

# IAPD News



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## People & Places

### Remembering Barry Glick



Alro Vice Chairman Barry Glick passed away on June 21, 2021, in Boca Raton, FL, USA at age 70. Barry was a leader, role model, teammate and friend. He leaves behind his wife Debby, two children and two grandchildren.

Alro CEO and Chairman Al Glick, said, "It is with a heavy heart that I share that Barry, my nephew and vice chairman of Alro, passed away yesterday after battling a long-term illness. He means so much to our family and company, and he will be truly missed. Barry exemplifies one of my favorite sayings: It's amazing what you can accomplish when you don't care who gets the credit."

Barry's uncle Al and father Robert founded Alro Steel in 1948 in Jackson, MI, USA. Barry began his career with the company in 1977 and served as vice chairman for 27 years. Alro operates over 70 locations in 12 states under the following companies: Alro Steel, Alro Metals, Alro Metals Outlet, Alro Industrial Supply and Alro Plastics.

### A&C Plastics, Inc. Promotes Kevin Kramer to Senior Business Development Role



Since joining A&C Plastics, Kevin Kramer has proven time and time again that he is an asset to the team. With his new position, Kramer mentors sales representatives who are new to the performance plastics industry. Kramer exhibited great interpersonal skills and a head for customer service that secured his transition into senior business development.

### IAPD Announces 2021 Scholarship Recipients

The International Association of Plastics Distribution (IAPD) is pleased to announce that 20 recipients have been awarded a 2021 IAPD Scholarship through the IAPD Charitable Foundation. Annual IAPD scholarships are awarded based on a student's academic achievement and extracurricular activities.

The following students have been awarded a 2021 IAPD Scholarship:

- Dalton Bui, son of Thanh Bui, an employee of Braskem America, Inc.
- Amrin Chowdhury, daughter of Ashfaqu Chowdhury, an employee of Cast Nylons Ltd.
- Kylee Ficks, daughter of Paul Ficks, an employee of Rowland Advanced Polymer Films, An ORAFOL Company.

- Colby Flake, a sales student.
- Gabrielle Gazaille, daughter of Jeffrey Gazaille, an employee of Polymershapes.
- Logan Guleff, son of Tom Guleff, an employee of Plaskolite.
- Rayce Harrison, son of Leif Harrison, an employee of Polymershapes.
- Ekaterina Khrunova, an employee of SEKISUI KYDEX, LLC.
- Elise Kohler, daughter of James Kohler, an employee of Mitsubishi Chemical Advanced Materials.
- Shanthi Krishnaswamy, daughter of Rajendra Krishaswamy, an employee of Braskem America, Inc.
- Raphael Littwin, son of Mark Littwin, an employee of Plaskolite.
- Parvati Menon, daughter of Ravishankar Menon, an employee of SABIC – Functional Forms.
- Grant Mikkelsen, the son of Jill Mikkelsen, an employee of Piedmont Plastics.
- Paige Miller, an employee of SABIC – Functional Forms.
- Avery Norman, daughter of Jeffrey Norman, an employee of Regal Plastic Supply Company.
- Kyra Ohl, daughter of Heath Ohl, an employee of ZL Engineering Plastics, Inc.
- Makena Salyer, daughter of Brad Salyer, an employee of Polymershapes.
- Sara Schwartz, daughter of Bruce Schwartz, an employee of Laird Plastics.
- Ryan Turner, son of Kenneth Turner, an employee of Polymershapes.
- Devon Varney, son of Scott Varney, an employee of F. W. Webb Company.

IAPD member company employees, children of member company employees and students enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate degree program for professional sales are eligible to apply for the IAPD scholarship.

IAPD scholarships are funded by donations from IAPD member companies and individuals in the plastics industry, as well as IAPD and its for-profit subsidiary, Association Services International.

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## Scholarship Benefit Raffle

Show your support for the IAPD Scholarship Program AND get a chance to win a fabulous 5-day/4-night vacation, PLUS US\$500 spending money!

Raffle tickets are available now for a suggested donation of \$100 to the IAPD Charitable Foundation. The drawing will be held LIVE on Thursday, August 19 at the convention. (No need to be present to win, but we hope to see you there!)

One lucky winner will get their choice of a vacation at one of the following luxury resorts:

- A beach vacation at the all-inclusive Le Blanc Spa in Cancun, Mexico
- A desert getaway at The Phoenician in Scottsdale, AZ, USA
- A mountain retreat at The Limelight Snowmass, near Aspen, CO, USA

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We can't wait to see you - live and in person! - at the 65th Annual IAPD Convention in Louisville, KY, USA this August. Check out the website for the convention schedule, delegates list and to find out more about the all-new way to connect with the performance plastics supply chain: connecX. See you there!



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The June/July premium digital *Performance Plastics* magazine is now online. This issue features the preview of the 2021 IAPD Annual Convention, including all the exciting sessions, an in-depth look at the exhibitors, more about the all-new connectX meeting experience and more. Plus, read all about who has been hired, promoted and retired at IAPD member companies, along with exciting new products on the market, fascinating application stories and 100+ new graduates of IAPD University programs.

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### Congressional Antitrust Bills Target Amazon

Last week, the House Judiciary Committee passed six bipartisan bills targeting the anticompetitive practices of the four largest tech monopolies in the country. The American Innovation and Choice Online Act and the Ending Platform Monopolies Act, sponsored by Reps. David Cicilline (D-RI-1) and Pramila Jayapal (D-WA-7), would prohibit Amazon from abusing their power in ways that harm competition and third-party sellers. Together, these bills intend to restore competition on Amazon Business' (B2B) marketplace by preventing them from using their market power to pick winners and losers, favor their own products or otherwise distort the marketplace through abusive conduct.

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The August/September issue of *Performance Plastics* magazine will feature content by and about the women in the performance plastics industry. Show your support for all women in plastics by promoting your company in this first-of-its-kind issue. Contact [Dave Blackhurst](#) for details.

### [Be a Sustainability Champion](#)

Show your support for the environmental sustainability of performance plastics by becoming a Sustainability Champion. Contact [Dave Blackhurst](#) for details.

## Don't Miss These Events

August 16-19: [65th Annual IAPD Convention and connecX](#), Louisville, KY, USA  
June 16: [Free the Elephants! Making Difficult Conversations Less Difficult](#), Women in Plastics Virtual Event  
September 23: [IAPD Northeast Charitable Golf Tournament](#), Galloway, NJ, USA  
September 25: [Watch Me WIP Day](#)  
October 18: [31st Annual Greg Berry Atlanta Plastics Charity Golf Tournament](#), Braselton, GA, USA

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