

# A Message | from the SVC Foundation Chair

The SVC Foundation (SVCF) has been in existence as a 501(c)3 non profit organization for six years, and is compiling a clear track record of pursuing its charter of providing scholarships to students interested in the vacuum coating field, and consistent with the SVC's international presence. Since inception, the SVC Foundation has awarded scholarships to 14 students from six countries, including the United States, Canada, China, Pakistan, Spain and Lithuania, to attend colleges or universities in three countries: the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom.

We are committed to giving at least three scholarships annually, and as many as five, depending on the quality and quantity of candidates. Over this period, we have established three named funds, and give scholarships in four names, the SVC Scholarship, the Jane and Frank Warchol Scholarship, the Helen and Rolf Illsley Scholarship, and the John B. Fenn, Sr. Scholarship, and are well on our way to creating the Bernard Henry Scholarship Fund. The Bernard Henry Fund initiative, a cooperative effort between AIMCAL, the SVC and the SVC Foundation, has helped us develop a closer relationship with AIMCAL, who has introduced us to new ways of fundraising (i.e. auctioning a trip to the U.S. Open on ebay that was donated by AIMCAL).

The quality of the members of the SVCF Board of Directors and of the Scholarship Committee is outstanding. If you are exploring worthy causes where donations will be used wisely, I encourage you to consider a contribution to the SVCF. There are many ways to support us, including participation as a sponsor or runner in the 5K Fun Run/Walk, donations at membership time, and donations directly to the SVCF. If you have the resources, an endowed fund is the perfect way to honor a person or organization indefinitely. Talk to any member of the SVC Foundation Board of Directors or visit our Web Site at [www.svcfoundation.org](http://www.svcfoundation.org) for details on the programs listed above.

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## 2009 Scholarship Application Process Now Open

The SVC Foundation Scholarship Committee announces the opening of the 2009 scholarship application process. Since its inception, the SVC Foundation has disbursed over \$40,000 in scholarships. In 2009 we anticipate awarding three or more scholarships, depending on the pool of qualified applicants, for a total of \$25,000.

To apply, go to [www.svcfoundation.org](http://www.svcfoundation.org) and click on "Scholarship Information" in order to have access to and download the application.

The SVC Foundation's Scholarship Fund is intended to further the education of people entering or already participating in a course of study related to vacuum coating technology at an accredited institution. Anyone attending an accredited technical, vocational, two-year, undergraduate or graduate school may apply, including students and practitioners already working in the vacuum coating technology field. Scholarships provide a financial award to be used toward tuition, books and fees. Past Scholarship winners are invited to apply provided they still meet the criteria for participation.

In addition, Scholarship Recipients

are invited to attend the SVC Technical Conference and to present papers about their work, rounding out their education through exposure in our industry. It is also a networking opportunity as well as a source of inspiration for their studies and careers. At the annual SVC Technical Conference in April 2008 we hosted three scholarship winners and also provided reimbursement for travel, accommodations and conference fees.

The SVC Foundation Scholarship Committee is composed of renowned vacuum coating technology experts selected from the industry and academia. In the words of a committee member: "We aim to attract new bright minds to our industry as well as to help current vacuum coating practitioners who want to further their education. Our scholarship winners are a select group of highly motivated individuals and we will strive to retain them in the vacuum coating industry by following their progress as they advance in their careers"

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You can contribute by being a sponsor or participant in the annual 5K Fun Run/Walk.

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