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## SEFA Spring Conference - Member Event of the Year!

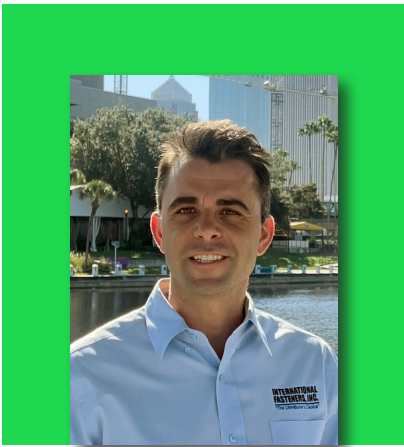
SEFA held their Annual Spring Conference April 22nd-24th at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Charlotte Concord Golf Resort and Spa. Members enjoyed an opening reception with outdoor patio games, food, and beverages as they connected with old and new industry friends. Rocky River provided a great venue for the Golf Outing, which is always a component of the conference members look forward to. Golf was followed by an awards dinner honoring many including Outgoing Chairman-Anthony Crawl of Birmingham Fastener, and Outgoing President-Stephanie Wood of Fastener Supply.

The next day brought more opportunities for the members during the Table Top Show in the morning as well as afternoon events. Key representatives from the industry: Lee Parker - *Birmingham Fastener*, Rob Reynolds - *INxSQL Software*, Kent Carter - *Wrought Washer*, and Bryan Wheeler - *Star Stainless Screw* provided a panel of widespread knowledge, while sharing their thoughts on dealing with the industry challenges. Attendees especially enjoyed learning procedures others had put in motion to keep their employees motivated as well as maintain employees since this has become an ongoing issue across many industries. Their discussion was followed by keynote speaker Meridith Elliot Powell.



Meridith's high energy presentation encouraged attendees to think ahead to turn uncertainty into competitive advantages. Always be ready for a challenge. Utilizing Meridith's 9 strategies are a proven formula for thriving in uncertainty can assist everyone in greater success. If you missed her presentation visit Meridith's website [www.meridithelliottpowell.com](http://www.meridithelliottpowell.com) to learn more about thriving in business and life.

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**Tony Strein**  
*International Fasteners*

## Incoming President's Note

The board and I would like to thank all the members that attended and supported this year's spring conference in Charlotte, NC. Thanks to our membership we had another strong event of networking, fun, and valuable day together at the business meeting.

Thank you to our supplier's that showcased at our Tabletop show and to our panel (Kent Carter, Lee Parker, Rob Reynolds and Bryan Wheeler) for providing such keen insight on the state of our industry. Thank you to our Keynote Speaker Meridith Elliott Powell for a powerful message, how to "Thrive".

SEFA is thriving. This year we launched our new website for members to continue to stay connected with new features like a link for education. Mark your calendars for July 18th in Atlanta for our upcoming Social and for our 50th Anniversary Celebration at Saddlebrook Resort in Tampa, FL from April 29th to May 1st. The board and I are enthusiastic about all the great things happening at SEFA as we continue to prosper and grow together.

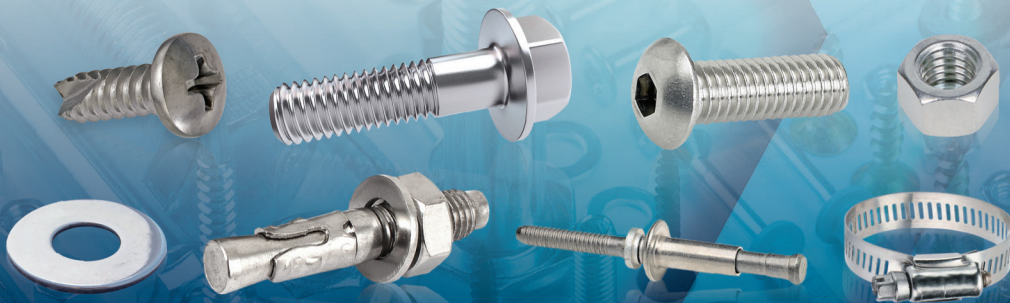
*Tony Strein and The SEFA Board*



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**Stephanie Wood**  
*Fastener Supply*

## Outgoing President's Note

Thank you for supporting SEFA at the Spring Conference in Charlotte, NC. The conference started off with a fun night filled with drinks, food, games and most importantly engaged members! We wrapped up the conference with keynote speaker Meridith Elliott Powell leaving us with a positive message of embracing uncertainty and giving us tools to make that happen. Please mark your calendars for SEFA's 50th Anniversary Celebration and Spring Conference April 29th – May 1st, 2025 in Tampa, FL. We cannot have a successful association without the input and participation of all of our members. Spread the word, it will be a conference to remember! Please contact Nancy Rich ([sefa@theseffa.com](mailto:sefa@theseffa.com)) or one of the current board members and get signed up to serve on a committee.

Please remember to follow SEFA on LinkedIn for opportunities to network.

I would like to thank all of the SEFA members for the opportunity to serve as President over the past year. I have enjoyed the opportunity to network and connect with many talented people in the fastener industry. Thank you for your continued support!

