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# PITTSBURGH SOCIETY FOR COATINGS TECHNOLOGY

## JANUARY 8, 2024



### MEETING LOCATION:

PPG Customer and Employee Experience Center,  
40th Floor  
1 PPG Place / 1 Third Ave / Pittsburgh, PA 15222  
<https://www.ppgplace.com/directions/>

Board Meeting 4:30-5:30PM

Social Time 5:30-6:00PM

Speaker / Meeting 6:00-7:00PM

### DINNER MEETING:

\$35 with reservation / \$40 at Door / \$15 Retired

### RESERVATIONS:

RSVP/pay by 4 PM – Thursday Jan. 4, 2024.  
Please put “January Meeting” in the subject line.  
[pittsburghsociety.org](http://pittsburghsociety.org) or [psct1927@paintsociety.org](mailto:psct1927@paintsociety.org)

Reservation recommended to insure admission to  
PPG Place and provide a count for dinner. (Catered by  
PIADA Italian Street Food)

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is on Third Ave. A government-approved photo ID  
(driver's license, military card, etc.) is required to gain  
access to the garage. Enter after 4 pm: \$5

### JANUARY SPEAKER

#### John Whalen

Executive Director, Master Painters  
Institute, A subsidiary of AMPP



John Whalen holds a B.S. in Chemistry from Marietta College in Ohio and a Masters Degree in Chemistry from Duquesne University in Pittsburgh.

John has been in the paints/coatings/chemicals industry for over 30 years, starting as an Associate Chemist at the Val-spar Corporation. From there, he moved to PPG as a Product Development Chemist, and then to Sony Chemicals/DNP as a Sr. Chemist and into Technical Sales. Through those years, he has developed many commercial products and holds two U.S. Patents for thermal transfer printing ink and processing. Prior to his current role, John was a Technical Director at Watson Standard. Currently he is the Executive Director at the Master Painters Institute (MPI), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Association for Materials Protection and Performance (AMPP).

### PRESENTATION: How to Elevate the Quality of the Commercial/Architectural Painting Industry

The 40th Floor of PPG Place offers fantastic views of Pittsburgh, the three rivers, downtown, and sports facilities from a birds-eye view. The center showcases innovative paints, coatings and specialty materials and technologies from across the organization. The opening of the customer and employee experience center also marks the 140th anniversary of PPG. The 1,400-square-foot experience center is part of a recent renovation of the top two floors of One PPG Place, the company's iconic, Philip Johnson-designed global headquarters.

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## PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dear PSCT Members,



Happy Holidays! I hope everyone has a safe and happy holiday season. Thank you to everyone that attended our December social event which was "The Ultimate Acrisure Stadium Tour." Twenty-five members and guests received a behind the scenes tour of the stadium and got to see in the locker rooms and learn about both Steeler and Pitt traditions. It was a really fun experience!

I would also like to thank Jeff Scherm for his October presentation. The upcoming January meeting will feature John Whalen. John is the Executive Director at the Master Painters Institute (MPI). I am sure it will be a very informative and interesting talk. I hope you all can join us.

And as a reminder if you know if anyone eligible for the PSCT scholarship please remind them to check our website for information.

**Melissa Swogger, PSCT President 2023-2024**

## CALL FOR SPEAKERS

Potential opportunities exist for presentations at the 2024-25 meetings. If you are interested in presenting, please contact Barb Anderson at [andersonb@troycorp.com](mailto:andersonb@troycorp.com)

## ADVERTISE IN THE PSCT NEWSLETTER

We would like to thank all of the suppliers who have advertised with us in the past and hope we can count on your continued support. If companies want their advertisement displayed in the PSCT monthly newsletter, please contact Jim Wasik, Treasurer, [psct1927@paintsociety.org](mailto:psct1927@paintsociety.org).

Advertisements will begin with the October newsletter and continue through the May 2024 newsletter. We can also do special announcements for one or two newsletters (prices vary by size and scope). **SPECIAL:** Pro-Rated advertisements through June 2024 are currently available. Please contact Jim Wasik for details: [PSCT1927@paintsociety.org](mailto:PSCT1927@paintsociety.org)

### AD RATES

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## MEMBERSHIP

It is time to renew your dues for the 2023 – 2024 membership year (July 1 – June 30) for the Pittsburgh Society for Coatings Technology (PSCT). This year will be the 96th Anniversary of the PSCT. Our society was founded in 1927 as "The Pittsburgh Paint and Varnish Production Club".

The PSCT objectives are promoting the welfare and education of the members through exchange of emerging technologies. Also, promoting educational scholarship to undergraduate students remains a prime objective of the PSCT.

We encourage you to check out our website (<http://paintsociety.org>). The website not only relays information about the Society and upcoming events, but also offers members an easy way to join or renew their membership (There is a \$5 convenience charge added to PayPal payments).

