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## Florida Section

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### Dear Sponsors:

We are pleased to announce that the Annual Barbecue for Scholarships hosted by the Florida Section of the Society for Mining, Metallurgy, and Exploration (FLSME), a member society of AIME, will be held **Saturday, April 1, 2017 at Lake Mirror Auditorium**. The social hour will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the dinner at 7:00 p.m. Mining industry representatives/employees, industry support representatives/employees, members of the local community, and their families are invited to attend this annual event.

The Annual Barbecue is the only fund raising activity for our Student Relations Program. During 2016, the Florida Section of SME provided **ten** \$1,000 Academic Scholarships to deserving high school seniors who plan to study technical related curriculums at Florida's Universities. FLSME awarded several \$500-1,000 **mini-grants to teachers** who developed mining based class curriculum. FLSME membership heavily supports science fairs in DeSoto, Polk, and Hardee Counties **by purchasing all science fair supplies that the students use for their projects and by providing judges and 1st thru 3rd place awards**. At the collegiate level, we funded a variety of activities for the University of Florida SME Student Chapter including providing transportation for student members to attend and participate in local and national events. For a fifth year, we awarded the **Annual David Gossett Memorial Scholarship** in memory of our esteemed mining colleague. This year's scholarship was awarded to Katie Hutton. Ms. Hutton is an engineering student at Penn State who came highly recommended from her supervisor while interning as a mining co-op at Mosaic. The FLSME Section also participated in the Florida Association of Science Teachers (FAST) Conference in Orlando, handing out literature and talking about the benefits of mining in Florida.

The Florida Section of SME has enjoyed community and industry support of this once-a-year fund raising activity for many years, and the members of our Section are deeply grateful to all of the contributors who have made the Annual Barbecue so successful year after year.

By means of this letter, we ask for your donation of \$250 to the Annual Barbecue and the Student Relations Program. Please make checks payable to **Florida Section SME**. Each contributor will receive two tickets to the barbecue and will be recognized as a contributor. Additional tickets may be purchased at a cost of \$25 each by contacting one of the ticket sellers below. Ticket includes appetizers, BBQ dinner, and beverages (open bar).

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Sponsorship and additional tickets may be purchased via PayPal at [www.FLSME.org](http://www.FLSME.org) – starting in January 2017. Card payment through PayPal at the monthly dinners will begin in February.

Once again, thank you very much for your continued support of the Florida Section of SME and our Student Relations Program.

Sincerely:



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2017 SME BBQ Co-Chairman



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