



**69th Annual ACESS  
HONORS & AWARDS  
BANQUET**



ACM Association for Computing Machinery

ACS American Chemical Society

ADSPE Akron District Society of Professional Engineers

AIA Archaeological Institute of America

AIChE American Institute of Chemical Engineers

APC Akron Physics Club

ASCE American Society of Civil Engineers

ASHRAE American Society of Heating, Refrigeration  
and Air Conditioning Engineers

ASME American Society of Mechanical Engineers

ASSE American Society of Safety Engineers

IEEE Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers

MSNO Microscopy Society of Northeast Ohio

Rubber Division, American Chemical Society

SME Society of Manufacturing Engineers

SPE Society of Plastics Engineers



**Akron Physics Club**



**Thursday, November 3, 2016  
Akron Council of  
Engineering & Scientific Societies  
Guy's Party Center**

**69<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
ACCESS HONORS & AWARDS BANQUET PROGRAM**

**Guy's Party Center**

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016**

• <i>Welcome, Opening Remarks</i>	-Mr Robert Erdman President, ACCESS
<i>Dinner</i>	
• <i>Banquet Introductions</i> -ACCESS Advisory Council	-Mr Robert Erdman President, ACCESS
• <i>Banquet Introductions</i> -Speaker	-Mr Robert Erdman President, ACCESS
• <i>Speaker</i>	-Dr Donald P Visco, Jr -Ms Deanna R Dunn -Students
<b><i>“The University of Akron Engineering Experience: The ‘Hidden Gem’ that Prepares Students for Success through Participation in Experiential Learning (e.g. Co-Operative Education, Student Design Teams, etc.)”</i></b>	
• <i>Outstanding High School Student Science / Math Awards</i>  -Presentation of Certificates of Recognition to Outstanding Students from High Schools in Summit County and the Summit Educational Services	-Mr David Schultz President-Elect, ACCESS -Certificates presented by Mr Robert Erdman -Winners announced by Dr Missi Zender-Sakach / Dr Katrina Halasa
• <i>Honors &amp; Awards</i>	-Mr David Schultz President-Elect, ACCESS
- <i>Best of Show Akron Science &amp; Technology Expo</i> - <i>Middle School</i>	-Sophia Anderson and Riley Stevens, Miller South School for the Visual & Performing Arts, Akron
- <i>Best of Show Akron Science &amp; Technology Expo</i> - <i>High School</i>	-Ashley Hubbard and Arianna Petric, Akron Early College High School, Akron
- <i>Best of Show Western Reserve District 5 Science Day</i> - <i>Middle School</i>	-Patrick Li, Hudson Middle School, Hudson
- <i>Best of Show Western Reserve District 5 Science Day</i> - <i>High School</i>	-Abigail Volk, St Vincent/St Mary High School, Akron
-ACCESS / OMNOVA Teacher Grant Awards	-Margaret Busker-Postlethwait, East Community Learning Center, Akron -Lynn Webb, Buchtel Community Learning Center, Akron
-ACCESS / ACS Teacher Grant Award <i>The Anoop Krishen Teacher Grant</i>	-Debbie Dodson, Greater Summit County Early Learning Center, Akron
-ACCESS / IEEE Teacher Grant Awards	-Sarah Calaway, Lakeview Intermediate School, Stow -Sandra Leyden, Immaculate Heart of Mary, Cuyahoga Falls
-ACCESS / BridgestoneTeacher Grant Awards	-Zach Griffith, National Inventors Hall of Fame STEM School, Akron -Samantha Wise, Greater Summit County Early Learning Center, Akron
-ACCESS / SPE Teacher Grant Award	-Matthew York, National Inventors Hall of Fame STEM School, Akron
-ACCESS / AlphaMicron Teacher Grant Award	-Victoria Zablony, Rittman Middle School, Rittman
-ACCESS / Harwick Standard Teacher Grant Award	-Tracy Braho, East Community Learning Center, Akron



