



## WAAIME scholarships; Supporting students and building futures in mining

by Margaret Mansanti, WAAIME Division Chair

Last year, WAAIME made a pivotal change to its scholarship program, enabling students to apply as early as the second semester of their freshman year. Scholarships are now awarded in the first semester of their sophomore year. Previously, students could only apply during their sophomore year, with funds disbursed at the start of their junior year.

This change was driven by WAAIME's recognition of the financial challenges many students face during their initial years of study, compounded by the demanding coursework of engineering and Earth sciences. These pressures often lead to high dropout rates. By providing financial relief earlier, WAAIME aims to support students when they need it most, helping them remain focused on their studies and progress with confidence.

One student who exemplifies the impact of this change is Jordan Niggemyer, a sophomore at Montana Tech studying mining engineering. Niggemyer applied for a WAAIME scholarship in the second semester of her freshman year. During her interview, she explained how high-school scholarships, family support and summer



**WAAIME scholarship recipient Jordan Niggemyer.**

jobs helped her cover freshman-year expenses. However, she was concerned about how she would afford her

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## WAAIME establishes Rebecca Bweupe-Siwale Memorial Scholarship; Daughter Natasha Siwale first recipient

by Barbara Filas, WAAIME Division Chair-Elect

WAAIME is pleased to announce the creation of the Rebecca Bweupe-Siwale Memorial Scholarship and to name its first scholarship recipient: Rebecca's daughter Natasha (Suwi) Siwale. The scholarship was established by unanimous vote of the WAAIME Executive Committee at the SME Midyear Meeting in Las Vegas, NV on Sept. 22, 2024. Rebecca and husband Stan tragically passed away on June 8, 2024. She was only 47 years old.

### About Rebecca Bweupe-Siwale

Bweupe-Siwale was a second-generation miner in the Copperbelt of Zambia. Following in her father's footsteps, she studied chemical engineering at Copperbelt University in Kitwe, Zambia. After graduating, she became the first woman engineer in Zambia and the first woman miner at Mopani Copper Mines. In 2010, she earned an MBA with an emphasis in operations management from Cleveland State University. Later in 2010, she moved to the United States as a senior research engineer and metallurgist with Freeport-McMoRan in Safford, AZ. She joined FLSmidth in 2012 as



**Rebecca Bweupe-Siwale**

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## Resilience, leadership and a unified vision; A look back at 2024

by Margaret Mansanti, WAAIME Division Chair

As Chair of the WAAIME Executive Committee, a role I began on Feb. 26, 2024, I am heartened to reflect on the progress and resilience demonstrated by our dedicated team. Despite challenges, our commitment to advancing education in Earth sciences and engineering remains steadfast.



Margaret Mansanti  
2024 WAAIME Chair

### Leadership and transitions

The year began with significant changes. Following the MINEXCHANGE SME Annual Conference & Expo in Phoenix, AZ, our committee welcomed Rebecca Bweupe-Siwale, completing our team of five. However, March brought news that SME Staff Liaison Michelle Kroger, also SME's Chief Financial Officer, would leave the organization in April. On June 3, SME Executive Director Dave Kanagy announced Rachel Grimes as our new Staff Liaison, bringing her 12 years of expertise to support WAAIME.

Tragedy struck on June 8 with the passing of Rebecca and her husband. In this difficult moment, the WAAIME board acted swiftly, appointing Jaqueline Herrera on June 21 to fulfill Rebecca's term.

### Contributions of the executive committee

- **Barbara (Barb) Filas, Chair-Elect.** Filas has brought extraordinary leadership to WAAIME. She is developing a comprehensive WAAIME Operations Handbook to guide the organization's future. Her successful fundraising secured \$11,500 in sponsorships for the 2024 student reception, marking the first year of such support. All

previous sponsors have recommitted for 2025, and Filas is actively expanding outreach to new sponsors with the help of SME's Emma Li Salditt.

