

The Arch:

Stories of Impact from the Center for Alumni Relations and Advancement



To Supporters of South Dakota Mines



As I reflect on the Center for Alumni Relations and Advancement's (CARA) fiscal year 2024, I am truly amazed at what we accomplished, especially following the resignation

of our CEO, Paul Krueger, early in the year. This created some uncertainty as we entered a pivotal year for both our ongoing New Heights campaign and the future of CARA and our university.

Despite these challenges, we achieved another successful year, raising over \$20 million—our third consecutive year surpassing this milestone—and our endowment has now exceeded \$100 million.

I would like to take a moment to thank and acknowledge our retiring CARA Board members: Fanar Sefa, Nicole Stengle, Dan Dolan, and Lance Hanson. Your expertise, counsel, and dedication have left a lasting impact on the CARA Board.

I am also pleased to welcome Marc
Vaillancourt as CARA's new CEO. Coming to us
from St. Cloud State University in Minnesota, Marc
brings a wealth of leadership and fundraising
experience to our team, and his presence is
already making a significant difference.

During the seven months between CEOs, I had the honor of serving as the volunteer interim CEO of CARA. This was a privilege for several reasons. First, as CARA Board Chair, it allowed me to engage deeply with the day-to-day operations and better represent the entire organization to the Board, the University, and all of CARA's stakeholders. Second, I had the opportunity to

witness our dedicated CARA team in action.

What I saw was a group of outstanding individuals working effectively together. The CARA team consistently demonstrates a high level of dedication, professionalism, and ethics in all their dealings, and they are excellent stewards of your donations and the foundation's assets. You should be very proud of our CARA professional team; I feel fortunate to have worked closely with them throughout 2024. My heartfelt thanks go out to each of them for an exceptional year.

As I noted in last year's letter, CARA's success is measured by our results. Our three-year streak of raising over \$20 million and an endowment exceeding \$100 million speaks volumes. However, we also prioritize maintaining appropriate operating costs and demonstrating frugality. In 2024, we conducted a cost benchmarking exercise with 28 foundations from universities across the West and Midwest, and I'm proud to report that South Dakota Mines' foundation costs rank in the top decile. This means that more of your donation directly supports our university.

While this is an impressive result, we will not rest on our laurels. We are committed to continuous improvement, striving each day to make today better than yesterday.

Thank you all for another tremendous year.
I look forward to seeing many of you at the 2025 reunion, where we will celebrate New Heights.
Warm regards,

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Rich A. Wells (ChE 82). Board Chair

As the new CEO of the South
Dakota Mines Center for Alumni
Relations & Advancement, I
am deeply honored to witness
firsthand the extraordinary
impact our South Dakota Mines
community has on our beloved

institution and its students. The spirit of generosity that permeates our donors is not just commendable—it's transformative.

Anthropologist Margaret Mead once said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." This sentiment perfectly encapsulates the power of our Mines community. Through your collective efforts, you are changing the world, one student and one innovation at a time.

Your contributions extend far beyond financial support. They manifest in mentorship programs, internship opportunities, and the sharing of invaluable industry insights. These actions create a ripple effect, empowering our students to dream bigger and reach higher than ever before.

Support of New Heights: The Campaign for South Dakota Mines is a testament to this commitment. This ambitious initiative – to raise \$100 million in philanthropic resources for our university – aims to elevate South Dakota Mines to new levels of excellence in education, research, and innovation. Through your generous support – more than \$87 million has already been raised as of Sept. 30, 2024 – we are enhancing the future of our university.

New Heights focusses on 5 key pillars: a new, state-of-the-art, **Mineral Industries building** to drive

innovation and research; an expansion of Surbeck – the place where students connect, engage and build community; academic and athletic scholarships to impact the next generation of scientists and engineers; department and programmatic support to ensure a relentless pursuit of quality and excellence in education; and, support for CARA to help ensure a sustainable future for South Dakota Mines' engagement and philanthropic partner.

The impact of your generosity is tangible. We see it in the bright eyes of a first-generation college student who can now pursue their dreams without financial burden. We hear it in the excited voices of researchers working with cutting-edge equipment in state-of-the-art laboratories. We feel it in the strengthened bonds between our institution and the industries that eagerly recruit our graduates.

As we look to the future, I am filled with optimism and gratitude. Your unwavering support fuels our mission to educate the next generation of leaders, innovators, and problem-solvers. Together, we are not just changing the world—we are shaping it for the better.