Warm regards,  
**Stephanie Wood**

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The conference allowed for many networking opportunities which is key to businesses.

The support of the members and guests is what makes events, throughout our industry, successful. Thank you to all who supported SEFA Spring Conference 2024.

Thank you to our sponsors who continue to elevate the event and Thank you to Nucor Fasteners for donating golf balls for our winners!



## Golf Winners:



### 1st Place

Rob Reynolds

Eric Gates  
*INxSQL*

Bryan Wheeler  
*Star Stainless Screw*

Donnie Shrum  
*Fastener Supply*

### 2nd Place

Bobby Fail  
*XL Screw Corp.*

Andy Roach  
*Huyett*

Sean Costello  
*RIE Coatings*

### Closest to the Pin (Women)

Stephanie Wood  
*Fastener Supply*

### Closest to Pin (Men)

Donnie Shrum  
*Fastener Supply*

### Longest Drive (Women)

Tina Windham  
*Difco*

### Longest Drive (Men)

Rob Reynolds  
*INxSQL*



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# Congratulations to our 2024 Scholarship Winners!

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**Alexis Phillips**



**MaKayla White**

**Gilchrist Foundation Scholarship \$1,000**  
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**Alexis Phillips - Eurolink FSS**

**Em Webb Memorial Scholarship \$1,500**

**MaKayla White - Brighton Best International**

**Brighton Best International Scholarship \$2,000**  
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**Ann Marie Cannova - Birmingham Fastener**



**Ann Marie Cannova**



**Mary Catherine  
Cannova**

**Durable Industrial Finishing Company (DIFCO)  
Scholarship \$2,000**  
(Donated by DIFCO)

**Mary Catherine Cannova - Birmingham Fastener**

**SEFA Scholarships \$2,500**

**Audree Rosenthal - DIFCO**



**Audree Rosenthal**



**Emily Brandt**

**SEFA Scholarships \$3,000**

**Emily Brandt - Lindfast Solutions**



## Notes to SEFA

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Thank you so much for your generosity in selecting me to receive the Difco Scholarship from the Southeastern Fastener Association. This scholarship will help me greatly next year with my tuition, as I begin my freshman year as a Psychology major at Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama. I feel so blessed to have been given this scholarship, and I am so thankful for everyone at SEFA who made this opportunity possible.

God bless you!

**Mary Catherine Cannova**

Thank you so much for the 2024 scholarship. I am so grateful for the opportunity to be a recipient. This scholarship will greatly support my college education and financial well-being in the future. Thanks again!

**Emily Brandt**

My name is Ann Marie Cannova from Birmingham, Alabama. I am a rising sophomore at Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama. I recently completed a successful first year of college and I am excited to continue my academic studies this Fall and in the years to come. Thank you for awarding me this generous scholarship. This award will go directly to my tuition fees. I'm so grateful for this opportunity and for each person who made this scholarship possible.

**Ann Marie Cannova**



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## Member News

### Kanebridge Adds New Products

Kanebridge Corporation has added two new Self-Drilling screw categories to its Line of Six-Lobe Pin-In Security screws it introduced last year. Flat Heads with Type-BSD (spaced thread) and Type-CSD (Unified coarse thread) are due to be in stock this July. All Security screws are 18-8 passivated stainless steel.

New Type-A and Type-AB Self-Tapping screws are available in 410 and 316 stainless. Square recess Self-Drilling screws with 1000-hour corrosion-resistant finish as well as 18-8 and 410 stainless Modified Truss Drill screws have been added.

Its newest additions are 12-point Allen socket nuts in Steel Black Oxide as well as 18-8 stainless.

In the coming months, customers will see new varieties of stainless Woodworking screws, stainless High-Lows, stainless Serrated Machine screws, steel Square nuts and steel Self-Piercing screws. For the latest product information, go to [www.kanebridge.com](http://www.kanebridge.com).



More Flat head Drill Screw  
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# SEFA Socials and More!

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July 18th SEFA Social  
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December 12th SEFA Holiday Social  
Tampa, FL

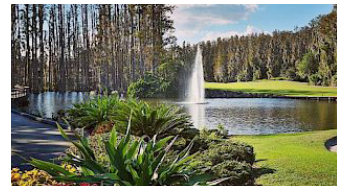
## 2025

April 29th - May 1st 50th Anniversary  
SEFA Spring Conference  
Saddlebrook Resort - Tampa, FL



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April 29th-May 1st, 2025  
Saddlebrook Resort - Tampa, FL



## SEFA Welcomes New Members

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**Zago Manufacturing Co.**  
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## 2025 Board of Directors Announced

### President

Tony Strein  
International Fasteners

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Lee Parker  
Vulcan Steel Products

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Stephanie Wood  
Fastener Supply

Tom Sulek  
Star Stainless

### Secretary/Treasurer

Nancy Rich

Carrie Whitworth  
Edsco Fasteners

### Executive Director

Nancy Rich

Hayden Gaston  
DIFCO (Durable Industrial Finishing Co.)

**We will be holding Board elections next spring.  
If you are interested in running for the Board,  
please contact Nancy Rich, sefa@theseffa.com**