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SUPPORTING ROCKY MOUNTAIN GEOSCIENCE SINCE 1975

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

It's That Time of Year Again!

Time to Donate!

Support the RMAG Foundation Fall Fundraising Drive

Please support the RMAG Foundation during our annual Fall Fundraising Drive! In 2026, the Foundation awarded \$106,000 for 12 named scholarships and five grants and contributed another \$35,000 to organizations and community events. Newly established Dickinson Grants also expand support to undergraduate students as geoscience enrollment declines.

Your contributions help support students such as **Zane Wasicko**, recipient of the [Gary Babcock Memorial Scholarship](#).



And **Jutamas Charoensuk**, recipient of the [Michael S. Johnson Schaeearship](#).



There are many ways to give, including cash, PayPal, Venmo, checks, Donor Advised Funds, appreciated stock, employer matching gifts, and estate gifts. Eligible donors may also contribute through Qualified Charitable Distributions from traditional IRAs. You can support general grants and outreach, specific scholarships, or scholarship endowments. Memorial and honorary donations are also welcome.

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Please donate by November 1, 2026, and help advance geoscience education and support the next generation of geoscientists!

For information about giving options, matching gifts, or estate planning, contact RMAGFoundation@rmagfoundation.org.

Thank you to all our donors for your continued support!

Invest in Future Geoscientists!

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Investing in the Future Through Legacy Giving

made possible through the extraordinary generosity of the Dickinson Family. These new grants are designed to support undergraduate geoscience students as they begin their scientific and professional journeys. For many students, access to research funding can be the difference between an idea and a discovery. The Dickinson Grants will provide opportunities for undergraduates to pursue research, gain hands-on experience, and develop the skills needed to become the next generation of geoscientists, explorers, researchers, and educators. More than financial assistance, these grants represent an investment in the future of our profession. The Foundation extends its sincere gratitude to the Dickinson Family for creating a lasting legacy that will inspire and support students for years to come.

The Dickinson Grants also serve as a reminder of the profound impact that charitable giving can have on future generations. Many of the RMAG Foundation's scholarships and grants exist today because geoscientists chose to leave a lasting legacy through planned giving. Whether through a will, trust, beneficiary designation, or other estate-planning vehicle, supporters can help ensure that deserving students continue to have access to educational and research opportunities long into the future. Together, we can create opportunities that extend far beyond our own careers and help strengthen the future of the geoscience profession.

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.

Support Geoscience Education!

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Looking Back to 2025...

50th Anniversary Party – Thank you for Celebrating the RMAG Foundation with us!



2026 RMAG Foundation Trustees: Back row (left to right) - Nathan Rogers, Bob Tucker, David Taylor; Front row (left to right) - Ginny Gent, Shawna Gilbertson, Danielle Ebnother, Tanya Inks, JoDana Swanson

RMAG Foundation celebrated its 50th year of existence in September 2025. We held a celebratory party on September 26th at the Mines Museum of Earth Science for our many supporters. We had over 30 attendees, including many donors, members of the Bolyard family, Elmo and Kathy Brown, Susan Cluff and SM Energy representatives and many current and former trustees. Amed Ahmed, Rachel Williams and Matthew Musso, 2025 scholarship recipients, were on hand with posters to highlight their research. We enjoyed catching up with fellow geoscience enthusiasts, good food and were serenaded by acoustical music provided by Rodney Rice, Steve Daly, and Gary Sloan. The first 50 years have been wildly successful, and we are looking forward to many more years of awarding scholarships, helping educators and continuing the job of promoting geoscience as a career and passion.



2026 RMAG Foundation 50th Anniversary Celebration

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 geoscience students, an effort that has become of upmost importance to the Foundation.

Help Shape the Future of Geoscience!

Remembering Mike Johnson

Michael Sam “Mike” Johnson celebrated his 100th birthday this past summer. Sadly, he passed away in late September. Mike was a giant in the oil and gas industry within the Rocky Mountain region. The Foundation is forever grateful to Mike for his contributions to our organization. His [Michael S. Johnson Scholarship](#) has funded many geoscience graduate students doing petroleum research within the Rocky Mountain region. [Jutamas Charoensuk](#), Ph.D. Candidate, Geology, Colorado School of Mines was the 2026 recipient of the Johnson Scholarship. Jutamas’ research focused on the distribution and controls of organic matter within the Lewis Shale in the Greater Green River Basin. A summary of Jutamas’ research can be seen on the [RMAG Foundation](#) website.

Mike was raised in Tulsa, Oklahoma, educated at Ohio State University and started his journey in petroleum at Amerada Petroleum in Billings, Montana. While he worked all over the world, his biggest contribution was in the Williston Basin and the Bakken Shale resource play in the early 2000’s.

His many other accomplishments were chronicled in an email from Rocky Mountain Association of Geologist and in his obituary (<https://www.horancares.com/obituaries/michael-sam-johnson>).



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1975-2026

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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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