Thank you for your continued support to South Dakota Mines. Your generosity doesn't just build buildings or fund programs; it builds futures and funds dreams. Let us continue to reach new heights together, proving that a community united in purpose can indeed change the world. Enthusiastically,

Marc Vaillancourt
Chief Executive Officer

Impact: Driven by Passion

Passion often is the leading force behind our actions and those passions guide our daily decisions. Giving back is a passion for Scott (CSc 2008) and Jessica Kranz, specifically giving back to South Dakota Mines.

While Scott and Jessica have given to various organizations and their church for years, it was Scott's impactful education at South Dakota Mines that led them into considering how to create a lasting impact on the students at Mines. For them, giving to the school is just part of their daily life and something that they feel is the right thing to do.

"We've been giving for a long time," Jessica said. "I've been giving since I didn't have two pennies to rub together. It grows with you and feels natural. Everything in my life has been a roller coaster; the only thing that has been consistent is generosity and the only thing I've been increasing in is generosity."

Scott and Jessica have given to multiple different causes here on campus, including supporting a scholarship for the Computer Science and Engineering Department and funding travel to the Grace Hopper Conference for select students through the annual Raising for Rockers fundraising day.

Scott grew up on a farm and knew early on that if he wanted to go to college, he had to do it on scholarships. Thanks to his education at Mines, both he and Jessica felt it was time to give back to the school that helped guide their future.

"Most of my schooling was funded by scholarships," he said. "So, we're paying that back, in some ways- I want to give others a chance to succeed. I was the first generation on either side of my family to go to college and it was only possible because of scholarships. Now that I'm able to help out, I want to be able to extend that same opportunity."

As their giving grew over the years, so did their passion for philanthropy. When they received a fundraising letter

Raising for Rockers is South Dakota Mines' Annual Giving Day, a special 24-hour event where the Hardrocker community comes together to make a lasting impact. This day is all about rallying support to fund scholarships, academic programs, student resources, and more. Every gift, no matter the size, helps elevate Mines to new heights and ensures that future generations of students have the tools they need to succeed. We hope you will join us in making a difference and showing your Hardrocker pride during Raising for Rockers on Feb. 20-21, 2025, from noon-noon! Keep an eye out throughout The Arch as we will be highlighting several projects that were funded through Raising for Rockers

Scott (CSc 2008) and Jessica Kranz have a passion for philanthropy that they hope inspires others.



in the mail from South Dakota Mines asking them to support the Grace Hopper Conference for students, they both agreed they need to help make this happen.

After talking with the development staff at CARA, they decided to leverage their gift to encourage generosity from others and agreed to match any gifts made for the project. "Just show us the need," Jessica said. "We want to help. Let's just do it."

"I hope the students that go to the conference this fall will push themselves out of their comfort zone," Scott said.

RAISING FOR ROCKERS 2024 PROJECT: COMPUTER SCIENCE

The Computer Science Department raised funds to send female juniors and seniors to the Grace Hopper Conference, a computing technology conference for women that supports women in the field through resources, mentoring, and networking. This has helped these young women jump-start their careers through the professional mentoring and networking offered at the conference.

"Look beyond what they've probably considered before. There is a lot of opportunity the farther you look. South Dakota Mines has great engineers, and we need to show the world that."

At the end of the day, Scott and Jessica agree that their giving will not slow down, and they're constantly looking for the next opportunity to give. This fall they are already working with CARA's Annual Giving Officer Bailey Ellis on how to encourage more alumni support for Raising for Rockers. They hope to inspire others to give as well, no matter how much, big or small.

"When you give, you end up being blessed by it as well," Jessica said.
"There's nothing like giving generously. You see the impact that it has, and it brings you pure joy. When you know you're doing something to help someone or putting economic impact back into the world, it brings you joy to know you helped someone when they needed it."

Inspiring Women in **Engineering:**

Renita Mollman's Impact of Giving

Renita Mollman (CE 88) embodies the spirit of giving back, driven by an ingrained lesson to support others, a desire to see students succeed, and the realization that she's reached a point in her career where she can make a significant impact. This mindset has led her to not only support her alma mater but to consistently increase her gifts of time and treasure.

"About five to seven years into my career, I realized what a gift I had been given with a good, stable job, and I felt able to share," Renita reflects. "I've been so blessed in my career, so it was important to give back to the place that helped me start it."