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<p>• <i>Honors &amp; Awards (continued)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">-Mr David Schultz President-Elect, ACESS</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>-FirstEnergy 2016-2017 Classroom Grant Winners</i> Presented by Ms Delores Jones, FirstEnergy</p>	<p>-Tammy Monroe, Working in Progress, Inc, Akron -Laura Goldman, Field Middle School, Mogadore -Traci Hricik, Woodland Elementary School, Stow -Michelle Sarver, Green Primary School, Green -Heidi Preising, Sauder Elementary School, Massillon</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>-ACESS – Theken Scholarship Award</i></p>	<p>-Lucas Gsellman, The University of Akron</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>-ACESS – Boogie Board Scholarship Award</i></p>	<p>-Mark Campbell, Kent State University</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>-OMNOVA / ACESS Scholarship Award</i> Presented by Dr Raymond Weinert, OMNOVA Solutions Inc</p>	<p>-Alexander Hoyt, The University of Akron -Christie Klinginsmith, The University of Akron</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>-IEEE Scholarship Award</i> Presented by Mr Walter Pechenuk, IEEE</p>	<p>-Andrea Lynn Wyder, The University of Akron, Stark State College</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>-Gene Easter Award for Exemplary High School Chemistry Teaching</i> Presented by Dr Charles Kausch, ACS</p>	<p>-Dean Kinkoph, Stow-Munroe Falls High School, Stow</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>-Chemistry Olympiad Award</i> Presented by Dr Charles Kausch, ACS</p>	<p>-Georgia Shay, Copley High School, Copley</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>-ACESS Award</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">-Dr Michael Askew ASME Fellow, Summa Health Systems, Retired</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><i>-Distinguished Award of Council</i> Presented by Mr Robert Erdman, ACESS</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">-Mr Jeff Hoffman Founding Director EX[L] Center, The University of Akron -Mr Ian Schwarber Accepting Award for Mr Jeff Hoffman Co-Founder EX[L] Center, The University of Akron</p>
<p>• <i>Closing Remarks</i></p>	<p style="text-align: right;">-Mr Robert Erdman President, ACESS</p>





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Members of the Advisory Council are also available, as needed, to assist the ACCESS Board of Directors in the accomplishment of ACCESS objectives. The Board of Directors of ACCESS expresses thanks to the Advisory Council members for their time and assistance.

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BANQUET COMMITTEE**

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## OUTSTANDING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Recognition is extended to the following math and science students from high schools in Summit County and the Summit Educational Services

SCHOOL	STUDENTS
• <i>Akron Early College High School, Akron</i>	-Dameona Meriweather -Madhav Khanal
• <i>Buchtel Community Learning Center, Akron</i>	-Camille Henderson -Michael Connalley
• <i>East Community Learning Center, Akron</i>	-Brandon Griffith -Gabrielle Vang
• <i>Ellet High School, Akron</i>	-Olivia Antenucci -Logan Swan
• <i>Firestone Community Learning Center, Akron</i>	-Amanda Trump -Jacob Bilich
• <i>Garfield High School, Akron</i>	-Lauren Stanley -Dan Brown
• <i>Kenmore High School, Akron</i>	-Amber Howell -DaQuan Michael Jones
• <i>National Inventors Hall of Fame STEM High School, Akron</i>	-Mary Pat Nicodemus -Kyle Fertig
• <i>North High School, Akron</i>	-Samantha Laughlin -Birman Gomden
• <i>Barberton High School</i>	-Sadie Wood -Nathan Cornelius
• <i>Copley High School</i>	-Jill Martin -Kevin Du
• <i>Coventry High School</i>	-Sabrina Burkley -Connor Smith
• <i>Cuyahoga Falls High School</i>	-Rebecca Leiter -Jacob Huryn
• <i>Field High School</i>	-Kayla Kuntzman -Brett Lowden
• <i>Green High School</i>	-Lauren Goldie -Lance Anenson
• <i>Hudson High School</i>	-Zeynep Ozgur -Michael Madonia
• <i>Manchester High School</i>	-Anna Wandel -Shaun Cox
• <i>Mogadore High School</i>	-Abigail Lentz -Austin Williams
• <i>Nordonia Hills High School</i>	-Danielle Bobay -Matthew Chilton
• <i>Norton High School</i>	-Laurel Suppan -Nicholas Dobben
• <i>Revere High School</i>	-Katherine Jarvis -Anthony Pignataro