- **Lydia Hull, Scholarship Chair.** With 16 years of dedication to the scholarship program, Hull's passion is unparalleled. This year, she welcomed Pamela Swendseid and Line-Audrey Nkule as subcommittee co-chairs. She updated the online application process and with her co-chairs will introduce an instructional video for applicants and reviewers, enhancing the program's reach and efficiency.
- **Susana Palomino, International Representative.** Palomino bridges WAAIME's international sections, ensuring robust communication and updates for the biannual newsletter. Her work with WAAIME-Peru includes scholarships, coaching sessions and student workshops, exemplifying her commitment to global engagement and educational excellence.
- **Jaqueline Herrera, Membership and Programming.** Herrera's calm, welcoming presence has energized our membership initiatives. She is developing WAAIME's social media presence and in collaboration with Amy Richins, will manage the student selfie tag program and games at the student reception. Herrera's insights have also guided WAAIME's event planning and strategic growth efforts.
- **Rachel Grimes, WAAIME Staff Liaison.** Grimes' organizational skills are indispensable. She manages logistics for meetings, enhances communication, and is developing an updated membership directory. Her expertise ensures that WAAIME operates efficiently and effectively.

### Achievements and forward momentum

This year, WAAIME has taken critical steps to address the workforce shortage in the extractive industries, where 600 vacancies outpace the 300 engineers available to fill them.

1. **Expanding scholarship eligibility.** To increase student retention, the WAAIME Division lowered eligibility to apply for a WAAIME scholarship to the second semester of freshman year, receiving funds the beginning of sophomore year. This change encourages early engagement and offers financial support when it is most needed.
2. **Supporting recruitment programs.** WAAIME supported summer programs at Montana Tech

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(l to r) Susana Palomino, Barb Filas, Rachel Grimes, Margaret Mansanti, Lydia Hull and Jaqueline Herrera at the SME Mid-year Meeting in Las Vegas, NV.





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sophomore year.

Niggemyer's situation became even more difficult in early 2024 when her father was laid off, causing a significant loss of household income. Facing the possibility of leaving school, she was relieved and overjoyed to learn in February that she had been awarded a WAAIME scholarship. She shared, "The WAAIME scholarship is my saving grace. Without these funds, I wouldn't have been able to attend Montana Tech this semester."

The scholarship helped Niggemyer bridge the financial gap, enabling her to continue pursuing her education. Niggemyer, who hails from Grafton, WV — a small coal mining town in central Appalachia — is committed to a career in mining engineering, inspired by the importance of mining to her community. Beyond her academic pursuits, she is a leader on campus, serving as president of the Montana Tech Women in Mining chapter, captain of the Women's Mining Team, and holding leadership roles in both the International Society of Explosives Engineers and the Society for Mining, Metallurgy & Exploration (SME) student chapters.

By awarding scholarships earlier, WAAIME not only supports individual students like Niggemyer but also strengthens workforce development in mining and related fields. This adjustment ensures that more students are empowered to continue their education, bringing their



(l) Scholarship recipient Jordan Niggemyer and WAAIME member (r) Kathleen Tew.

talents and determination to an industry vital to global progress.

As we look ahead, WAAIME remains committed to helping students overcome financial obstacles and achieve their goals. Stories like Jordan's inspire us and highlight the broader impact of our scholarship program on the next generation of mining professionals. ■



### WAAIME Upcoming Events in Denver!

<b>Sunday</b>	Finance & Executive Committee Meeting 8:30 - 12:00 noon
<b>Monday</b>	Student Reception 5:00 - 7:00 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	Business Meeting 10:00 - 12:00 noon
<b>Wednesday</b>	Committee Breakout Sessions 1:00 - 3:00 pm



## Jaqueline (Jackie) Herrera appointed to WAAIME Executive Committee

by WAAIME Executive Committee

The WAAIME Executive Committee unanimously appointed Jaqueline (Jackie) Herrera to complete the term of the late Rebecca Bweupe-Siwale. Bweupe-Siwale was elected to the WAAIME Executive Committee in November 2023 and began her tenure in February 2024; however, she tragically passed away on June 8, 2024. In honor of her legacy, Siwale's friend and colleague, Jaqueline Herrera, will fulfill her term.