Renita attended South Dakota Mines when the campus landscape was quite different. There was only one female dorm, tightly secured with separate keys. However, the one constant has been the exceptional quality of education, which significantly shaped Renita's career trajectory. Her Mines education provided her with crucial skills like teamwork and problem-solving, which she still applies today as the Chief Administrative Officer of Burns & McDonnell.



The Women in Science and Engineering program, located in the Surbeck Center.

Her journey of giving began modestly with a \$25 donation shortly after graduation. Since then, Renita has consistently supported the school, culminating in a significant comprehensive gift. This includes support for the Surbeck Center expansion and the Center for Alumni Relations and Advancement. Additionally, she established a scholarship aimed at supporting women pursuing education at Mines.

Renita's motivation for the scholarship stems from her observations during her time at Mines. "I saw many women come to Mines for the first and second year, then leave to marry someone who was graduating," she

recalls. This experience fueled her desire to encourage women in STEM fields.

"I'm a big proponent of diversity," Renita states. "Engineering is still not as diverse as it could be, both in terms of gender and race." She notes that when she graduated, women made up approximately 12% of the engineering field, compared to roughly 20% now, 30 years later. "It'll never be 50/50, but it can improve," she adds.

One recipient of Renita's scholarship is Clare Fischer, who is pursuing a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and is expected to graduate in December 2025. Clare expresses her gratitude: "This scholarship enables me to further my education at an excellent university. I can invest in my studies without worrying about the financial burden of college."

As a result of Renita's scholarship,
Clare has been able to join the steel bridge
team and the Newman Club, as well as
dedicate time to athletics. She has also
become a member of WiSE and is a peer
mentor for incoming students through the
program. Clare has been able to dedicate
time to mentoring the next generation
of women in science, rather than on
her finances, fulfilling Renita's original
philanthropic goal.

Renita's contributions extend beyond financial support. She has devoted her time and talent to various boards over the years. Currently, she serves on the Center for Alumni Relations and Advancement's Board of Directors. Her past roles include serving on the Civil Engineering Advisory Board, the Dean of Engineering board at the University of Missouri, and the Women's United Way of Kansas City's board.



Through her multifaceted contributions, Renita aims to make a lasting impact on South Dakota Mines and inspire a new generation of donors. "I hope (my gifts) keep Mines growing while continuing to be as strong and good as it's always been," she says. "I want to help students have places to flourish and grow and get the support they need. My goal is to continue the legacy of Mines and what it represents."

Renita's story exemplifies how alumni can play a crucial role in shaping the future of their alma mater and the broader engineering field, promoting diversity and excellence for generations to come.

A Legacy of Excellence:

The Pearsons' Impact on South Dakota Mines

Excellence is never an accident. It is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, and intelligent execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives - choice, not chance, determines your destiny. – Aristotle

This quote perfectly encapsulates the journey and impact of Linda and Larry (ME 72) Pearson, whose intentional and strategic engagement with South Dakota Mines has made a lasting difference through their time, talent, and treasure.

A Serendipitous Beginning

Larry's preparation and strategic approach to life even led to

meeting Linda. In an attempt to invite girls from the National College of Business to a Theta Tau party, Larry and his fraternity brothers went to hang up some posters for their party in the fourplex where Linda was living at the time. While there, Larry helped to relight the pilot light for her dryer, but he lamented that the girls didn't come to the party.

"It was rather ironic that we

met when he had to relight a pilot light, and he went on later to work in the natural gas industry," Linda recalls.

From Education to **Career Success**

The couple went on to get married, Larry graduated and eventually entered the energy industry, spent 15 years working for Northern Natural Gas Company in Omaha, and from there joined start-up company Tenaska, Inc, retiring after 20 years with Tenaska.

degree from the School of Mines opened the career door for me," he said. "The discipline and the experience at Mines also That success, in turn, has made it possible to be philanthropic to South Dakota Mines and other worthy causes."

It was at both Northern and



Tenaska, which had ingrained cultures of philanthropy, that the Pearsons' learned the true value of philanthropy and giving back when able. So when the time was right, they echoed what many before them have also said: his successful career was due to Mines and they chose to get involved to help the next generation.

A Multi-Faceted Engagement

The Pearsons' involvement with South Dakota Mines exemplifies a holistic approach to giving back. Larry's leadership roles have been diverse and impactful, serving as the alumni area vice president in Omaha for several years and sitting on the board of the Foundation, now the Center for Alumni Relations

Larry (ME 72) and Linda Pearson began their philanthropic journey together early on and have made long-lasting impacts on the students at South Dakota Mines.