## OUTSTANDING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS



Recognition is extended to the following math and science students from high schools in Summit County and the Summit Educational Services  
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SCHOOL	STUDENTS
• <i>Springfield High School</i>	-Tiffany Lance -Jordan Dray
• <i>Stow-Munroe Falls High School</i>	-Lindsay Luczywo -Tom Borthwick
• <i>Tallmadge High School</i>	-Sneha Srinivasan -Jadon Wolf
• <i>Twinsburg High School</i>	-Kaitlyn Sterling -Lucas Wardell
• <i>Woodridge High School</i>	-Shaleen Ghosh -Tommy Muha
• <i>Archbishop Hoban High School</i>	-Irene Hamlin -Collin Fricker
• <i>Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy</i>	-Anna Schaeffer -Austin Eck
• <i>Our Lady of the Elms High School</i>	-Carolanne Zelis -Shivani Yerigeri
• <i>St Vincent-St Mary High School</i>	-Abby Volk -Wenyao Yang
• <i>Walsh Jesuit High School</i>	-Hannah Ziton -Connor Williams



## SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

### Best of Show Akron Science & Technology Expo

**Middle School** – Sophia Anderson and Riley Stevens won the ACESS Award for the outstanding project at the Akron Science & Technology Expo held at North High School on January 30, 2016. The title of their project was “Effects of Caffeine”. They are currently in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Miller South School for the Visual & Performing Arts in Akron. Their science advisor was Miss Shannon Kotradi.

**High School** – Ashley Hubbard and Arianna Petric won the ACESS Award for the outstanding project at the Akron Science & Technology Expo held at North High School on January 30, 2016. The title of their project was “Construction Conundrum”. They have both graduated from Akron Early College High School, Akron. Their science advisor was Miss Lisa Andrews.

### Best of Show 68<sup>th</sup> Western Reserve District 5 Science Day

**Middle School** – Patrick Li won the ACESS Award for the outstanding project at the 68<sup>th</sup> Western Reserve District 5 Science Day held at the University of Akron on March 19, 2016. The title of his project was “Smart Midnight Care”. Patrick is currently in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Hudson Middle School, Hudson. His science advisor was his father, Mr Victor Li.

**High School** – Abigail Volk won the ACESS Award for the outstanding project at the 68<sup>th</sup> Western Reserve District 5 Science Day held at the University of Akron on March 19, 2016. The title of her project was “Layer-by-Layer Fabrication of Polymer Films inspired by the Lotus Leaf”. Abigail is currently in 12<sup>th</sup> grade at St Vincent/St Mary High School, Akron. Her science advisor was Mrs Joanna Miller and Dr Younjin Min, The University of Akron.

## **ACCESS TEACHER GRANT AWARD WINNERS**



ACCESS recognizes the need for students to carry out experiments and projects to further math or science education at their school. One-time grants of \$500 are being awarded to ten teachers based on their grant applications.