Herrera was an integral part of WAAIME's strategic planning committee, where her contributions were key in shaping the future direction of the division. Her deep commitment to WAAIME's mission of investing in students and professionals will ensure the continued advancement of WAAIME's goal to address workforce challenges in the extractive industries.

With more than 25 years of experience in technical sales, operations, marketing and leadership across multiple industries — including mining and mineral processing — Herrera is a recognized expert in her field. She holds a B.Sc. in metallurgical engineering, an M.Sc. in material science and an MBA. She is the author of a technical paper presented at The Mineral, Metals and Materials Society (TMS) meeting on improving trihydrate recovery and is a U.S. patent holder for her work on functionalized silicones for froth flotation.

Her extensive career has seen her contribute significantly to the bauxite mining and alumina

processing sectors in South America, the United States and the Caribbean. She later expanded her focus to global base metals, with particular expertise in copper and molybdenum markets across North America, Europe and Latin America. Herrera is also a member of the Society of Women Engineers and currently serves on the board of Energy Fuels, a leading U.S.-based critical minerals company.



Jaqueline (Jackie) Herrera

Beyond her professional achievements, Herrera has shown a deep commitment to community service. She has volunteered with UNICEF and Water for People, providing education and technical expertise to rural communities in Latin America, specifically in water treatment for local schools.

We are incredibly grateful for Herrera's willingness to step in during this critical time. With Herrera's leadership, WAAIME will continue to build a future defined by innovation and inclusivity, supporting the next generation of mining professionals. ■

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and Penn State, fostering interest among high school students. Montana Tech's program, now in its second year, has already shown success: 10 participants from 2023 enrolled as freshmen in 2024, they are now eligible to apply for WAAIME scholarships. We encourage schools with Earth science and engineering degree programs to develop similar initiatives, and we welcome opportunities to collaborate and provide support for such efforts.

3. **Establishing the Rebecca Bweupe-Siwale Inclusion and Diversity Memorial Scholarship.** In honor of Rebecca, we established this scholarship, with her daughter, Natasha Siwale, as its first recipient — a fitting tribute to Rebecca's legacy.

### A unified vision

The SME Midyear Meeting in September marked

WAAIME's first in-person participation since 2019. In addition to the executive committee, sub-committee chairs Amy Richins and Kathleen Tew joined our business meetings. The WAAIME booth will be suspended for the MINEXCHANGE 2025 SME Annual Conference & Expo, allowing the executive committee the necessary time to reassess our approach and ensure a successful presence at MINEXCHANGE 2026.

As a division of SME, we presented a unified vision of WAAIME as a fully functioning, contributing entity.

### Investing in the future

At WAAIME, we are committed to solving the workforce challenges of the extractive industry by investing in students. From scholarships to innovative recruitment programs, our efforts today will shape the leaders of tomorrow.

With the steadfast contributions of an exceptional team, WAAIME continues a legacy that began in 1917, advancing education and empowering the next generation of industry professionals. ■





## Bweupe-Siwale Scholarship

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manager of its operations & maintenance/commissioning/productivity program in Salt Lake City, UT and was promoted to global director and then vice president and head of FLSmidth's Digital Services where her team took the lead in driving the digital transformation of equipment across the mineral processing value chain — optimizing operations, improving productivity and decreasing cost.

Bweupe-Siwale joined the WAAIME Division of SME in 2018. She was elected to the WAAIME Executive Committee (EC) in November 2023 and began her service in February 2024. As an EC member, she also joined WAAIME's ad hoc strategic planning committee and became an outspoken participant in the strategic planning process that had been initiated in 2023. Committee members sought to define where WAAIME should go over the next several years and what the EC would do to lead new initiatives and how WAAIME would achieve its expanded objectives. With her strong participation, WAAIME was successful in defining its vision and four strategic goals that now allow WAAIME to align efforts and prioritize achievable and measurable initiatives that will make the most impact in moving WAAIME closer to its vision "to invest in students of all ages to help solve the workforce challenges of the extractive industries."

