Our Mission

The NFPA Education and Technology Foundation is committed to meeting the workforce development needs of the U.S. fluid power industry. Through the generous support of our donors, we fund programs that:

- Foster awareness and involvement of middle and high school students, helping them understand fluid power’s potential as a technology and as a career path.
- Increase the number of technically trained people capable of integrating and applying fluid power, and connect them to careers in the fluid power industry.
- Support universities in the development of fundamental fluid power knowledge, and connect our industry to an increasing number of scientific and engineering leaders in our field.

As a result of our programs, the talent pool available to our industry is changing. More young people are aware of the fluid power industry. More 2-year college and 4-year university graduates have specific training in fluid power. More universities have research facilities and programs focused on fluid power. And more partnerships between these schools and our industry are increasing access to highly talented candidates.

This is truly our mission—yours and ours—and it is working. Your support will make sure it works for many years to come.

Best Regards,

Eric Lanke
President and CEO
NFPA Education and Technology Foundation
Inspiring Future Engineering Students

Your gifts to the NFPA Education and Technology Foundation are helping to foster awareness and involvement of middle and high school students, helping them understand fluid power’s potential as a technology and as a career path.

Fluid Power Challenge

The NFPA Fluid Power Challenge is a competition that challenges middle or high school students to solve an engineering problem using fluid power. The students work in teams to design and build a fluid power mechanism and then compete against other teams in a timed competition.

The Fluid Power Challenge has many benefits. It:
• Actively engages students in learning about fluid power.
• Gives support and resources to teachers for science and technology curriculum.
• Creates a learning environment where math and science are fun.
• Encourages students to practice teamwork, engineering, and problem-solving skills.
• Introduces students to careers in the fluid power industry.

Hundreds of individuals in NFPA member companies and education partner institutions have been involved in mentorship, classroom activities, and events related to the Fluid Power Challenge, which have engaged more than 13,000 students to date.

Fluid Power Challenge Champions

Eleven NFPA member companies and education partners from across the country have been inducted into the Fluid Power Challenge Champions Club to recognize their efforts in organizing and running Fluid Power Challenge events in their local communities. In doing so, they have not only made serious investments of both time and money, but have also helped spread information about our industry and reaped the benefits that come with connecting their organizations to the schools and science classrooms where the industry’s future employees are learning fluid power for the first time.

The Fluid Power Challenge Champions are:

- Caterpillar: 2 annual events, engaging 184 total students
- Daman Products Company: 6 annual events, engaging 516 total students
- Deltrol Fluid Products: 7 annual events, engaging 1,524 total students
- FORCE America: 1 annual event, engaging 72 total students
- Master Pneumatic: 2 annual events, engaging 340 total students
- Micromatic: 1 annual event, engaging 20 total students
- Milwaukee School of Engineering: 8 annual events, engaging 650 total students
- Parker Hannifin: 1 annual event, engaging 20 total students
- Price Engineering: 1 annual event, engaging 36 total students
- University of Minnesota: 5 annual events, engaging 352 total students
- Wojanis Supply Company: 6 annual events, engaging 560 total students

13,000+ students engaged through events and classroom activities
**Fluid Power Challenge Grants**

The Foundation also awards grants to middle and high schools to facilitate hydraulics and pneumatics instruction. Grant awards defray the costs related to the educational aspects of the Fluid Power Challenge Program—either for the fluid power kits for classroom use or for participation in the Fluid Power Challenge event.

To date, 90 schools have used Fluid Power Challenge materials in their curricula, exposing 6,300 students to fluid power.

**6,300 STUDENTS IN 90 SCHOOLS AFFECTED**

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**Student Career Connections**

Since last year, this free and flexible program has allowed industry professionals to host area high school students at the company facility, give the students a tour, build a fluid power classroom kit with them, and answer questions about the industry and careers. To date, the program has given more than 300 students a peek into real-world fluid power applications and careers.

As a result of these activities, more middle and high school students than ever before are aware of careers in the fluid power industry.

**300+ STUDENTS ENGAGED through company visits and tours**
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**Fluid Power Laboratory Grants**

Through our Fluid Power Laboratory Grant Program, we are helping schools establish state-of-the-art fluid power labs and trainers to help embed fluid power into training curriculum. Each lab or trainer can educate hundreds of future fluid power technicians and engineers in both hydraulics and pneumatics.

