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President's Message

Hello SDES Black Hills Chapter members!

Next week, the Black Hills Chapter will be hosting the Annual Engineer's Week Luncheon and Awards Gala on February 18th at the Rushmore Hotel in Rapid City. This event will feature a presentation by Robert Mudge who has co-founded and now leads four companies in Rapid City (RPM & Associates Inc., RPM Solutions, Inc., RPM Innovations, Inc., and RDSS, LLLP).

Please join us in recognizing the accomplishments of our local engineers as we announce the Black Hills Chapter Engineer of the Year, Young Engineer of the Year, and the Outstanding Engineering Achievement/Project and of the Year at this event.

Also, during Engineer's Week (February 16th through February 22st), the film "Dream Big" will be shown throughout the day on February 19th at the Elks Theatre, and the Annual MATHCOUNTS Competition will take place on February 22nd at SDSM&T.

Thank you to those who have helped support SDES and MATHCOUNTS this year! It is great to see these events supported by the engineering companies within our community as they help bring up the next generation of Engineers.

Sincerely,

Brett Belzer, PE
President of the Black Hills Chapter
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UPCOMING EVENTS

ENGINEER'S WEEK

Today is the deadline to register for the Black Hills Chapter E-Week Luncheon & Awards Gala! We'll see you all next **Tuesday, Feb 18th!** [Register at SDES.org](#) if you haven't already.

YOUTH IN SCIENCE

WE NEED YOU! We are calling for volunteers to help at the one day conference on **March 10th** from 8 am-3 pm on the SDSM&T campus. We need group leaders and building monitors to help the conference run smoothly. If you are interested in speaking or exhibiting we need your help too. [Follow the link for more information](#), or contact Shela to volunteer by email shela@thechemistrylab.com or phone (605) 484-2076.

YIS is sponsoring "DREAM BIG", a celebration of human ingenuity in the form of engineering marvels. This *free film* is open to the public on **February 19th at 6PM** at the Elks Theatre. Doors open at 5:30. Door prizes are sponsored by local STEM supporters, including the BH Chapter of SDES.

MATHCOUNTS

The big event is coming up on **February 22 at 1 PM** in Classroom Building, room 204! If you have some company swag to donate, please contact Bill Huber at william@ecpcompany.com.

Thank you to everyone who has offered to volunteer, and to our generous donors!

SDES BLACK HILLS CHAPTER MEETINGS

Our March Lunch&Learn will be announced by email soon.

Have any topic suggestions? We'd love to hear them. Please contact a Board member with your ideas.

56th ANNUAL CONCRETE CONFERENCE

Registration is still open for the 56th Annual Concrete Conference, which is being held on **March 6th** at the SDSMT Surbeck Ballroom. Early bird pricing ends March 1st. [Follow the link to register](#).

SDSM&T GEOLOGY and GEOLOGICAL Engineering Seminar Series

The GGE Department is hosting Dr. Devon Orme from Montana State University on **February 21st** for a talk on "The California Great Valley Forearc

Basin." The meeting will take place in room CB204W. Details and later events can be found here: [GGE-Seminars-Workshops-Meetings](#). For more information, please contact Dr. Kevin Ward by email, Kevin.Ward@sdsmt.edu.

