

## **PHOTO ATTACHED: SPE Thermoforming Division Logo**

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### **For Immediate Release**

## **SPE THERMOFORMING DIVISION ANNOUNCES STUDENT COMPETITION TO DESIGN BODIES FOR ELECTRIC REMOTE-CONTROLLED VEHICLES**

CAROL STREAM, IL, U.S.A., March 13, 2017: The Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE) Thermoforming Division has announced a call for college undergraduates to enter a competition created to inspire and support innovation in thermoforming. The participation deadline is *May 1*.

Each student entrant will be furnished with an electric remote-controlled car. Students must design, manufacture and decorate a car body to be mounted on the chassis. The car body must be formed using clear plastic, such as PET, PETG, acrylic or polycarbonate, and it must be produced using the vacuum/thermoforming process. Plastic sheet for forming the car body is available to student entrants upon request.

The cars will race on a built-to-spec indoor race track during the SPE Thermoforming Conference®, to be held in Orlando, FL on September 11-13, 2017. The race will take place on September 13 at the Renaissance Orlando at SeaWorld Hotel in Orlando. Cars will be judged on presentation and thermoforming complexity, and winning participants will receive cash prizes and a trophy that will be passed on to the winner of next year's competition. All participants, regardless of their placement in the race, will keep the cars that they designed. Students are not required to be present for the race.

“Education has always been mission critical for the Thermoforming Division, and we continue to look for ways to introduce the thermoforming process to the next generation of our workforce,” said Paul Uphaus, 2017 SPE Thermoforming Conference Co-Chair. “Students who attend the Thermoforming Conference can attend technical sessions, participate in networking events, and meet with prospective employers.”

Companies and individuals can sponsor a car for \$300 on a first-come, first-served basis. Participation forms are posted on the Division's website at <http://thermoformingdivision.com/parts-competition/guidelinesentry-form/>. More information is available at <http://thermoformingdivision.com> or by contacting Lesley Kyle at 1-914-671-9524 or [lesley@openmindworks.com](mailto:lesley@openmindworks.com).

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research. The Division hosts an annual educational conference and publishes an award-winning technical journal, *SPE Thermoforming Quarterly*®. The Division has also funded over \$275K in equipment grants and tens of thousands of dollars in undergraduate scholarships since it was first formed. For more information, please visit <http://thermoformingdivision.com>.