> and Advancement. Currently, he continues to contribute his expertise as a member of the advisory board for the ME department. Beyond the campus, the Pearsons have extended their commitment to community service. Larry has been an active presence on the Nebraska Methodist Health System board in Omaha and has had past volunteer service to several state and community causes, including the Boy Scouts, the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, the Nebraska LEAD program, their church and several other programs.

Linda, too, has made significant contributions, serving on the board of the hearing school in Omaha and actively supporting their children's schools through PTA involvement and various volunteer efforts. Their financial contributions have been equally impressive, establishing both academic and athletic scholarships, establishing the endowed Pearson Chair in Mechanical Engineering, supporting major projects like the Surbeck Center expansion and enhancements to the ME

RAISING FOR ROCKERS 2024 PROJECT: MECHANICAL AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

The Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Departments purchased Robotic Dogs to foster collaboration between the departments. This cutting-edge robotic companion will play a pivotal role in enhancing teaching and research activities at both undergraduate and graduate levels, specifically in the realms of robotics, machine learning, and artificial intelligence.



"The fact that I had an ME contributed to a successful career.



Larry (ME 72) and Linda Pearson's generosity extends well beyond their monetary donations; they are also generous with their time and talents.

Department, and making a substantial contribution that led to the naming of the Pearson Alumni Center in their honor. This comprehensive engagement demonstrates the Pearsons' deep-rooted commitment to not only South Dakota Mines but also to the broader community, embodying the spirit of giving back in multiple dimensions.

The Impact of Giving

For Linda, the most rewarding aspect of their philanthropy is

receiving scholarship thank-you letters each year.

"It's fun to get the letters from the students explaining where they're from and what they want to do at Mines," Linda said.

Larry agreed, saying that it is always rewarding to be able to meet the scholarship recipients and see the change in them as the year(s) go by.

"The observations we picked up on early on was the freshmen were not terribly outgoing," he said. "By the time they became seniors it was like talking to an adult. You could see the growth in the students. It's always nice to be able to say, even if it was a small part, you had a part to play in the success of the students."

"Because they are so engaged on campus, they know our needs and they are always seeking ways to engage other alumni to also give back to the department," said Dr. Pierre Larochelle, head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering. "The engagement of the Pearsons has helped us hire

world-class faculty, such as Dr. Weibing Xing, the Pearson Chair in Mechanical Engineering. It has helped us hire Pearson Student Mentors to help not only these students financially but help all of our students with the hands-on projectbased learning we're known for. Finally, their gifts have enabled us to renovate some of our facilities such as The Zoo, The Hive, and The Den so that our students have great labs, equipment, and places in which to work and study."

A Vision for the Future

Larry and Linda agreed what they want most is for the school to succeed and to inspire others to think about the best ways to give back, not only to the school but to the causes that are important to them.

"It could be scholarships, it could be building additions, it could be faculty support, all of those things have a level of importance," Larry said. "They are important to the school. I've always been pleased there's a well thought out plan for what's important for the school. We personally get satisfaction in supporting it."

At the end of the day, the Pearsons and Dr. Larochelle all agreed that it is important to ensure the school is succeeding, the students are thriving, and that they are able to help in any way possible to make the biggest impact they can.

"For the ME department and the school, we want to be able to attract quality engineering students and get them graduated and get them out there and doing meaningful work in their chosen career," Larry said. "The other part would be for the school to continue to advance in its quality and recognition nationally as an engineering school."

Traditions are an important part of South Dakota Mines, and Dr. Larochelle hopes that those traditions of giving back continue on for generations to come, with the help and inspiration from alumni like the Pearsons.

"My hope is that the students

will continue to thrive and be in high demand from industry and graduate programs throughout the nation," he said. "I also hope that they'll appreciate the strong tradition of giving back that the ME alums have so that one day they too will give back."

The Essence of Philanthropy

In the end, the Pearsons' story reminds us that philanthropy is more than just giving—it's about connecting with community, making a lasting impact, and finding fulfillment in the process. As Henry Wadsworth Longfellow once said, "The life of a man consists not in seeing visions and dreaming dreams, but in active charity and in willing service." The Pearsons embody this principle, setting an example for future generations of South Dakota Mines alumni to follow.

