

**Our Mission:** *“Provide professional development opportunities to our chapter members through SME sponsored plant tours, networking events and board leadership. Promote manufacturing as a career path to high school students and college students through our scholarship programs.”*

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## Private Boulevard Tour

Join SME Chapter 57 on **Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022**, for a private tour of Boulevard Brewing Company. This event serves as a fundraiser for our annual scholarship program. Each year, Chapter 57 awards two \$1,000 scholarships to local high school students who are entering an engineering or manufacturing related field. These awards are not possible without your support. Tickets to the event are \$35 for members and \$40 for non-members. All event proceeds will benefit the scholarship program. The purchase price includes the tour, a souvenir glass, and a beverage. Register here: <https://bit.ly/3PNXoDg>



## Member Spotlight



This edition’s member spotlight is Dave Konkac. Dave has been a member of Chapter 57 since 2018 and has served roles include Chairman, Past Chair, and At-Large Director.

Dave is the Vice President of Compli, LLC where he leads the Asset Management/Reliability Services and On-Demand Staff Augmentation Services teams. These teams provide companies and municipalities the tools needed to effectively manage their soft/hard assets and provides the personnel needed to execute capital improvement/expansion projects. Dave brings over 35 years of experience in the manufacturing, packaging, engineering and distributing of pharmaceutical and biological products; both animal and human, to his role. Prior to joining Compli, he held various roles with senior management responsibility at Zoetis, Pfizer, Marion Merrell Dow and Marion Laboratories. Dave has a Bachelor of Science degree in Nuclear Engineering and a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Missouri-Rolla. Recently, he received an Executive Certificate in Finance and Accounting from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Dave is a certified construction specifier, a certified reliability leader and a certified green belt. He is a member of the Society for Maintenance and Reliability Professionals, the Society of Manufacturing Engineers, the International Society of Pharmaceutical Engineers, the Institute of Asset Management and the Kansas City Industrial Council and has served on some of those organizations’ boards.

Dave enjoys the plant tours and networking events that the Chapter hosts. His favorite event is the annual holiday party and silent auction.

Thank you, Dave, for all you do for SME Chapter 57!

### Alynix Tour

A big thank you to the team at Alynix for presenting “The Use of Drones to perform Maintenance Activities” to SME Chapter 57 and SMRP Kansas City. The presentation was very informative. Attendees also had the opportunity to see several of the products Alynix offers and received a tour of their Lenexa, KS facility.

Have a suggestion for an event? Contact Ramona Rieger: [rrieger@conveyorsolutions.com](mailto:rrieger@conveyorsolutions.com).



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### SME Membership Renewal



As a reminder, your SME membership is typically in effect for one year, depending on the timeframe you selected when first joining. We encourage you to periodically check your membership renewal dates to have sufficient time to renew before it expires. Thank you in advance for your renewed SME Membership and especially for your involvement and investment in time and energy! Have questions about membership? Contact Jeff Uhlmann: [Jeffrey.Ullmann@mckck.edu](mailto:Jeffrey.Ullmann@mckck.edu).

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### Upcoming Chapter Events

#### August 4<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM - Boulevard Brewing Co. Private Tour

There is still time to register for the private tour of Boulevard Brewing Company. Additional details are on page 1 of this newsletter.

#### August 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM— Tour of Lineage Logistics

Join SME Chapter 57 for a tour of Lineage Logistics in Olathe, KS. Additional details and registration will be sent out soon.

#### December – Annual Holiday Party

Join SME Chapter 57 as we celebrate the accomplishments of 2022 and award our scholarships to two deserving high school students. More details to come!

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### Chapter 57 Contract

Have any questions or want to get involved with SME Chapter 57? Contact us at: [smechapter57@gmail.com](mailto:smechapter57@gmail.com). You can also follow our LinkedIn page here: <https://bit.ly/3PLLDqu>

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