### **Your Daily Microscope**

Sponsored by ACCESS / OMNOVA

Margaret Busker-Postlethwait

East Community Learning Center, Akron

### **May the Force Be With You**

Sponsored by ACCESS / OMNOVA

Lynn Webb

Buchtel Community Learning Center, Akron

### **Everyone is an Inventor!**

Sponsored by ACCESS / ACS – The Anoop Krishen Teacher Grant

Debbie Dodson

Greater Summit County Early Learning Center, Akron

### **Force and Motion and Light: Hands On!**

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Sarah Calaway

Lakeview Intermediate School, Stow

### **STEM Learning Through Snap Circuits**

Sponsored by ACCESS / IEEE

Sandra Leyden

Immaculate Heart of Mary School, Cuyahoga Falls

### **What a Waterful Life: A Hydraulics PBL with Akron Water Supply Bureau**

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Zach Griffith

National Inventors Hall of Fame STEM School, Akron

### **Problem Solving through Robotics Challenge**

Sponsored by ACCESS / Bridgestone

Samantha Wise

Greater Summit County Early Learning Center, Akron

### **Waste Not, Want Not**

Sponsored by ACCESS / SPE

Matthew York

National Inventors Hall of Fame STEM School, Akron

### **Conceptualizing STEM Designs with Crazy Contraptions**

Sponsored by ACCESS / AlphaMicron

Victoria Zablonty

Rittman Middle School, Rittman

### **Chemical Pie**

Sponsored by ACCESS / Harwick Standard

Tracy Braho

East Community Learning Center, Akron



## FirstEnergy 2016-2017 CLASSROOM AWARD WINNERS



FirstEnergy proudly supports classroom projects and teacher professional-development initiatives focusing on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) by offering STEM education grants of up to \$1,000 to educators at schools and youth groups in communities served by FirstEnergy electric cooperating companies and facilities. Thousands of educators and youth leaders in OH, PA, NJ, MD and WV have received STEM classroom grants since the program began in 1986.

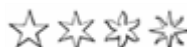
<b><u>STEM Labs: “Explore with Us”</u></b>	
Tammy Monroe	Workng in Progress, Inc, Akron
<b><u>Coding Using Ozobot &amp; Ozoblockly</u></b>	
Laura Goldman	Field Middle School, Mogadore
<b><u>Light Up Our World</u></b>	
Traci Hricik	Woodland Elementary School, Stow
<b><u>Discovering Energy Conservation</u></b>	
Michelle Sarver	Green Primary School, Green
<b><u>Butterfly Garden</u></b>	
Heidi Preising	Sauder Elementary School, Massillon

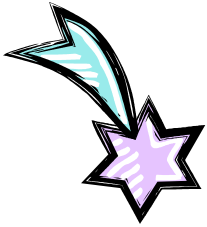


## IEEE AKRON/CANTON SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

A \$1,500 scholarship is awarded to a student by the Institute of Electrical & Electronics Engineers (IEEE). Andrea Lynn Wyder is the recipient of the 2016 IEEE-Akron/Canton Scholarship. Andrea is a graduate of Lake Center Christian School in Hartville and is currently pursuing her studies in Electrical and Computer Engineering at the University of Akron and Stark State College.

<b>Andrea Lynn Wyder</b>	<b>Electrical &amp; Computer Engineering The University of Akron Stark State College</b>
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**ACCESS – THEKEN SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**  
**ACCESS – BOOGIE BOARD SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

Two \$1,500 scholarships are awarded each year to a deserving student at The University of Akron and Kent State University. To be eligible, the student must be a junior and working toward a four-year degree in a technical area that is related to at least one of the areas represented by ACCESS member societies.

<b>Lucas Gsellman</b> <b>ACCESS - Theken Scholarship</b>	<b>Biomedical Engineering</b> <b>The University of Akron</b>
<b>Mark Campbell</b> <b>ACCESS - Boogie Board Scholarship</b>	<b>Chemistry (Biochemistry)</b> <b>Kent State University</b>



**OMNOVA / ACCESS SCHOLARSHIP AWARD WINNERS**



Two \$1,500 scholarships are awarded to a student at The University of Akron by Dr Raymond Weinert, Manager & Fellow, External Technologies, OMNOVA Solutions Inc.