RAISING FOR ROCKERS 2023: MECHANICAL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

The Mechanical Engineering
Department raised funds
through Raising for Rockers
to turn the boring and drab
Wind Tunnel Tank into a
beautiful work of art!



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Generations of Giving:

A History of Impact for Native American Students



Charles Marks (CE 66) drew inspiration from family and friends to impact his generosity for years to come. Generosity, a value often passed down through generations, can take various forms. For many South Dakota Mines alumni, inspiration to give back comes from their predecessors or their own experiences at the school. While donors may see their gifts as simply "the right thing to do," the impact on recipients can be lifechanging, often resonating for generations.

Charles Marks (CE 66) embodies this spirit of giving. "I'm just a regular person trying to get by and make a difference," he says modestly. A 1966 graduate and

RAISING FOR ROCKERS 2024 PROJECT: CIVIL AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

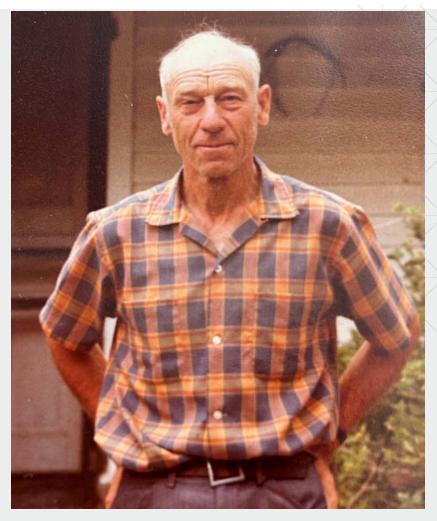
The Civil and Environmental Engineering
Department was excited to continue community
building with their students through events like their
Free Food Fridays and Hard Hat Ceremony because
of the support of donors like you.

former football player, Charles formed a close bond with Bill Coyle, then head of the Civil Engineering Department. Coyle's mentorship encouraged Charles to persevere and dedicate himself to his studies.

"I had a great sense of pride when I graduated," Charles recalls. "I really felt like I could then start to move on in life."

This pride, coupled with inspiration from the generosity of his best friend and uncle Otto Jenny, motivated Charles to begin donating to South Dakota Mines. "They were both very generous individuals, and I saw that effect on people," he explains. "To be able to help out when you can, it just felt like the right thing to do."

Charles's philanthropic journey led him to establish a scholarship in honor of his uncle, Otto Jenny. Otto, who grew up on a Nebraska farm, was renowned for his generosity. He maintained an extra garden to provide produce for town residents and had a particular passion for helping Native American children, often donating to schools and programs for Native American youth. Like his uncle, Charles gives quietly and humbly, shunning praise or attention for his contributions.



The generosity of Otto Jenny, Charles' uncle, was the inspiration behind the Otto Jenny Scholarship Fund that Charles contributes to regularly.

To honor Otto's legacy, Charles has been contributing to the Otto Jenny Scholarship Fund and has established four charitable gift annuities with the school. The scholarship fund, designed to support Native American students, has reached almost \$523,000 and continues to grow.

"If I can help a student or two a year succeed [from Mines] and have a better life, then that's a good thing," Charles says.

One such beneficiary is Isaiah Hoekman, a Mechanical Engineering student set to graduate in 2027. Thanks to the generosity of Charles and the Otto Jenny Scholarship

WHAT IS A CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY?

A charitable gift annuity is a way to make a gift to support the causes that you care about. You make a gift of cash or property to the Center for Alumni Relations and Advancement (CARA). In return, CARA will make payments for life to you, you and a loved one, or another person. Each payment will be fixed and the amount of each payment will depend on the age of the person who receives the payments. After all payments have been made, CARA will receive the remaining value of your gift to support the causes that matter to you.

Fund, Isaiah can focus on his studies without financial worries. "To me, this scholarship means that I am able to pay for school this year," Isaiah shares. "It is allowing me to take the opportunities offered at this school to join clubs, meet people, and enjoy my college experience."

Thanks to Charles' generosity, Isaiah was able to focus more on his experience at school, rather than his finances. He has been able to join the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity, the Clean Snowmbile team, become the captain of the Smash Esports team, and take on the role of social media manager for the Water Ski Club. His goal is to land an internship for this summer as well.

Charles attributes his generosity to his experiences at South Dakota Mines and the influential figures in his life. Although his giving started small, it has grown steadily over the years, exemplifying how a legacy of giving can create lasting impact for generations of students.

