take food and drinks with us on the go. How often we use plastic every day is an example of many ways plastic has positive impacts.

Plastic is often used in making cars and other vehicles. "Plastic is both lightweight and durable, it makes a great material for cars, trucks, and other vehicles. Plastic is used in many parts of the car like steering wheels and engine parts. Plastic also makes door liners." (*How plastic improves our lives*). Plastics account for much of a vehicle's weight, and even more of its volume. For the future, car companies envision using more plastics in cars so it can lighten the weight of newer cars. Plastic is an ideal material for manufacturing today's vehicles.

Plastic also is used to help keep many people safe and healthy. Plastic keeps people safe in sports such as football and baseball because it is often used in the making of helmets. Plastic also keeps people safe in the medical industry. "Plastic syringes and tubing are disposable to reduce disease transmission. Plastic blood, fluid, and medicine bags let health care workers more easily view dosages and replacement needs." (*How plastics improve our lives*). Pill capsules that are made of plastic are often slow to dissolve, which makes sure the correct medicine is released in the body over time. This lets patients take fewer pills. Plastic has many positive effects when it comes to keeping people safe.

I believe that plastic has more positive impacts. Plastic affects people's daily lives in many positive ways. Plastic is also used to make an ideal material for cars and other vehicles. Plastic helps keep many people safe and healthy. Those are some of the ways plastic shows more positive impacts than negative impacts.

# "The Wonders of Plastics"

## Essay Contest Runner Up

Ailaini Mathias  
North Ridgeville Academic Center  
Nicole Gastrigano, Teacher

### The Plastic Among Us

How much plastic do you use in a day? You probably use more plastic than you think, it's in everything! Now, Plastics are strong and durable, making them a perfect building material. Plus, Reusable bags are making the negatives of plastic slowly obsolete. Plastic bottles can bring clean drinking water easily and safely, saving lives. These are just a few examples of how plastic is an amazing substance, and used to create the things we use every day!

Plastic's durability and incredible strength make it an unmatched building material in the industry. Think about it, people use recycled plastic to create houses, providing a cost-effective alternative to regular building materials. According to *Three Companies Building Houses Made of Plastic* on [borgenproject.org](http://borgenproject.org), companies around the globe are using plastic to build houses, such as EcoDom. This company is recycling used plastic and cardboard roofs, structural beams, and more! The most common plastic, PET, is very cheap in comparison to other materials. "PET melts at a relatively low temperature, is very plastic, and relatively easy to manipulate – so it does not require large (compared to other materials) energy expenditure in production." Green building, or "green construction," is a method of wisely using resources to create high-quality, healthier, and more energy-efficient homes and commercial buildings. "This greatly reduces pollution by using plastic. Without plastic, this wouldn't be possible. As I've said, plastic is changing people's lives for the better, one house at a time.

As well as plastic frequently being a good building material, reusable bags that are made of 100% recycled content, have one of the lowest environmental impacts, and are durable. The problem with plastic gets smaller and smaller. It could just disappear altogether if we keep on this path. With plastic bags already in the process of being banned in many areas, these reusable ones are popping up, and now you can keep using it after the first use! If reusable bags are possible, all plastic will eventually be able to be made reusable! Reusable plastic packaging is already in effect, as we see in *Trash Free Waters* by [epa.gov](http://epa.gov), or The Environmental Protection Agency, "In the past two years, several plastic waste-free grocery delivery services were launched. Through these services, customers can go online and order groceries, which are delivered in reusable containers." And as we should know, there are plenty more alternatives to using single-use plastic bags. Some great alternatives are cotton bags or paper bags. So, is plastic really the problem, or is it people? Polyethylene terephthalate (PET for short) reusable bags are changing the world for the better, why not make the switch?

Now, the most important thing plastic does is keep people safe. Medical single-use syringes are much cheaper than metal syringes. In the article, *How Plastics Improve our Lives*, they go into great detail on how plastic is used in medical situations and many other places! Plastic is used in cars like crazy! It's what makes them cheap, for the most part. Way cheaper and lighter than, per se, A metal car! Even the airbags that save so many lives have plastics. Plastic in cars makes them light, affordable, and life-saving! People also wear plastic every day! Plastic clothing and blankets keep people warm. Hey, It's reaching the cold months here in Ohio, and I'd rather not freeze my toes off. If you didn't know, most clothing and blanket companies weave plastic fibers, called polyester, to create their products. Plastic keeps people safe and warm every day!

## The Plastic Among Us

In conclusion, plastic is an amazing substance and used to create the things we use every day! Plastic is recycled to create homes for those who need it. Reusable plastic bags start to make the plastics problems obsolete. Plastic saves countless lives every day. Maybe people should begin to keep plastic bags for a change? Drink out of a reusable plastic bottle, and help mother earth without giving up this magical material.