**2015**
- Eastern Iowa Community College
  Davenport, IA
- Marshalltown Community College
  Marshalltown, IA
- South Central College
  North Mankato, MN
- Triton College
  River Grove, IL

**2014**
- Angelina College
  Lufkin, TX
- Central Community College
  Grand Island, NE
- Hennepin Technical College
  Eden Prairie, MN
- Macomb Community College
  Warren, MI

**2013**
- Milwaukee School of Engineering
  Milwaukee, WI

**2012**
- Western Michigan University
  Kalamazoo, MI
Fluid Power Teaching Grants
The Foundation has funded a number of other educational activities through its Teaching Grant Program. With this support, hundreds of students and instructors in 2-year colleges and 4-year universities across the country are engaging in fluid power training in countless ways:

- Holding hands-on student competitions
- Developing fluid power courses and software
- Building fluid power systems and demonstrators
- Designing student capstone projects

As a result of these activities, more 2-year college and 4-year university graduates than ever before have specific training in fluid power technology.

Central Community College
SHINE in Fluid Power

Cleveland Community College
Fluid Power in Automation
Fluid Power and Cloud System Interface
Fluid Power Institute

Georgia Institute of Technology
ME6404 Pneumatics
Integrating Pneumatics into Introductory Mechanical Design
Use of Pneumatic Systems in Introductory Mechanical Design Projects

Hennepin Technical College
Hydro-cycle
Hydrostatic Service Truck

Illinois Institute of Technology
Multiple Configuration Hybrid-Hydraulic Transmission Demonstrator

Iowa State University
Distributed Sensing and Control of Hydraulic Circuits

Ivy Tech Community College–Columbus
Fluid Power Trainer

Kaskaskia College
Enhanced Hydraulics and Pneumatics Training Initiative

Lawrence Technological University
Senior Capstone Project: A Gantry Crane Utilizing Fluid Power

Marquette University
Fluid Power Workshop for Teachers
Teaching Fluid Dynamics Utilizing Fluid Power Applications: A Workshop for Secondary Science Teachers
Fluid Power System and Control Module Development

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)
Introduction of Pneumatics into 2.007—Design and Manufacturing

Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE)
Educational Agile Pneumatic Robot
Compact Variable Displacement Motor for Human Powered Vehicles
TRAXX, an Electro-Hydraulic Remote Controlled Robot

Montana State University
Automation Lab
Fluid Power System Efficiency-Student Laboratory
Hydraulic-Pump Efficiency-Student Research Project

Purdue University
Multi-Users Load-Sensing System Educational Test Station
Test Bench for Energy Efficient Active Oscillation Damping on Mobile Hydraulic Machines
Portable Pneumatic Trainer for Hands-On Demonstrations
Water Hydraulic Test Rig for "Fluid Power in Fluid Mechanics"
Continuously Variable Hydraulic Transmission for a Small Wind Power Drive Simulator
Fluid Power Mechatronics Demonstrator for Education and Outreach

Rochester Institute of Technology
Fluid Powered Prototype "Green" Vehicles

Texas State Technical College at Waco
Get Technical

Triton College
Student Activity Based Learning Project

University of Illinois at Chicago
Instruction Test Bench for Energy Efficient Electrohydraulic Systems with Independent Metering Valves

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Exploring Fluid Power Through Fluid-Powered Bicycle Competition
Study of Influences of Control Methods on E/H System Responses and Performances

University of Minnesota
Hydrostatic Wind Turbine

Vernon College
Introduction to Fluid Power

Western Michigan University
Performance Analysis of Hydraulic System Components for Fluid Power Curriculum and Capstone Design Project

Western New England University
Development of Servo-Pneumatic Experimental and Learning Platform

Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Hydraulic Dynamometer

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YOUR GIFTS AT WORK

Growing Fluid Power Within Universities

The Center for Compact and Efficient Fluid Power (CCEFP) is a network of fluid power research laboratories, academic faculty, graduate and undergraduate students at nine universities:

Georgia Institute of Technology
Marquette University
Milwaukee School of Engineering
North Carolina A&T University
Purdue University
University of California, Merced
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Minnesota
Vanderbilt University

Your gifts to the NFPA Education and Technology Foundation are helping to support universities in the development of fundamental fluid power knowledge.

2016 DONOR IMPACT REPORT

Center for Compact and Efficient Fluid Power (CCEFP)

Starting in 2014, the NFPA Foundation has supported and is helping expand the pre-competitive fluid power research activities of the CCEFP, dramatically increasing the number of institutions and students impacted by our research programs.