Next Generation Donors:

Starting Philanthropy Early to Make a Lasting Impact

Recent graduate credits experience received at South Dakota Mines as drive to give back.

Philanthropy knows no age limits—whether big or small, every gift counts. For Grant Nelson (ME 2019), giving back was something he prioritized as soon as he graduated from South Dakota Mines, inspired by the support he received as a student.

While a sophomore, Grant took on the role of president for the Formula SAE CAMP team. He vividly remembers the moment the team hit a financial wall, running out of funds and facing a shutdown unless they could raise \$5,000-\$15,000.

"It felt like a startup," he recalls. "We were 18 and 19-year-olds calling alumni, asking for help. It was a make-or-break moment."

Today, as an alumnus, Grant sees it as his responsibility to ensure the team can focus on what they do best—engineering—without the constant stress of funding.

From the start of his journey at Mines in 2014, Grant immersed himself in campus life. In addition to leading the CAMP team, he served as a Resident Assistant, learning valuable life lessons along the way. A semester off taught him the importance of balance and focusing on fewer things in order to do them well—something that still guides him today. But his role in Formula SAE also introduced him to the power of philanthropy.

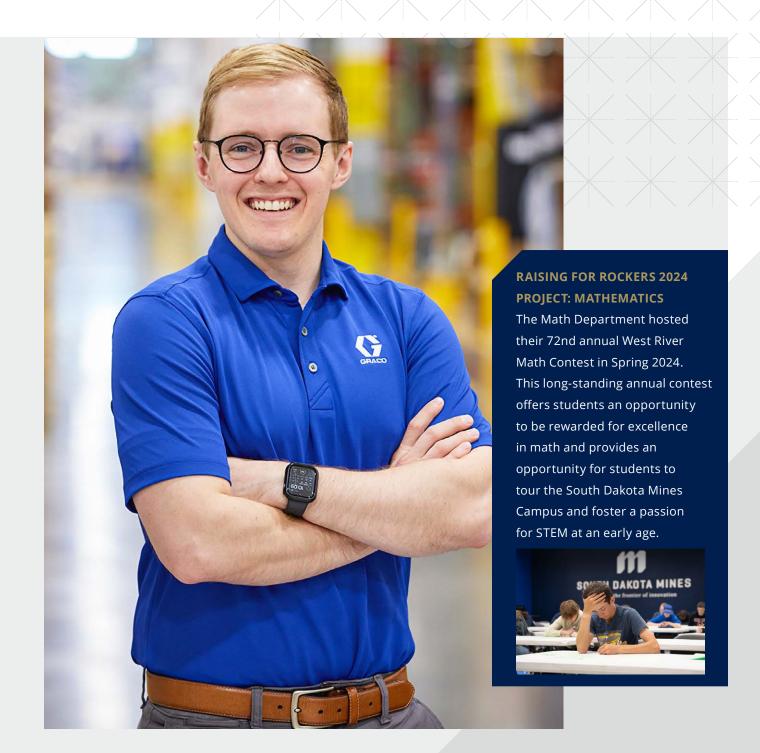
"Being responsible for fundraising opened my eyes to how essential donor support is," he says. "Even a \$50 gift can make a huge difference for CAMP teams."

Grant's journey into giving began soon after he started working at Graco Inc., where he discovered his company offered a matching gift program. Encouraged by this, he started giving back, focusing on CAMP teams to ensure future students have the same opportunities that shaped his own career.

"I wouldn't have gotten my job without being on a CAMP team," he says.

This serves as a reminder for him and he hopes that it is something that alumni remember as they go into their careers beyond school to inspire them to give back. The age old adage "a little bit goes a long way" rings true for him and for many of the CAMP teams who receive funding.

"My hope is that this allows more and more students to be involved in these competition teams because they become much stronger engineers and people because of them," he said. "You can still make big contributions, but you make overall a more profound impact if you're involved with these teams and being involved with these teams takes money. I don't want students to not attend a competition. These competition teams are no different than athletics; you learn so much at these



competitions. You become a better and more well-rounded engineer and everyone should get that opportunity."

His advice for anyone considering philanthropy?

"The sooner you do it, the longer your money helps other students," he said. "A smaller gift is not a worse gift. Your \$10 donation is going to be as important as the \$800 gift. That \$10 is still going to help a student get to where they need to go. You can have a very big impact over a long period of time."

