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RMAG Foundation's mission statement: "To inspire and educate current and future geoscientists."

Celebrating a Century of Impact:
Mike Johnson Turns 100!



Mike Johnson looking for new prospects at DERL

This June, the RMAG Foundation proudly celebrated the 100th birthday of Mike Johnson, recognizing not only a remarkable personal milestone but also an enduring legacy of generosity within the geoscience community.

In 2017, Mike established the [Michael S. Johnson Scholarship](#), creating opportunities for graduate students pursuing petroleum geology and related geoscience studies. Since its inception, the scholarship has helped students advance their education and prepare for careers in the geoscience industry. Mike's commitment to supporting future geoscientists demonstrates how a single individual's generosity can have a lasting and meaningful impact. His gift continues to open doors for students and serves as an inspiring example of the difference philanthropic support can make in shaping the future of our profession. As we celebrate Mike's 100th birthday, we also celebrate the countless students whose educational journeys have been enriched through his vision and generosity. The RMAG Foundation is honored to recognize this extraordinary milestone and the legacy it represents. For those inspired by Mike's story, we encourage you to consider supporting the next generation of geoscientists

leaders in our profession.

RMAG Foundation Projects and Programs

Girls & Science



Astrid Makowitz helping with the rock cycle rocks

In March, the RMAG Foundation hosted a table at the Denver Museum of Nature & Science's *Girls & Science* event. Our volunteers introduced elementary-aged girls to mineral identification, the rock cycle, and the science of coring through a variety of hands-on activities.

share specimens from our extensive rock collection to demonstrate the different types of rocks and how they form. To illustrate the mechanics of coring, volunteers used layers of Play-Doh and plastic straws, creating an interactive activity that was a huge hit with kids of all ages.

The fossil-bearing rocks and volcanic bomb were especially popular. Many children and parents were surprised to learn that Colorado is home to a dormant volcano, making for some fun conversations about our state's geologic history.

A big thank you to Natalie Kongable, Lloyd Sobel, Laura Wray, Cat Campbell, Astrid Makowitz, Sydney Crockett, Fred Poland, and Ginny Gent for volunteering and helping make this event such a success!



Ginny Gent and Cat Campbell helping with the coring activity



Sydney Crockett and Natalie Kongable helping with the mineral identification game

CO State Science and Engineering Fair

In April, two RMAG Foundation volunteers served as judges at the Colorado State Science and Engineering Fair for junior and senior high school students. The Foundation presented four awards—two in the junior division and two in the senior division—to recognize outstanding student projects.

The creativity, curiosity, and scientific talent demonstrated by these students were truly inspiring, and we look forward to seeing the contributions they will make as the next generation of scientists.

Thank you to Mike Hendrick and Natalie Kongable for volunteering their time and expertise as judges this year!

Our participation in these events are possible because of our generous donors and volunteers. RMAG Foundation raised almost \$62,000 to support science education that includes events such as the Girls in Science, Parker Science Days, Science Fair awards and Excellence in Teaching awards. **Thank you for your continued support of these events.**

Help us fund these projects by donating today!

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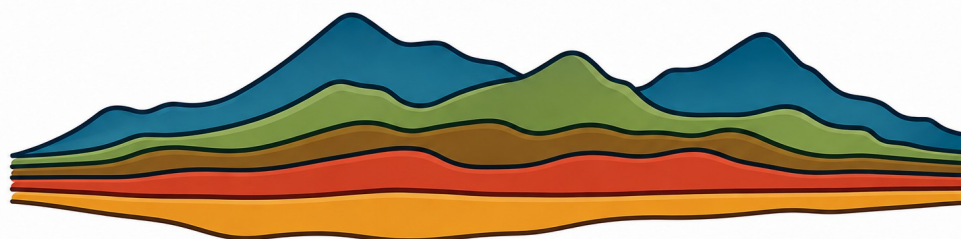
Create Your Own Legacy

Many of the RMAG Foundation's scholarships and grants exist today because geoscientists chose to invest in future generations through planned giving. As you consider your own legacy, we encourage you to remember the RMAG Foundation in your estate plans through a will, trust, beneficiary designation, or other planned gift. A gift of any size can help ensure that students, researchers, and future geoscience leaders have the opportunities they need to learn, grow, and contribute to our profession for years to come.

Please contact the Foundation directly at RMAGFoundation@rmagfoundation.org to discuss setting up a bequest.

Thank you!

Special thanks are owed to our past donors who have created funds that assist student geoscience research. With your continued donation support, the RMAG Foundation will provide critical financial assistance for the next generation of



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*51 years of service to RMAG
and the geoscience community*

The Foundation was established on December 31, 1975 by the founding trustees: John P. Lockridge, John W. Rold, and Robert J. Weimer. The Foundation has evolved over the years into one of the premier supporters of geosciences in the United States.

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