## MEETINGS / EVENTS

**FEBRUARY 12, 2024 – ROLAND'S SEAFOOD GRILLE**  
**Thomas Kinlin, Shamrock Technologies**

*Formula Optimiztion Utilizing Performance Wax Additives*

**MARCH 11, 2024 – ROLAND'S SEAFOOD GRILLE**  
**Thomas Swan**

*Molecular Rebar (nanotube) Technology*

**APRIL 8, 2024 – COVESTRO OPEN HOUSE**  
**PSCT Elections**

**MAY – SPRING SOCIAL EVENT – TBD**  
*Scholarship Award Announcement*

## PSCT GOLF OUTING

**EARLY SEPTEMBER 2024**

Please check future newsletters and the PSCT website for details.

## WEBSITE

Please visit <http://www.paintsociety.org> to get more up-to-date PSCT information including the current newsletter, President's message, upcoming events and more. On the Home Page, you can RSVP and pay for the upcoming dinner meeting and events. New membership and renewals can also be paid directly online.

## SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENT

As a reminder for 2024, applicants must be children of active members who meet eligibility requirements. The sponsoring member must have attended at least FOUR PSCT MEETINGS or events in 2023-24. Student Members must also meet eligibility requirements.



# The Ultimate Acrisure Stadium Tour Recap

**23 PSCT MEMBERS**, family and friends turned out on a drizzly Saturday morning to attend the PSCT December Family Event. Tour Guide and retired teacher Claudia did a fantastic job herding the group, almost like herding cats, as each of us started to drift off in different direction. She was very informative and knowledgeable about the history of the Steelers, Rooneys, Pitt Football and both Heinz Field and Acrisure Stadium. We visited the 2 acres of playing field (KEEP OFF THE GRASS), the over 5,000 square foot JUMBO Tron, Heinz Ketchup Bottle, PITT and STEELER locker rooms, the GREAT HALL with Steeler and PITT trophies, and of course, ended up at the Gift Shop with a 10% discount.

It was great learning that Art Rooney, Sr, purchased the Steelers for \$2,500 in 1930. That is about \$55,000 in 2023 dollars. Not a bad deal or time. We learned that during WWII, due to lack of available players some teams merged. Pittsburgh Steelers + Philadelphia Eagles = STEEGLES, Steelers + Chicago Cardinals (yes, they were in Chicago until 1960) = CardPitt. Superstitions abound like not stepping on the team logos in the locker rooms, and touching the good luck charms on the way out to the field.

It was a good tour and from the photos, you can see that we all had a good time. Many of us ended up at Burgatory for a bite to eat and reminiscing about the day and wishing each other a great holiday season.

Maybe next year – PPG Paints Arena.









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**February 6 - 8, 2024**

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**February 7 - 9, 2024**

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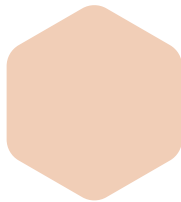
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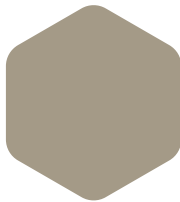
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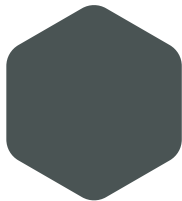
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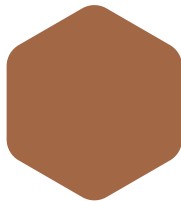
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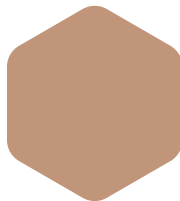
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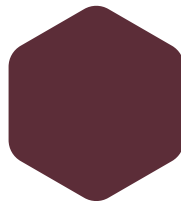
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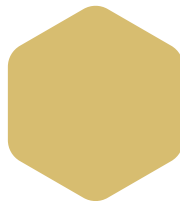
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# PSCT MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND DUES RENEWAL FORM

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## PSCT MEMBERSHIP DUES

☐ Full Society Membership \$40      ☐ Student / Educator \$10      ☐ Retired Members \$10

## PAYMENT INFORMATION:

☐ Check payable to PSCT. Amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## SIGNATURE AND DATE: (Required)

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## RETURN APPLICATION & CHECK TO:

Mark DePasquale, Matthews Marking Systems  
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412-365-2347 • membership@paintsociety.org

## OFFICIAL USE ONLY:

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### NOTE:

If you have anything to  
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committee member, please  
call or e-mail and an address  
will be provided.