Grant's story is a powerful reminder that starting early, no matter the size of the gift, creates lasting change. Every contribution helps pave the way for the next generation of Hardrocker engineers.

Life-Changing Experience Leads to Life-Changing Donation

In 2022-23, former Hardrocker men's basketball player and alum, Dean Schauer (MetE 89) pledged to donate \$50,000 annually to the basketball programs at South Dakota Mines, split between the two programs.



All told, the donation will equal \$1,000,000.

The life-changing donation for student-athletes has already begun as each team has increased their roster sizes and brought in unprecedented recruiting classes for each of the teams both in talent and in number.

"I wanted to support the South Dakota Mines basketball teams as my four years playing basketball had the most impact on me and what my future became." Schauer continued, "my family and I wanted to have a meaningful impact on at least two student-athletes per year for at least 20 years."

A meaningful impact has already begun to be made with 11 new men's basketball players being affected positively by the contribution of Schauer along with eight new women's basketball players in the two signing classes since the donation.

"Dean's dedication to changing the lives of our student-athletes is tremendous and his commitment will pave the way for hundreds of student-athletes to go on to do fantastic things while at South Dakota Mines, elevating their experience, but also once they graduate from our institution," said Executive Director of the Hardrock Club, Maria Cadwallader.

A member of the Hardrocker men's basketball team from 1984-1988, Schauer was a part of two SDIC conference championship teams and was a captain in his senior year with the program, his best as a 'Rocker. In his senior season, he averaged 14.8 points per game, on 46.1 percent shooting.

Schauer graduated from South Dakota Mines in 1989 as a metallurgical engineering major and has worked his way up throughout his career to being the current President & CEO of Confluent Medical Technologies.

"Had it not been for the basketball program at South Dakota Mines, I would have likely not graduated, and as a result, would not have been able to have the life experiences I have been able blessed to have," said Schauer.

And now, Schauer has passed that opportunity on to decades of student-athletes.



Together, our donations create a brighter future for Hardrockers.

Did you know that financial need is the number one reason a student turns down admission to Mines?

Gifts to the Mines Advancement Fund allow us to increase the number of scholarships, add new equipment and technology to labs, send students to life-changing field trips and conferences, expand and renovate our facilities, and more.





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Alumni and friends who gave between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024

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Gary Veurink

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Last year's support for field trips was incredible and allowed the department about geology. to take 20 students on a trip to Death Valley to explore the geology there. They also did their fall field trip which explored the badlands. Field trips

students, both undergraduate and graduate, to get to know each other, meet faculty members, and learn more

Doug Emme

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Lorin Brass

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John Carter

Ma Cheng

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Scott Durgin

Jeffrey Grow

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Todd Person

Dean Stoick

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Ian Wilson

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Foster Sawyer

Dan Flynn

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Brian Fox

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Anonymous (2)

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engineering (ChE) students in various student

exchange and study abroad programs across the

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students to attend a program through the Technical

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The Karen M. Swindler Department of Chemical &

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Katie Toscana

study abroad experience in chemical engineering. This allowed ChE students to experience engineering and engineering design in different countries,

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Natasha Begay Chris Dollarhide

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Kody Heller

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Terry Nguyen Kristy Rennick

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New Team Member



Amanda Rombough,
Director of Stewardship
and Communication

Amanda moved to the
Black Hills of South Dakota
from Colorado in 2010 after
graduating college to work for

the Rapid City Journal. It wasn't soon after that she discovered the world of marketing and worked for a variety of businesses in the area including the Sturgis Buffalo Chip, the Rapid City Area School District, and most recently Black Hills Energy. She brings almost 15 years of marketing and communications experience to the team and is excited to apply her many talents to the amazing work that CARA is doing to support alumni and donors.

RAISING FOR ROCKERS 2024: MATERIALS AND METALLURGICAL ENGINEERING

The Materials and Metallurgical Engineering department raised funds to support the TMS Bladesmithing Competition and Foundry Society Cast in Steel Competition. These competitions served as an opportunity for academic or practical excellence, offering students a unique platform to showcase their innovative spirit in the world of materials and metallurgical engineering. Students were able to turn theoretical knowledge into tangible achievements that contribute to the everevolving landscape of metallurgy.

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We promote the traditions, interests, influence and reputation of South Dakota Mines among alumni and friends through meaningful engagement and by inspiring and stewarding philanthropy.

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