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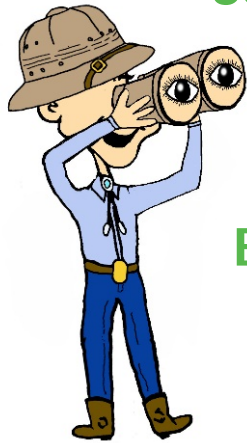


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# Board Meeting Minutes – May 3, 2021

**Call to Order:** Zoom meeting called to order at 5:30 PM – Host Gary Taylor- New ASPE Zoom

**Present:** Larry Stanek, Gary Taylor, David Schultz, Tony Dean, Keith Pelfrey, Sherri Makar Hart, Nicole Fraifogl, Joe Mattingly, Kevin Malpass, Joshua Seylar and John Fellenstein

**Absent:** Tom McQuaide, Sahil Gupta, Bob Wegelin, Bob Weiler and Dan Jones

## **Minutes from Previous Meeting**

Minutes from late March meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved.

## **President's Remarks**

The year after all the zoom meetings and Virtual meetings with Cleveland is now coming to a close. Thank you for all the hard work from Program Committee and the whole BOD. We developed and ran three Virtual meetings jointly with Cleveland- Thank you again to Missi Sakach at Educational Service Center Cuyahoga Falls for hosting!! We are now looking forward to meeting in person and developing ideas, suggestions for the upcoming year. We hope as well to be able to work with Rik Keeley and Susan Montgomery-Cleveland again.

In addition most IMPORTANT ACTION ITEM- Search for SOCIAL MEDIA HELP!!- Joshua Seylar has tried via social media to make contact with U of Akron student James Garcher in Marketing via Linked IN who as well works in Polymer Science Dept. We anticipate with his help we can make sure SPE and its' activities and meetings are seen and thus bring added attendance to our meetings!!! We now have a presence on Linked In - thank you to Sherri Hart.

## **Technical Program 2020/21—Larry Stanek, David Schultz**

Upcoming programs:

We thank Tim Ponrathnam- Berry Global for an excellent presentation at our April interactive meeting on - Addressing the Plastics Problem during Earth Week..

Thank you Missi, Sheri and Dan for the help as all went very well and attendees really enjoyed the meeting. Thank you as well to Susan Montgomery- Cleveland for making contact with Tim Ponrathnam. Keith Pelfrey and Sherri Hart have developed a Zoom Awards Banquet- confirmed ASPE New Zoom will host date set May 17 as well we have Speaker- Everton Callum from Goodyear. He will speak on 'What HR Managers are looking for in hiring Engineers and other positions directly out of College" Gary has sent Zoom link for Awards Meeting. Keith and Sherri along with Larry have developed slides for Awards Banquet, Goodyear speaker set. John Fellenstein to provide awardee contacts. Missi will engage once again and aid in logistics. We plan to Record the meeting.

BOD has been requested to review thoughts and plans for meeting for next year upcoming 2021-22 year- hopefully in person by the Fall. We anticipate we could provide programming every other month.

In addition to in person we could now easily offer a virtual option.

Subjects for potential future topics base on in person meetings vs Virtual - still to be considered

Kevin suggests a virtual meeting for early year What SPE has to offer- Value

- Keith Pelfrey noted U of A Professor doing work on bio-based films
- Joe Mattingly will follow-up on options for touring Goodyear, Innovation Center
- Nicole Fraifogl suggested 3-D printing options
- Taking a virtual tour of University of Akron discussed and possible presenters

# Board Meeting Minutes – 5/3 continued

## **Technical Program 2020/21—Larry Stanek, David Schultz** *(continued)*

Group discussed benefits of having tours: even virtual tours may be possible high participation, lower cost for attendees, and profitable for section

- Advances in Technology and Engineering, try to engage Student Chapter/ PESO, NPIC and local area companies- will discuss opportunities with Cleveland
- Dave Schultz recommended Bio-Med 3-D printing tour
- Hands-on – Engineering oriented meeting, involves students to greater extent and 3D Printing
- Nicole noted a medical potential talk with Cleveland based 3D Heals
- Joe Mattingly brought up Extrusion Mini-Conference, Twin-screw and Continuous mixing plus potential for 3D Printing visit
- Americhem tour- Joe Mattingly to check
- AIChE interest in future joint meeting- Dan Jones to handle with Barteaux- E Week

## **House—Gary Taylor**

BOD suggesting an in-person meet up for wrap of year- tentative date 6/7 - checking Papa Joes.

## **Membership—Nicole Fraifogl**

Membership is still at around 175 members, a number of members lapsed in March (new list sent)- will review and Committee Keith Pelfrey, Sherri Hart and David Schultz will make contacts and try to re-align to Akron Section- SPE. Contacts have been made with low level of response- plan to circle back with Sept or early year Virtual meeting.

## **Treasurer—Gary Taylor**

Gary reported he is up-to-date on financials, finalized review of Expenses through April 2021. Square online worked well for Feb/March/April Virtual meetings. May will be no charge.

## **Councilor—Dan Jones**

Bob Weiler re-confirmed ANTEC is FREE this year for BOD members. In addition Bob Weiler informed there is a new class of Section- Regional Interest Group. It was developed to a modified version of current Sections with less reporting and specific Intl. requirements. We anticipate that may help various areas in Ohio- Sandusky, Columbus and Cincinnati.

