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A WORD FROM THE 2009/2010 FEF PRESIDENT...

I wanted to take a moment to thank all of you who attended the 2009 College Industry Conference this past November, as well as those of you who weren't able to make it but gave a special contribution to help make this a successful conference.

I also want to thank the many individuals who bought raffle tickets to help support this event. The drawing on Friday evening, November 20, was exciting as we all patiently waited to hear our name called as one of the 12 winners. Due to your raffle participation, FEF was able to raise over \$10,500 (60% was used for Professor and Student travel to the CIC; 40% was given out in prize money).



President Clancey addresses student delegates



Industry rep chats with student delegates

I attended the CIC in 1992 as a student from Kent State. For me, it was the opportunity of a lifetime. In my wildest dreams I could not have imagined that I would some day return to the CIC as an industry attendee as well as FEF President. As a result of attending the CIC, I was offered a job and continue to be a part of the metal casting family.

The purpose of the CIC is to give graduating students an opportunity to meet and interact with individuals who have made this industry their career and to explore the opportunities that exist in this industry. Based on the comments we received from the students (see the next page), the conference delivered!! Even in a year when fewer job opportunities exist, students were exposed to the possibilities that have become a reality for past attendees of the CIC. They also

were amazed at the willingness of everyone in the industry to share their ideas with them and the encouragement they received from so many that are passionate about the metal casting industry.

I hope that you will consider attending next year's conference which will be held on November 18 and 19 at the Westin on Michigan Avenue in Chicago. Join us as we start the new decade at a new hotel.

Jerry Clancey, 2009/10 FEF President
Fairmount Minerals, Vice President-Sales



Delegates LOVE Castings!

2009 COLLEGE INDUSTRY CONFERENCE REVIEW (more CIC photos on our website)

During the Awards Luncheon on Friday, November 19, seventeen students were awarded a total of \$35,000.00.



2009 Delegate Scholarship Recipients

Bruce Dienst (right) announced at the Friday Night reception that Simpson Technologies was creating the Peter L. Simpson Fellowship Endowment – a \$700,000.00 fund (managed by FEF) that will support “the purpose of basic research, the purchase of advanced laboratory instrumentation or other equipment and/or financial aid for students or professors conducting research into the general field of foundry sand preparation and control.”



Other awards presented during the conference were FEF’s highest award, the **E.J. Walsh Award**, which was presented to former FEF student and President Lifetime Patron, Chuck Fowler, President and CEO of Fairmount Minerals and the **FEF/AFS Distinguished Professor Award** which was awarded to FEF Key Professor, Brad Bowman, Mohawk College.



Chuck Fowler

Conference Speakers: Patricio Gil (Blackhawk de Mexico S.A.) spoke on the topic Why I Make Castings; Raymond Monroe (Steel Founders’ Society of America) spoke on Globalization; and Alfred Spada (American Foundry Society) focused on the Markets for Metalcasting.



Left to right: Alfred Spada, Raymond Monroe, Patricio Gil

STUDENT DELEGATES - IMPRESSIONS OF THE COLLEGE INDUSTRY CONFERENCE

- I was very impressed with the level of commitment that all the professors and professionals had to the student delegates. I really felt that each and every one of them were invested in the future of the industry and were willing to help out the students in any way that they could.
- I was most impressed by the range of other delegates that I met. Of course, meeting companies is important, but I felt that the networking that occurred between students was at least as important because we will all be coworkers in the same industry in the next few years. Having contacts with this incoming generation of metalcasters is going to make collaboration down the road more accessible and will help build a stronger foundry industry as a whole.
- The thing that impressed me the most was the feeling of camaraderie between everyone. I don’t know if this is only characteristic of the casting industry, but it was very comforting to know that everyone there was my friend.
- What FEF does for its students. The number of students from various parts of the country was surprising.
- I was impressed most by the generosity of the companies that were present at the conference. I thought the companies taking the students out to dinner on Thursday night provided a great opportunity for the students to learn more about the company and industry.
- I would have to say the thing that impressed me the most about the conference was how friendly and down to earth the representatives of this industry were. When I was chosen as a delegate for my school, I was excited and nervous that I would not fit in. However, this was just not the case.
- How much employers and other members of industry want all of us to succeed in our futures and how much they are all willing to help. The overall set up of the conference and format of events was absolutely top notch.

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