## OTHER SOCIETIES:

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# **Pittsburgh Society for Coatings Technology**

## **Hiram P. Ball Memorial Scholarship**

### **APPLICATION DEADLINE: MARCH 15, 2024**

**ALL APPLICANTS MUST MEET AND COMPLETE ALL REQUIREMENTS OUTLINED BELOW.**

**PSCT SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE HAS FULL DISCRETION TO REJECT AN INCOMPLETE APPLICATION.**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- The PSCT Board of Directors will determine the total scholarship money to be awarded each year.
- The maximum of each scholarship will be \$1500. Scholarships will be awarded equally to students as recommended by the Scholarship Committee.
- The Scholarship Committee will consist of five PSCT Members who do not have a child or relative applying for a scholarship.
- Scholarships are limited to one award per applicant per PSCT member per year.
- Applicant may receive the award up to a maximum of four times.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Scholarship awards are to support undergraduate studies of FULL-TIME students enrolled in an accredited college or university seeking an associate or bachelor degree as of **December 31, 2023**.

Students must maintain a minimum of 12 credits per semester for the 2 previous semesters to be considered full time. Students graduating from their senior year of high school are also eligible for the award.

Applicant must be the child of an actively participating PSCT member who is current with dues. The PSCT Member must attend at least four (4) PSCT meetings or events a year.

### **OR**

The applicant may be a Student Member of the PSCT who is current with dues. Student Member applicants must be sponsored by an actively participating PSCT member who is also current with dues. The Student Member applicant must attend at least four (4) PSCT meetings or events a year.

### **SCHOLARSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

- ☐ Applicants must submit a COMPLETE Hiram P. Ball Memorial Scholarship Application.
- ☐ Applicants must include a 200-word minimum essay explaining how their course of study will allow the student to reach their professional and educational goals
- ☐ Applicants must maintain a 2.75 cumulative GPA (out of 4.0).
- ☐ Applicants must submit a full and detailed copy of their transcript. School website transcripts are acceptable.
- ☐ Applicants must meet eligibility requirements with regard to enrollment and status at their college or university.
- ☐ The sponsoring PSCT member must submit an electronic letter of endorsement confirming the applicant meets all of the requirements.
- ☐ New Applicants must also submit 2 (two) Character References who know the student and their goals:
  - Examples: Teachers, Clergy, Employers, Neighbors/Friends, Professionals (doctors, business people).
  - References from relatives are NOT acceptable.

**Scholarship and Grant Application Deadline: March 15, 2024. No exceptions.**

☐ I agree to the requirements and conditions outlined by the PSCT and have provided a complete application.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please read and sign all pages.*

# Pittsburgh Society for Coatings Technology Hiram P. Ball Memorial Scholarship

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## **PSCT Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Grant Requirements**

The Pittsburgh Society for Coatings Technology is a technical society to promote the welfare of the coatings Industry. The Society is offering an additional Grant to one student who is enrolled in a technical course of study.

### **Grant Eligibility**

- Applicant must have declared a major in Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics.
- Applicant must be entering their Junior or Senior year of college or university.
- Applicant must have a GPA of 3.0 or greater in these related courses over the past 12 months (including summer school).
- The grant is \$500 in addition to the Hiram P. Ball Memorial Scholarship award.
- Multiple Grants will be awarded to students who have equal highest GPA in qualifying STEM courses.

### **Grant Requirements**

- ☐ Applicant must identify within the transcript courses directly associated with declared major.
- ☐ Applicant must also submit a complete application to the Hiram P. Ball Scholarship.

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**Pittsburgh Society for Coatings Technology Hiram P. Ball Memorial Scholarship Application: 2023-2024**  
**PSCT Science, Technology, Engineering Mathematics Grant Application: 2023 - 2024**

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Applications are to be submitted electronically by e-mail to: **Scholarship@paintsociety.org**

An endorsement e-mail by the Sponsoring PSCT Member(s) must be submitted to: **Scholarship@paintsociety.org**

**PRINT CLEARLY! ILLEGIBLE APPLICATIONS WILL BE REJECTED.**

Applicant (student): \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City / State / Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

PSCT Member Sponsor: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Present School/University (2023-2024): \_\_\_\_\_

College/University (2023-2024) \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICIAL CLASS STATUS AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023:

☐ Graduating High School Senior COLLEGE: ☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior

Major Course of Study: \_\_\_\_\_ Cumulative Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics Grant Applicant Major Study GPA (last 12 months): \_\_\_\_\_

**FIRST-TIME APPLICANTS:** Please submit 2 character references from teachers, clergy, employers, professionals, etc., who are familiar with the student's goals and aspirations. References must be mailed to: Scholarship@paintsociety.org with the student's name in the SUBJECT line.

☐ I agree to the requirements and conditions outlined by the PSCT and have provided a complete application.

\_\_\_\_\_  
STUDENT SIGNATURE Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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PSCT SPONSORING MEMBER SIGNATURE Date: \_\_\_\_\_