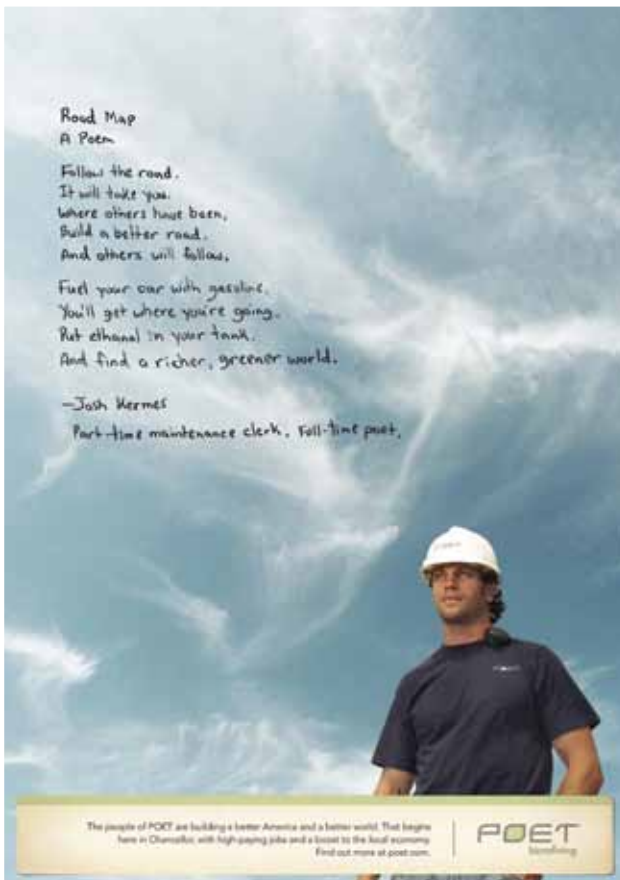


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## Full-time Poets

In an extension of POET's national advertising campaign, the familiar faces of POET team members are being showcased in their local newspapers. Each pictured next to a poem relevant to their career, the team members are standing up for ethanol.



HOSTING THEIR OWN POETRY CORNER, HERE ARE A FEW HAIKUS FROM POET BIOREFINING – HUDSON, S.D.

by Carmen Kast, Administrative Assistant  
 Hurry hurry scoop and scurry  
 Prior days of loading fury  
 Then the Load Toad came to town  
 More tons per load go rolling near sundown

by Brian Heikes, Quality Manager  
 Cranking out the booze  
 Foreign fools have coin to lose  
 We don't share their blues

by Cliff Huot, Commodities Manager  
 Buying local corn  
 Converting to ethanol  
 Energy Inspired

Some POET team members, so inspired by the ad campaigns, have taken to poetry.  
Here are a few examples:

## Farmland

*by Steve Kary, Membership Coordinator/HR,  
POET Biorefining – Chancellor, S.D.*

It rests

Coated with a blanket of pure white snow  
Like the Yellowstone grizzly  
It sleeps through the bitter cold  
Its caretakers enjoy the fruits that it bore  
Soon all will awaken as the spring winds blow

It stirs

Drinking the moisture as the white powder leaves  
It sucks the drops from the heavenly sky  
Creating its veins with the overflow  
It welcomes the seed and tender care  
That come from the farmer who truly believes

It works

Soaking the power from the bright sunlight  
It nourishes the roots as they dig down  
Toiling and groaning as it pushes  
The green up higher and thicker  
Leaving the farmer smiling at the beautiful sight

It yields

Relinquishing the crops as the leaves start to fall  
It welcomes the taking of the fruits that it bore  
Growing barren as the harvest leaves only the waste  
To replenish its soil for next year's plight  
It has delivered again enough food and fuel for all

It rests

## What Do You DO?

*by Michael Garcia, Boiler Operator  
POET Biorefining – Glenville, Minn.*

We take Number 2 corn which aint for me or for you,  
And turn it into a darn good fuel.  
We use the starch and leave the rest  
We return it to animal feed that's the best  
So next time you hear those stories of Food vs. Fuel  
You'll know its being told by a damned Fool  
Now you know what, So I'll Tell you why  
With God and Our Farmers Help  
For my Country, YOU and I



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## THANK YOU

The FFA Chapter at South Hamilton Schools in Jewell, Iowa wanted to show their appreciation to POET Biorefining – Jewell for their support throughout the year. Students took on the job of cooking by grilling burgers, providing beans, chips and a dessert for all team members.

## IN TRANSIT

In a South Dakota winter, getting from here to there in a warm vehicle is the preferred means of travel. POET Biorefining – Groton advertises with the Groton Community Transit to help ensure the community can continue to travel with ease... and warmth.

## *Bringing Back the Library*

In an age of Kindles™, Nooks™ and iPads®, the library seems to be a thing of the past. POET Biorefining – Gowrie, Iowa doesn't want to see that happen in their community. The plant recently donated a television to provide new opportunities for the library.

“Because of POET Biorefining – Gowrie's donation, the library will be able to host movie and gaming nights; among other activities,” said Shelly Nelson, Library Director. “Events such as these are known to reintroduce teenagers to the library.”

## UPDATES

- » The cellulosic pilot facility at POET Research Center in Scotland, S.D. underwent a significant technology retrofit. The process was updated with new equipment and improved technology.
- » In conjunction with POET's company-wide Ingenuity™ efforts, POET Biorefining – Laddonia, Mo. has recently completed an electrical usage reduction program in cooperation with their local utility. The program will save the plant one million KWH per year in usage.