Since its inception in 2007, the CCEFP has added more than 100,000 square feet of fluid power lab space to its universities, increased the number of fluid power advanced degrees awarded by those universities by more than 500%, increased the number of fluid power educators on those campuses by a factor of 10, and engaged more than 14,000 university students in a variety of workforce development programs, including:

Pre-Competitive Fluid Power Research Projects
Directed by industry input on areas of need, these projects help push the technological envelope and shape the fluid power careers of dozens of professors and hundreds of graduate students. To date, 286 individual projects have been funded, enabling more than 1,000 students to earn advanced degrees in fluid power. Sixty-six percent of these students have gone on to work in the fluid power industry, while 26% have remained in academia to continue the work of advancing fluid power within universities.

Fluid Power Scholars Program
This internship program gives industry-selected candidates fluid power “boot camp” training before working at the company location for the summer. To date, 68 students have participated in the Fluid Power Scholars Program, with more than 75% going on to work in the fluid power industry.

Fluid Power Courses
Fluid power lab exercises, textbook chapters, and online training are developed by CCEFP professors and offered across the nationwide network of undergraduate mechanical engineering programs.

For more information on the CCEFP, please visit www.ccefp.org

Engaging Future Engineers: 3D Printed Excavator Cab Design Contest

As a separate effort to support university engagement in projects related to fluid power, NFPA and CCEFP co-sponsored a cab design contest for the 3D printed excavator that will be on display at IFPE 2017. Student engineering teams from across the country submitted their futuristic cab and human machine interface designs to the contest, which were then judged by industry experts. The team from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign won the contest and was awarded a $2,000 cash prize from NFPA as well as the opportunity to see their design printed at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.
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**Fluid Power Research Grants**

In addition to its support of the CCEFP, the NFPA Foundation has also funded individual pre-competitive research projects designed to connect graduate students to the study of fluid power and expand the capabilities of their host institutions to research and teach fluid power.

As a result of these activities, more U.S. universities have research facilities focused on fluid power than ever before.

**4 GRANTS HAVE BEEN AWARDED**

- **Iowa State University**
  - Dielectric Spectroscopic Sensor Development for Hydraulic Fluid Contaminant Detection
  - An Investigation of Dielectric Spectroscopic Contamination Sensing in a Compressed Air Stream

- **Purdue University**
  - Design, Simulation and Control of Hydraulic System Topographies with Integrated Energy Recovery

- **Vanderbilt University**
  - Pneumatic Exhaust Gas Recovery

Fluid Power Innovation and Research Conference (FPIRC)

Hosted by the Center for Compact and Efficient Fluid Power (CCEFP), this annual conference features collaborative technical breakout sessions, networking opportunities, tours of local research laboratories, and panel discussions on the technologies and workforce skills transforming the fluid power industry.

The inaugural FPIRC was held at Vanderbilt University in 2014, and in 2015 the event was held in conjunction with the ASME/Bath Symposium on Fluid Power in Chicago.

In 2016, FPIRC will be held October 10–12 in conjunction with the 2016 ASME Dynamic Systems and Control Conference at the Hyatt Regency Minneapolis.

For more information, visit http://nfpahub.com/events/conferences/fpirc

Hundreds of fluid power researchers, students, and industry professionals came together for these events.

**Summits of the CCEFP Industry Engagement Committee**

The fluid power industry actively participates on the CCEFP Industry Engagement Committee (IEC), which is responsible for selecting the specific pre-competitive research projects to be funded by the CCEFP, and for mentoring and coaching the principal investigators and students to ensure that an industry perspective is taken into consideration as the research projects progress.

Summits of the IEC are held each year at universities conducting the fluid power research, providing opportunities for industry members to connect with researchers and students, tour fluid power and other laboratory facilities, and form partnerships that benefit their workforce and technology development goals.

As a result of these activities, more partnerships between industry and academia than ever before are increasing our access to highly talented candidates.
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Sumitomo Heavy Industries Ltd.
Sun Hydraulics Corporation
The Toro Company
Wavol Fluid Power
White Drive Products, Inc.
Womack Machine Supply Co.

The NFPA Education and Technology Foundation extends gratitude to the many generous donors who share our mission of meeting the workforce development needs of the U.S. fluid power industry.

The Pascal Society is the NFPA Foundation’s annual giving society that has raised more than $1.6 million for fluid power outreach, education, and research programs. Pascal Society funds support the full range of Foundation educational and grant programs highlighted here and also support the sustained efforts of the CCEFP.

Pascal Society members combine their financial and volunteer contributions in one concerted effort, developing the resources, tools, and people needed to meet the future technology and workforce needs of the U.S. fluid power industry.
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The following organizations have achieved Legacy Builder status—cumulative giving of $25,000 of more—as of our last recognition year, April 30, 2016.

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