## **Education Committee—John Fellenstein**

WRD5 has recently been completed after a late start- Dan Jones, Sherri Hart and David Schultz judged for SPE and provided Gift cards for 6 Awards typically noted as High School - 2 students and Middle School – 1 student divided up accordingly to Grade level and amounts at Judges' discretion.

## **Student Chapter—Joshua Seylar**

Josh informed that PESO has available now T Shirts - contact Joshua Seylar as this helps the newly expanded Student Chapter. T- Shirts available for \$15 for ASPE Members.

## **Public Interest/Website/Newsletter—Tony Dean**

Tony informs that he is up to date - our May 17 meeting has been posted on line SPE Intl website. BOD will hope to review options in future to provide free advertising to companies that we tour. We most recently received a request and have them aligned as a newly developed general Section Sponsor- Excellent thoughts as we align future.

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## **National Awards—Larry Stanek, Keith Pelfrey**

Direction set Team moving forward with May 17, 2021- Virtual Zoom based meeting. ASPE will host 60-90 minutes.

Team- Keith Pelfrey, Sherri Hart and David Schultz

Bob Weiler was informed that he received the Honored Service Member Award- A BIG

CONGRATULATIONS to Bob well deserved of this Award after many years of service both Vinyl Division and Akron Section- SPE. Joe Mattingly will now move forward to develop supporting data and support information to Intl for year 2021.

## **Section Awards—Keith Pelfrey**

Need to develop thoughts with new Virtual format planned.

Confirmed Zekan Award will be presented to David Schultz for leadership provided this year to keep SPE- Akron Section in front of our members and an expanded audience.

The Hall of Honor will not be presented this year.

It has been suggested that we make a list of long term 30 plus years down to 15 years in Akron Section for SPECIAL Recognition.

In addition John Fellenstein will be providing list of new Scholarships for this year.

## **Education Foundation—Joe Mattingly**

Joe reported that all continues with re-group of the portfolio to go very well as market continues to grow.

May, however consider some changes for late year in 2022.

Bylaws still under review.

## **Growth Committee—Kevin Malpass**

IMPORTANT. Kevin reports he feels that he would now like to align with Membership Committee in tandem to discuss future for ASPE. Separate Zoom to be set up to discuss future objectives.

Suggested now with ASPE Zoom account to develop an out reach for early next year. We may be able to utilize older detail Top 20/20 brochure from past with a rework to include Top 10 reasons to join SPE- Akron for Awards Banquet and as well include Application potential to join Akron Section.

## **2022 TPE TOPCON—David Schultz**

Akron set to host TPE TOPCON for October 2022 - hope onsite vs virtual.

In addition it has been suggested to confirm timing for Akron to help and host Vinyltec in the future.

## **ACCESS Update**

ACCESS BOD is still on Virtual Zoom format plans to join in SPE Virtual set-up for 2021 and into 2022. The November Banquet is being discussed currently. In addition ACCESS is moving forward on originally developed plans in early 2020 projects with Soap Box Derby as well as NEO Bio Med in Rootstown. None to limited societies are yet planning meetings.

## **Old Business**

None to report.

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## New Business

Interest in future in hosting a Podcast.

GOOD to Know- I most recently made contact via Linked IN with a CSU student in Marketing- Molly Bregar, who in turn showed interest to help Cleveland Section on Social media side. She has a good friend at Univ of Akron- who as well is Marketing and has interest in polymers- works part time in Polymer Science Dept. We are hoping to align them both in Akron and Cleveland to aid in a new Social Media push! I have recently found out Molly Bregar is Bill Bregar's daughter. Bill recently passed away and was a great friend to Akron Section over the past many years as he attended many meetings and reported on them in Plastics News.

Honor Bill's 31 years at Plastics News\$31

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Meeting Adjourned 7:05 PM

Next BOD meeting Wrap of Year 2020-21 set for June- IN PERSON June 7- location TBD



  
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Since the inception in 1983, the Akron Society of Plastics Engineers Educational Foundation has grown to its current position through the hard work of many volunteers and the generosity of the local business community. Over the thirty years that the foundation has been in existence, it has provided scholarships to over 275 young men and women totaling in excess of \$385,000 to assist them in furthering their careers in the polymer industry.

Our goal is to continue to grow the assets of the Foundation in order to increase the number of scholarships awarded, as well as the size of the awards, and to do so in perpetuity. In doing this, we hope to be able to contribute to the supply of well-trained individuals to support the growth of the polymer industry in the Northeast Ohio area today and well into the future.

When the Foundation began its fund raising activities in 1983, we offered those companies who contributed a substantial donation, a perpetual annual scholarship in their name. To date we have four named scholarships, Newell/Rubbermaid, Goodyear, Ken Sharp Memorial and Jim Steiner Memorial scholarships. We are asking your company to help with the growth of well-trained individuals in the local polymer industry. Please print this page, fill out the information and mail it to Joe Mattingly, 4918 Massillon Rd, North Canton, OH 44720.

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