

**2007 SME
Pittsburgh Section
Student Grant Award**

Robin Oldham
West Virginia
University



Robin Oldham is a Senior Mining Engineering student at West Virginia University. He is number one in his senior class with an overall G.P.A. of 3.97. He is active in the WVU chapter of the Society of Mining Engineers and was elected as the Secretary of the Chapter for the Academic year 2007-2008. He is a founding member of the WVU chapter of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, where he was the risk management chair in 2006. Robin is grateful for all the employment opportunities he has had while attending WVU. His first two summer internships were spent working underground for CONSOL Energy in Pennsylvania. This past summer he worked for Newmont Mining Corporation at a gold mine in Nevada. Robin is looking forward to taking a job in the mining industry upon graduation in May 2008.

Matthew T. Mowry
Pennsylvania State
University



Mr. Mowry is a Senior in Mining Engineering at Penn State University with a 3.70 cumulative grade point average. He too has regularly made the Dean's List for his academic performance, and is a member of three honor societies. He was raised in Venetia, PA. His commitment to the mining profession is demonstrated by his three summer internships, twice with Jim Walter Resources (May-August 2006 and 2007) and once with CONSOL Energy (June-August 2005). Matthew has served as the Penn State SME Student Chapter President since 2005, and spear-headed the winning report in the Outstanding SME Student Chapter Competition for 2006. Other achievements include being a PSU Student Ambassador and an Eagle Scout. He presently receives scholarships to cover less than 30% of his annual cost of education and living expenses. He anticipates graduation in December 2008.