In addition to WAAIME, Bweupe-Siwale was passionate about inclusion and diversity and served as inaugural Chair of the SME Inclusion & Diversity (I&D) Ad Hoc Committee. Under her leadership, the ad hoc committee conducted an organizational survey to gather information about I&D programs, best practices, benchmarks and barriers in the industry. This information shaped the charter, action plan, and her presentation to the SME Board of Directors that led the board to elevate the ad hoc committee to an SME Inclusion & Diversity Standing Committee in February 2021. She graciously agreed to continue as Chair of the new I&D Standing Committee in 2021 and led the committee's work on strategic alignment, programming and communication efforts to instill I&D into the SME organizational culture.

Bweupe-Siwale was truly an incredible woman whose contributions to the mining industry, to WAAIME and SME, and to women and minorities in the extractive industries was nothing short of awe-inspiring. Through the Rebecca Bweupe-Siwale Memorial Scholarship, her spirit and commitment to her profession and to the equitable treatment of all people will never be forgotten.

### About the Rebecca Bweupe-Siwale Memorial Scholarship

The Rebecca Bweupe-Siwale Memorial Scholarship was established in Bweupe-Siwale's memory. Any person enrolled in undergraduate or masters-level graduate programs in mining, metallurgical, geological and petroleum engineering or other disciplines related to the extractive



**(l to r) Susana Palomino, Barb Filas, Margaret Mansanti, Rebecca Bweupe-Siwale and Lydia Hull at the MINEXCHANGE 2024 SME Annual Conference & Expo.**

industries is eligible to apply. All WAAIME scholarship applicants are required to follow the WAAIME Scholarship Application Guidelines ([www.waaime.org](http://www.waaime.org)) when they apply. For those applicants who wish to also be considered to receive the Rebecca Bweupe-Siwale Memorial Scholarship, the WAAIME Scholarship

Application must be accompanied by an essay of no more than 500 words that describes how the applicant's goals, priorities and strengths align with Bweupe-Siwale's and establishes an appropriate level of financial need.

### About Natasha Siwale

Natasha (Suwi) Siwale, the eldest of Rebecca's three daughters, is recipient of the first Rebecca Bweupe-Siwale Memorial Scholarship. Suwi is a junior at the University of Utah majoring in health, society and policy with a minor in economics. She is an excellent student and each of her chosen major disciplines are important and highly relevant to the extractive industries. Suwi is the epitome not only of the values that Rebecca espoused but also the financial need that WAAIME scholarships address: inclusion and diversity, interest in the mining industry to which her mother was so dedicated, and financial need, having taken on guardianship of her two younger sisters after their parents' tragic passing. WAAIME believes she is the perfect candidate to receive the inaugural scholarship. ■



**(l) WAAIME member Amy Richins and scholarship recipient (r) Natasha Siwale.**

## PA-West Section awards scholarships and observes centennial anniversary

by Jean Davin, PA-West Section Chair

In 2024, the PA-West Section has been celebrating its 100th anniversary as a section of WAAIME. We are the first WAAIME section to observe this centennial milestone.

In addition, the PA-West Section awarded a total of \$22,000 in scholarships from the Lewis E. and Elizabeth W. Young Scholarship fund, which is administered by our section. This fund was set up by Mrs. Young, a long-time member of the PA-West Section, in memory of her husband, who was an AIME President. AIME oversees this fund.

The recipients of the 2024-2025 Young scholarships are being educated at nine different universities, in various Earth science majors.

In addition, on May 28, we participated in the AIME Scholarship and Awards teleconference call with all four member societies' scholarship staff members. These staff members were encouraged to guide their respective student members to apply for WAAIME scholarships via the WAAIME website during the next round of applications, as well as the Young scholarships.