<b>Alexander Hoyt</b>	<b>Chemical Engineering</b> <b>The University of Akron</b>
<b>Christie Klinginsmith</b>	<b>Chemistry</b> <b>The University of Akron</b>

**Pursuing studies in a STEM field next year?**

The Akron Area Engineers Week Group awards scholarships for qualified students (STEM Students who will be college undergraduates next year and also Undergraduate Students)



**Interested?**  
Get details and apply at:  
[akroneweek.org](http://akroneweek.org)

Please submit your applications by January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017



## **ACS 2016 GENE EASTER AWARD for EXEMPLARY HIGH SCHOOL CHEMISTRY TEACHING**



**Dean Kinkoph, Stow-Munroe Falls High School, Stow**

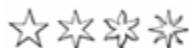


The Gene Easter Award was established in 1995 by the Akron Section of the American Chemical Society to recognize an outstanding chemistry teacher at the high school level who combines innovative and relevant methods of presenting chemistry subjects in order to illustrate the importance of chemistry in our everyday lives. The award was named after Gene Easter who taught chemistry at Streetsboro High School.

Dean Kinkoph has been teaching for 18 years in the Stow-Munroe Falls City School District. He has been an advocate for technology in the classroom as well as promoting different problem solving activities to engage students. Dean has served as an educational consultant for WVIZ Ideastream in Cleveland, Pulse of the Planet (NPR), and Epiphany Consulting in Akron. Through these opportunities Dean was able to expand his knowledge base and grow as an educator.

## **ACS 2016 CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD NATIONAL EXAM RECOGNITION**

**Georgia Shay, Copley High School, Copley**



### **STEM SHOWCASE (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)**



Colleges, Universities and Organizations represented at the  
ACCESS Honors & Awards Banquet

**Hiram College**

**Kent State University – Digital Sciences**

**Microscopy Society of Northeast Ohio (MSNO)**

**The BRAIN Students and their Posters**

**The University of Akron - Choose Ohio First**

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## **BANQUET SPEAKER**

### **DR DONALD P. VISCO, JR**

Interim Dean, College of Engineering  
Professor of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering  
*The University of Akron*

**“The University of Akron Engineering Experience:  
The ‘Hidden Gem’ that Prepares Students for Success  
through Participation in Experiential Learning  
(e.g. Co-Operative Education, Student Design Teams, etc.)”**

The University of Akron’s (UA) College of Engineering program has grown from about 1300 engineering students in 2004 to over 3200 now. Despite this incredible growth, there are many in our region and beyond who do not know what Akron Engineering has to offer. On more than one occasion, it has been referred to by others as a “hidden gem”.

What makes Akron Engineering so special is the emphasis on career-ready skills that employers love. Through participation in engineering student organizations, student design teams, undergraduate research and co-operative education, students in the engineering program at The University of Akron are well-positioned to “hit the ground running” for their employers as soon as they graduate. Placement rates for engineering graduates at UA are at 96% within six months of graduation and starting salaries average at more than \$62,000 (with a high of \$94,000).

The presentation this evening will focus on some of these experiential learning opportunities available to UA engineering students, as well as how successful these students have become. Additionally, Ms. Deanna Dunn (Director of Co-operative Education and Placement, College of Engineering) as well as a few UA engineering students who have participated in the students design teams and/or co-operative education will be on hand to discuss the impact of these experiences.

## **THE ACESS AWARD**

The ACESS Award is presented annually to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the Akron Council of Engineering & Scientific Societies (ACESS). The 2016 recipient of this award is Dr Michael Askew.

Dr Askew joined ACESS in 2004 as a member of its Advisory Council, and has been involved in many ACESS activities including fund raising and the scholarship and teacher grant programs. He received the 2010 ACESS Distinguished Award of Council, and served as the President of ACESS in 2015-2016. Dr Askew received his BSc from The University of Calgary and his PhD from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He has held faculty positions at Northwestern University and at The University of Akron. Dr Askew was the Director of the Hoyt Musculoskeletal Research Laboratory, in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, at Summa Health System for 29 years until his retirement in 2012. Dr Askew is a Fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) and served in many ASME positions including Chair of the International Mechanical Engineering Congress Organizing Committee from 2001 to 2004. He received an ASME Dedicated Service Award in 2006. He is a member of the Editorial Board of The American Journal of Sports Medicine.



## **THE DISTINGUISHED AWARD OF COUNCIL**

The Distinguished Award of Council is presented annually to an outstanding citizen for his/her technical and managerial achievements and involvement in civic activities. The 2016 recipient of this award is Jeff Hoffman, Founding Director, The EX[L] Center, The University of Akron.