**Thank you to the folks at these generous companies for supporting the
2020 MATHCOUNTS Competition!**

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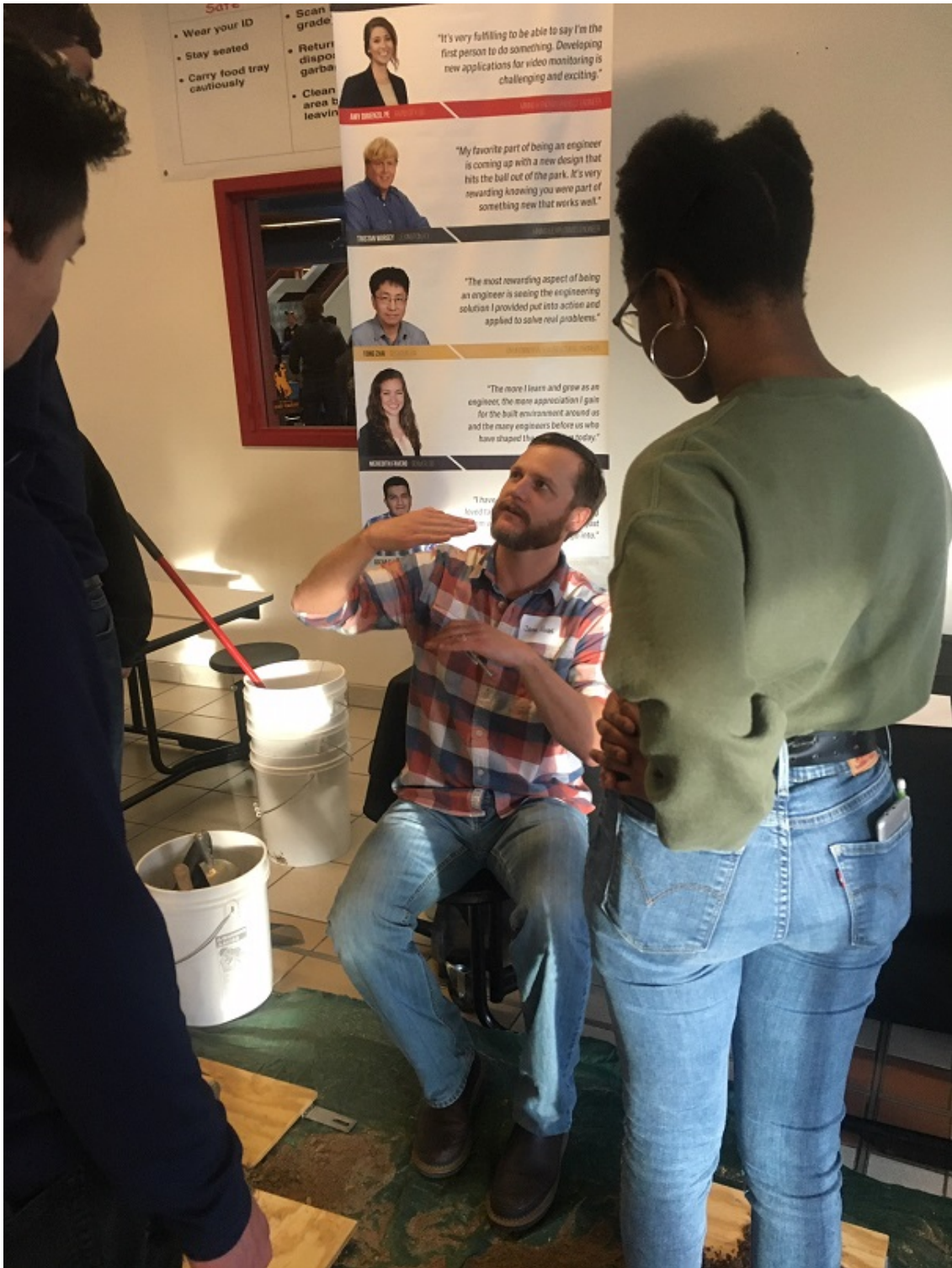
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Jason Hinds explains soil mechanics to students at the Central High School STEM Career Night.



Central HS students test reinforced vs unreinforced soil. SDES and RESPEC hosted a joint booth at the high school STEM career fair.



TREASURER'S REPORT

(AS OF 30-Jan-2020)

Account

Checking \$17,871.12
 Savings \$ 7,828.02
 CD #1 \$ 1,110.94

Scholarships/Donation Schedule

Year	Item	Amount
2019	Youth in Science Scholarships	\$500.00 \$2,500.00
2020	Youth in Science Scholarships	\$1,000.00 \$2,500.00
2021	Youth in Science Scholarships	\$500.00 \$2,500.00
2022	Youth in Science Scholarships	\$500.00 \$2,500.00

CD #2	\$ 2,603.35		
Petty	\$ 150.00	TOTAL	\$12,500.00

SDES BLACK HILLS CHAPTER BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are open to everyone. Meeting locations are generally chosen a week prior, so please contact a Board member if you are interested in attending.

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