On Oct. 23, the Pittsburgh Section of SME invited me as Chair of the PA-West WAAIME Section to a dinner to give an update on our WAAIME activities to them. As the



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PA-West Section of WAAIME celebrated our centennial at the annual meeting with Sarris Chocolates (a hometown favorite), we gifted the SME Section with a large box of these chocolates as well. ■

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## WAAIME Scholarships

by Lydia Hull, WAAIME Scholarship Chair

It was an exciting session for our 2024/2025 scholarship applicants. The WAAIME Division awarded 171 scholarships across the United States to 23 universities in the amount of \$350,000, as well as \$50,000 to the six WAAIME sections in Mexico, Chile and Peru. The international sections awarded scholarships to 56 students.

It was announced last year that we have phased out the scholarships for Ph.D. students — this was done based on feedback from the universities. It was a pleasure working with these deserving students and we hope to keep in contact as they continue their journey in their field of Earth sciences.

There are some exciting changes



WAAIME scholarship recipients at New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology

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## WAAIME Founder's Award presented to Zenovia (Zenia) Kunasz

by Margaret Mansanti, WAAIME Division Chair

It is with great pleasure and heartfelt admiration that Zenovia (Zenia) Kunasz is nominated for the WAAIME Founder's Award for 2024.

Kunasz's life is a remarkable journey of resilience, dedication and service. Born in Poland to Ukrainian parents who had escaped the Soviet Union, Kunasz's early years were spent in Displaced Persons Camps in Germany. Through the care of the United Nations and the generosity of President Truman's immigration policies, her family was eventually able to relocate to Cleveland, OH, arriving in America on a Red Cross Mercy ship. At nine years of age, she began her new life in the United States, with her family ultimately settling in Parma, OH.

Kunasz pursued higher education at Kent State University, earning a B.S. degree in music education and Russian language. It was there she met Ihor Kunasz, a fellow Ukrainian student, whom she later married. After moving to State College, PA, where Ihor pursued graduate studies at Penn State University, Zenia taught in a Catholic elementary school and earned an M.A. in Slavic Languages and Literature.

Her life's path has been one of continual growth, both personally and professionally. From her work as an educator in Pennsylvania to her time living in Chile and Uzbekistan, Kunasz's adaptability, linguistic talents, and commitment to her community have been ever present. She has shared her gifts wherever she

has lived, whether it be teaching, contributing to local communities, or using her beautiful soprano voice in church choirs.

In 2024, Zenia and Ihor celebrated 59 years of marriage, a testament to their shared commitment. Since Ihor's tenure as SME President in 1988, Zenia has been a consistent and devoted supporter of WAAIME, particularly through her generous contributions of handmade jewelry, which has raised thousands of dollars for a student emergency fund over the past eight years. This fund aids students in need, providing financial support for emergencies that scholarships do not cover.

Her service to WAAIME and the larger mining community is immeasurable. Kunasz's warmth, dedication, and boundless enthusiasm for helping others make her a truly deserving recipient of the 2024 WAAIME Founder's Award. ■



**Zenovia (Zenia) Kunasz**

## Scholarships:

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happening with our scholarships as well. We are excited to reach out to any student who is interested in studying for an Earth science degree. Therefore, freshmen may apply for WAAIME scholarships in December. These scholarships are to be awarded for the 2025 fall session and 2026 spring session as well as students in all levels up to master's degrees.

Assisting this year, I will have two co-chairs Pamela Swendseid and Line-Audrey Nkule. It will be a pleasure working with these ladies as well as our diligent reviewers. Without these reviewers it would be impossible to accommodate our ever-growing scholarship list. ■



**WAAIME scholarship recipients at Pennsylvania State University.**

# WAAIME News

## WAAIME International Updates from WAAIME Sections

### Santiago update

by Katherine Pinochet, Chair

I am filled with joy and inspiration by the enthusiasm that has been driving WAAIME Chile-Santiago this year. Exceptional women who volunteer their dedication, with their professionalism and enthusiasm, to support our scholars and contribute to the growth of the WAAIME community.

