



Greetings SME Friend,

Mining is shaping up for an interesting year in 2018 as regulations, commodity pricing, a pending transportation bill and the economy all have stakeholders high on enthusiasm. Here's to wishing you the best in 2018.

As the Sponsorship Chair for the FLSME Section, I am writing to invite you and your company, a member and benefactor of the Section and Society, to consider sponsorship of our Annual Barbeque for Scholarships.

The Annual Barbecue is a major fund raising activity for our Student Relations Program. We are asking for your continued support of our student program. In recent years the mission of the Florida Section of SME has been to provide ten \$1,000 Academic Scholarships to deserving high school seniors who plan to study technical related curriculums at the University level. The Florida Section also helps to fund a variety of activities of the University of Florida Materials Advantage Student Chapter, such as providing transportation for student members to attend and participate in local and national events.

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.

Each sponsorship contributor will be receive two tickets to the barbecue and will be recognized as a contributor for a \$250 donation. 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). Sponsorship and additional tickets may be purchased via PayPal at [www.FLSME.org](http://www.FLSME.org) or in person at the monthly meetings beginning in February.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Thanks so much.

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