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## **SME Arizona Conference Dedicated to the Region’s Mineral**

### **History**

The annual [SME Arizona Conference](#) is the only conference dedicated to the regional development and expansion of mining and mineral engineering in the Southwest United States. The event will be held at the JW Marriott Star Pass Resort in Tucson, December 4-5, 2022.

The conference program covers the latest developments on mining projects and technical innovations in the areas of mining, geotechnical, metallurgy, environmental, geology and new projects in the Southwest United States and Northern Mexico.

Sunday features a special “Diversity and Inclusion in the Mining Industry” workshop. Monday’s Keynote will be delivered by Kate Sommerville, General Manager, PHB Legacy Assets. Her subject is “Let’s Reimagine Our Legacy in Mining.” The luncheon speaker is Steven C. Holmes, COO, First Majestic Silver and President of the SME Foundation. His subject is “Mining in Mexico – the Good, the Bad, and the Complicated.”

“SME provides critical engineering and technical knowledge to industry professionals across the globe,” said SME Executive Director and CEO David L. Kanagy. “Current trends addressed in the program provide insight to the unique challenges associated with the mining and minerals industries in the southwest, which can ultimately affect the rest of the world.”

The SME Arizona Conference supports the Southwest U.S. and Northern Mexico mining industry by providing an inclusive, productive and engaging conference experience. Attendees will hear about the latest developments and innovations on local projects and technology from the professionals actually doing the work. The conference is an incredible networking event with hundreds of mining professionals in attendance. There is great synergy with the American Mining Hall of Fame and its Annual Awards Banquet. Additionally, the Arizona Conference proudly features a fundraising golf tournament benefiting the University of Arizona’s SME Student Chapter.

The Annual Diggers and Duffers Golf Tournament is a fundraiser that is a tradition with the University of Arizona SME Student Chapter. The proceeds from this tournament go directly to

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offset travel and registration expenses for students who would like to attend the SME MINEXCHANGE 2023 Annual Conference & EXPO in Denver, CO and the Intercollegiate Mining Competition.

The Annual Meeting of the SME Arizona Conference has been a staple for more than 35 years, providing the mining industry with a regional conference that focuses on the issues affecting one of the nation's largest mining sectors.

For more information visit [SMEArizonaConference.org](https://SMEArizonaConference.org).

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