This year, we are promoting several interesting projects. One of the most outstanding is the coaching program, led by Bárbara Pacheco Guerra, which seeks to empower our scholarship recipients, increasing their self-esteem and confidence on their way to the workplace.

On April 27, we welcomed our 10 new scholarship recipients from the Santiago Section and congratulated those who completed their cycle with a nice ceremony in the hall of the Institute of Mining Engineers of Chile, thanks to the incredible work of our board.

- 10 scholarships awarded, all in civil mining engineering.



**The Santiago Section awarded 10 scholarships.**

- Nine — Universidad de Chile.
- One — Universidad Tecnica de Santa Maria.
- Celebration for the mining day and had first group coaching session, planning second one in October. ■

### Torreón update

by María Teresa Arias Negrete de Alanís

Summer is very important for WAAIME Torreón. It is a period of achievements and gratitude on the part of our scholarship recipients as well as satisfaction for all the members of our honorable association.

#### Scholarships

We are proud to say that four of our 10 scholarship recipients have completed their professional studies in chemical engineering – extractive metallurgy, graduates of the Technological Institute of La Laguna.

#### Education for tomorrow

The organization of the “El Elemento AG” contest took place last April, under the charge of our colleague Paty Cárdenas, who is responsible for interacting with the schools, collecting and selecting winning works, and awarding prizes.

The objective of this contest is to carry out an investigation of the chosen element, its characteristics,



**Daniel Alejandro, winner of the silver ounce. Paty Cárdenas presents the award.**



uses, industrial, social and economic impact on society, and to capture this information in a creative way (a story, a character, etc.).

First, second and third places were assigned to each school and a winner was chosen. ■





### Training program

The program is under the charge of our colleague Conchis Cortés de Vázquez, thanks to the support given to us by Eng. Luis Humberto Vázquez San Miguel, her husband, and director of the mining division.

- Nine scholarships awarded.

- Two mining engineering — Instituto Tecnológico de Durango.
- Four chemical metallurgical engineering — Tecnológico La Laguna Torreon.
- Three mining and construction engineering — Universidad La Salle.
- Successfully completed first coaching session. ■

## La Serena update

by Pia Alvarez

During 2024 (March-September), seven students were awarded scholarships during the first semester and six scholarship recipients in the second semester: three who are studying civil mining engineering at the University of La Serena, two from the mining execution engineering career, and one master's scholarship recipient studying at Torrens University in Australia.

We shared lunch in April with six scholarship recipients from La Serena in a Peruvian restaurant, a very pleasant meeting that was an opportunity for them to get to know one another and for the executive committee to tell them about WAAIME, its leaders, history and its important activities in support of students in America.

We were able to attend the graduation ceremony of the University of Alba de La Serena on Sept. 6, where our 2016 scholarship recipient, Kimberly Contreras Jofre, received the title of geologist. Her parents and a representative of WAAIME were invited, which in this case was our member Ximena Molina, a social worker by profession, in charge of the socioeconomic and emotional evaluation of the scholarship recipients in our group.

Contreras Jofre was an exceptional scholarship recipient of very humble origins and few resources. She was able to solve her problems with her personal effort and the efforts of her family, becoming the first professional in the family. Today, she is dedicated to paleontology and has published her thesis in specialized journals.

The CEAZA institution, which financed her thesis work, sent us a letter of congratulations to Contreras Jofre for her excellent work.

We are especially proud of this achievement and for



Welcome lunch with the new 2024 scholarship recipients.

the support given to Contreras Jofre for six years.

### 2024 Scholarships

- Seven scholarships awarded.
- Six civil mining engineering — Universidad de La Serena (finished university in July).
- One master's in business administration — Tórrenos University. Australia.
- New process of onboarding new scholarship recipients.
- The executive committee shared lunch with the students.
- Will continue to have "tea time" meetings every month. ■



## Lima update

by Susana Palomino, Vice Chair

We had many activities with our scholarship recipients in this second period.

We welcomed a new group of scholarship recipients on April 21 in a main event where we invited the school directors from the universities and their parents to share with them that great and important moment.