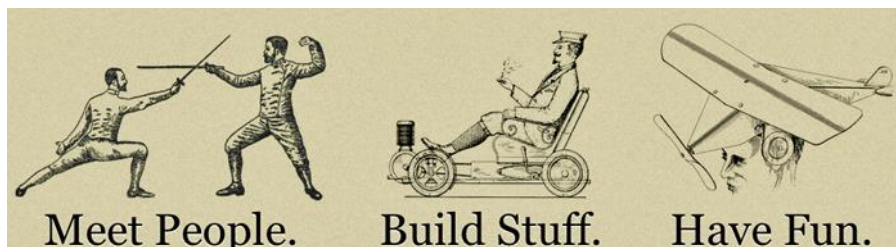
Jeff Hoffman was the Founding Director of the Experiential Learning Center for Entrepreneurship & Civic Engagement, The EX[L] Center at The University of Akron. The EX[L] Center aims to make hands-on learning experiences available to students across all disciplines at the university. The EX[L] Center has established a series of courses, workshops, seminars, hackathons, and several civic events to encourage entrepreneurial interests and nurture community involvement among the university student body, as well as in the Akron public and private school systems, and the Greater Akron community.



Mr Hoffman received his Bachelors degree in computer science from Yale University. While still an undergraduate, Mr. Hoffman pioneered the online travel site, Competitive Technologies, which was acquired by American Express. He has served as CEO of several other successful software companies, including Priceline Yardsale, part of the Priceline.com family of companies and Enable Holdings, which operates uBid.com and RedTag.com. He serves as an executive with Walker Digital, the parent company of Priceline, and is a founding partner of the venture accelerator firm, ColorJar.

Mr Hoffman has been a featured business expert on television and in print media. He has received many honors worldwide including being inducted into the Hall of Fame for Entrepreneurs in 2010 and serves on the National Advisory Council on Innovation and Entrepreneurship. He is a co-author of "SCALE", a highly regarded book focusing on proven principles to grow a company into a larger success. Mr. Hoffman has also had success in the entertainment industry. He was the Chairman and CEO of Black Sky Entertainment, which produced independent films and concerts involving Elton John, Boyz II Men, NSYNC and many other artists.

Mr Hoffman is known regionally, nationally and globally for his commitments to technology. ACCESS applauds Mr Hoffman on his vision and leadership in the founding of the [EX]L Center!



## **AKRON COUNCIL OF ENGINEERING AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES (ACCESS)**

The purpose of the Akron Council of Engineering and Scientific Societies (ACCESS) is to enhance the technical environment in the Greater Akron area through coordination and cooperation with technical societies, industry and academia by:

- Providing a forum for action on matters of concern and interest to the technical and scientific communities.
- Serving as a focal point for contact between the technical community and the business community, academia and society at large.
- Promoting inter-society communication, professional interchange of ideas and coordination of society activities.
- Promoting interest in and encouraging careers in technical professions.

ACCESS is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio, operating exclusively for scientific and educational purposes.

Societies eligible for council membership are professional technical organizations with acceptable ethical standards, which have, as their objectives, the advancement of the theory and practice of the science concerned. Societies include:

- Akron Canton Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE)
- Akron District Society of Professional Engineers (ADSPE)
- Akron Physics Club (APC)
- Akron Section of the American Chemical Society (ACS)
- Akron Section of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers (AIChE)
- Akron Section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME)
- Akron/Canton Section of the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE)
- American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, & Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE)
- American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE)
- Archaeological Institute of America (AIA)
- Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)
- Microscopy Society of Northeast Ohio (MSNO)
- Rubber Division, American Chemical Society
- Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME)
- Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE)



OMNOVA Solutions Foundation's (OSF) highest priority is education. OSF wants to help motivate our future leaders and workers to gain the desire, knowledge and work-readiness skills required for corporations like theirs. The Foundation offers two \$1,500 Scholarships and two \$500 Teacher Grants.



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