

Message from the President

Results are in, and 2016 is a showcase year. Thanks to personal and corporate donations, grants, and sponsors, we have been able to continue to strengthen our research and educational efforts. As you will see in this update, we accomplished our first New York City Biodiesel Tour, supported biodiesel technician training and the Next Generation Scientists for Biodiesel, and are planning our second Sustainability Workshop. *Please continue to donate throughout the year. We see a bright future for the industry and the Foundation.* With your help, we expect to expand our activities over the coming years.

Michael S. Cunningham
NBF President

Education

New York City Biodiesel Tour

On March 31, a group of twenty-four House and Senate staffers, agency representatives, organizers, and tour sponsors visited the Big Apple to see biodiesel and bioheat® in an urban setting. Participants toured biodiesel fleet facilities, emission testing labs, and local distributors as well as offices using Bioheat®. Educational presentations and briefings were conducted by state and national experts, technology providers, fleet managers and sustainability officers. The benefits of getting policy makers face-to-face with the



Figure 1: 2016 NYC Tour Participant

role biofuels play in addressing our environmental challenges and creating more sustainable cities.” Another said, “Knowing more about Bioheat® will improve my work on biodiesel economics, policy impacts and biodiesel education.”

The tour was made possible with the generous support from: Genscape, HERO BX, Mid-America Biofuels, Minnesota Soybean Processors, National Biodiesel Board, Renewable Energy Group, and Western Iowa Energy.

Because of the tour’s success, plans are underway for one in 2017.

Next Generation Scientist for Biodiesel

For the second year in a row, the Foundation was

proud to support the Next Generation Scientists for Biodiesel. A grant from NBF provided much needed support for students to attend and participate in the 2016 National Biodiesel Conference.

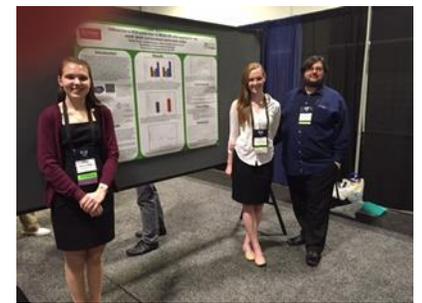


Figure 2: 2016 Next Generation Scientists Showcase Their Projects

The next generation of scientists are successful students gearing up to lead America’s energy efforts. Managed by the National Biodiesel Board, the Next Generation Scientists for Biodiesel is a free student professional organization to help foster collaboration, networking, and career development.

Diesel Technician Training

With support from Hero BX and Pennsylvania Soybean Board, Steve Howell, President Marc-IV, lead a biodiesel technician training this past November. This is the first of two technician trainings in Pennsylvania funded with NBF support. The next training is scheduled for the week of

September 19, 2016. If you are interested in bringing this training to your area, please contact the Foundation.



Figure 3: Steve Howell, Diesel Tech Trainer

Supporting Biodiesel Outreach

Working closely with **Iowa Renewable Fuels Association**, NBF's continues to support their Annual Biofuels: Science and Sustainability Tour. The three-day guided tour offers participants sound, science-based information and a look at the technology and processing practices being adopted by the renewable fuels industry. As NBF's Director Tom Verry puts it, "*The Iowa tour tells the story of how biodiesel is made and the New York tour tells the story of how it is used.*"

Supporting the **Greater Washington Regional Clean Cities Coalition** means bringing biodiesel education and opportunity to our nation's capital. With support from the NBF, this National Clean Cities local program is helping keep biodiesel front and center for district fleets.

Research

Sustainability Research Workshop

In an effort to provide direction to its sustainability research, the Foundation is hosting its second Sustainability Workshop. The purpose of the one-day workshop is to bring together industry experts and Indirect Land Use Change scholars to discuss and prioritize future projects. Agenda items include identifying land use change data tools, project priorities and resources. The event will be held in September 2016, and is by invitation only. The event is held with support of the National Biodiesel Board and the Monsanto Company.

Fundraising

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Auction

Tampa, Florida was the site of the 2016 auction. This year, thanks to generous corporate donations and to all those who participated, the auction generated \$21,000 in support. All funds from the auction go directly to education, outreach and research activities to continue our efforts to advance biodiesel and its co-products to improve rural economic development, national security, air quality and the environment.



Figure 4: Auction

Giving Tuesday

There is Black Friday and Cyber Monday and now **Giving Tuesday** - a day set aside to give back to our industry as well as other nonprofits. Donations for the 2016 **Giving Tuesday** effort generated \$8,400 for the Dallas Hanks Memorial Fund established in 2015. The Fund's goals are to support, through grants to student and educators, initiatives and innovations in biodiesel.



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