### Coaching workshops

On April 21 and Aug. 25, the XXI and XII Coaching Workshops were held at the facilities of the Institute of Mining Engineers of Peru – IIMP, in which many of our 20 scholarship holders actively participated. During the day, they learned to reinforce their strengths and worked on areas of improvement within their professional lives, developing soft skills, essential for the personal and professional growth of our interns.

### Training at Ferreycorp

On Aug. 26, 14 of our students had a training session in the main workshop of the Ferreycorp Company. They received presentations related to the field of mining they manage and took a guided tour of the facilities. The manager of machinery, Eduardo Hesse, presented the products and services they offer. Carlos Silva, component repair manager of Lima, explained about the machinery maintenance and repair processes.

### Training at Estudio Hernández y Cia

On Aug. 26, 14 of our students visited the Hernandez y Cia law firm, our new affiliated company, where they listened to two talks: one on the “Comprehensive Mining Formalization Process” and the other on the “Challenges of Mining Formalization” in the country. During the sessions, key legal issues for mining activity in Peru were addressed, highlighting the importance of complying with current regulations. Permitting, environmental and social management, the rights of local communities, and the challenges of mining in the country were discussed.

Our students also visited the minerals museum in August. We also shared dinners and enjoyed time together where we could talk about how the WAAIME scholarship is helping them and new ideas about how can we improve the program.

- 13 scholarships awarded.
- Two mining engineering — Universidad Nacional de Ingeniería.
- One petroleum and gas engineering — Universidad Nacional de Ingeniería.
- Three geological engineering — Universidad Nacional de Ingeniería.
- One electrical engineering — Universidad Nacional



Lima Section scholarship recipients.



Lima Section coaching workshop.

de Ingeniería.

- Two geological engineering — Universidad Mayor de San Marcos.
- One geological engineering — Universidad Católica del Peru.
- Three mining engineering — Universidad Católica de Santa Maria-Arequipa.
- Students attended a group coaching session — Mining Institute Lima, and then had dinner with scholarships director Susana Palomino.
- Visited the minerals museum — organized lunch and transportation.
- Attended a workshop at a Caterpillar dealer. They saw the entire workshop and maintenance area, and learned how to make a follow up of all the big trucks in different mine companies — organized lunch and transportation.
- Event to deliver 16 new scholarships in May.
- The scholarship recipients attended a workshop at the Hernandez & Associates law firm, where they were able to learn about the latest legal regulations in the mining industry. ■





### Mexico-DF update

The Mexico-DF Section shared a letter from Marbella Durand, one of their scholarship recipients.

“I address you with deepest gratitude for the WAAIME Scholarship I have been awarded on the Master in Metallurgic Sciences. I feel really honored for being favored by this generous help. Your support has significantly diminished my financial burden allowing me to focus in what is more important for my formation: learning. Getting this scholarship not only motivates me to keep a high academic level but also means a step to accomplish my postgraduate studies. Thanks to your

generosity I have been able to cover expenses related to my studies, diminish my financial worries and solve basic needs like nourishment and health. This has brought me nearer to my professional aspirations. I appreciate deeply the trust put on me and your commitment to support students like me. I hope to give back in some way in the future and contribute positively to the community in the same way you do.

Once more I thank you for your generosity and belief in my potential.”

Marbella Alejandra Duran González

### Cajamarca update

All the activities of the scholarship holders of the Cajamarca Section were coordinated through the Lima Section. Together with the other scholarship recipients from Lima and other provinces of Peru, they shared all the activities carried out by the Lima Section.

- Seven scholarships awarded (with Lima agreement).

- One mining engineering — Universidad Nacional de Cajamarca.
- One geological engineering — Universidad Nacional de Cajamarca.
- Two metallurgical engineering — Universidad Nacional Del Centro — Junín.
- Two geological engineering — Universidad Nacional de Arequipa.
- One metallurgical engineering — Universidad Nacional de Arequipa. ■