

# REACHING NEW HEIGHTS

CENTER FOR ALUMNI RELATIONS & ADVANCEMENT



SOUTH  
DAKOTA  
MINES





Every act of *generosity*  
**creates momentum.**

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It inspires curiosity, courage, and resolve. **Your support turns possibility into action.** It strengthens classrooms and equips students to step into what's next with confidence and purpose.

Because of you, determination becomes progress, and ambition becomes impact.

**Thank you for helping turn determination into lasting impact.**



*Together*  
WE CREATED  
**185**  
**SCHOLARSHIPS**

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## SCHOLARSHIP

**Scholarship support removes barriers to education**, opening doors for students who might not have otherwise had access to a South Dakota Mines education.

Because of your generosity, talented students are able to focus more fully on learning, leadership, and discovery.

**Your investment strengthens pathways to student success** and ensures that financial need *never* stands in the way of potential.



**35%**

of Tuition and Fees  
are Covered by  
Scholarships

**56%**

of Students  
Receive Scholarships

**98%**

Projected Growth in  
Scholarship Awards  
by 2030

# DEPARTMENT SUPPORT

## TARGETED DEPARTMENT INVESTMENTS

*fueled innovation,*

*equipping faculty and students with the tools, technology, and resources* needed to push boundaries in teaching and research.

These investments empower hands-on learning, modernize labs, and **strengthen academic excellence** across campus today, tomorrow and for years to come.

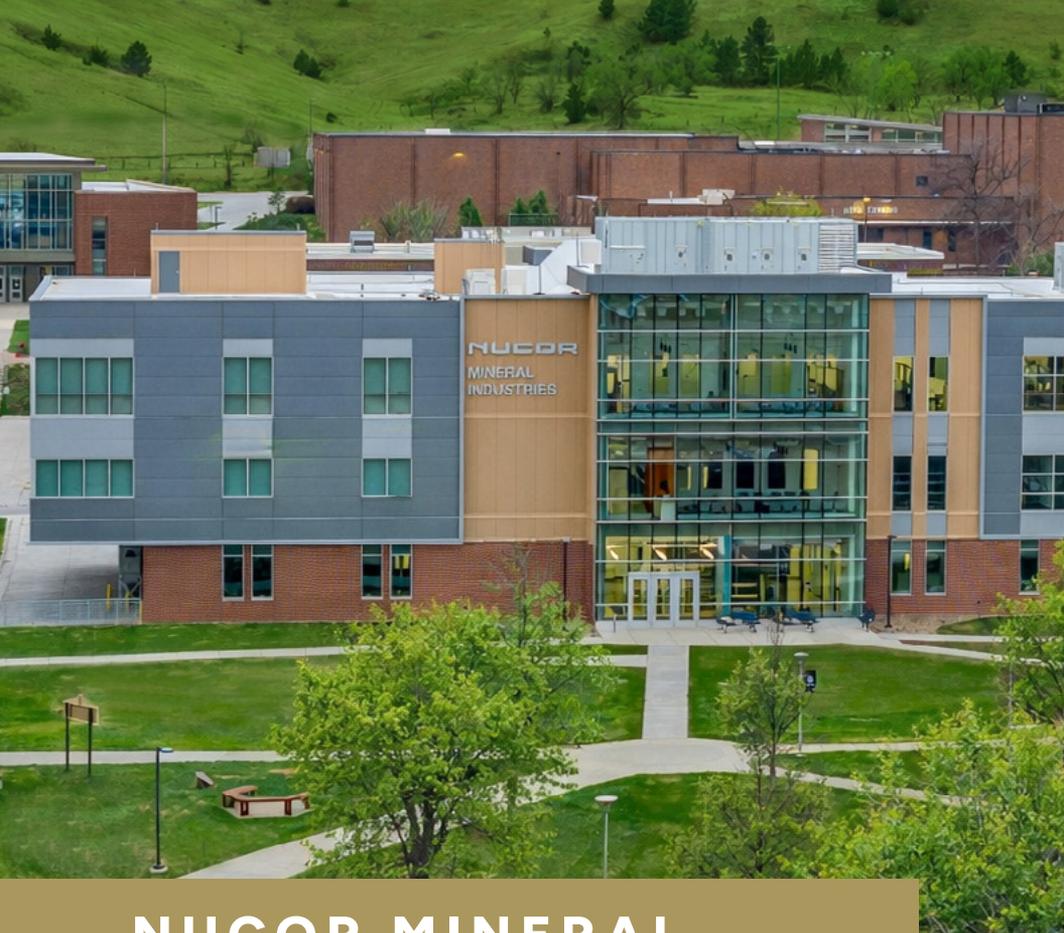




By supporting innovation tied directly to student success, you help elevate the daily educational experience.

The result is a *stronger foundation* for discovery, collaboration, and real-world problem solving.





# NUCOR MINERAL INDUSTRIES BUILDING

The Nucor Mineral Industries Building stands as a vibrant space for ***learning, bringing cutting-edge instruction, collaboration, and industry-aligned training under one roof.***

Donor support transformed *vision into reality* creating environments where innovation thrives and students are prepared for the evolving demands of their fields.

This landmark facility reflects a powerful commitment to supporting innovation tied to student success.



*Shaping*

**ENGINEERS,  
SCIENTISTS,**

AND *Leaders*  
FOR GENERATIONS.



# SURBECK CENTER EXPANSION

The expansion of the Surbeck Center creates a true front door to campus, enhancing campus life through welcoming, modern, and connected spaces.

Designed for gathering, collaboration, and community, this project ***strengthens the student experience far beyond the classroom.***

Your investment built a hub that **supports community, belonging, leadership, and engagement.**





THE SURBECK CENTER  
IS WHERE **STUDENTS**  
**CONNECT,** *engage,*  
**AND BUILD**  
**COMMUNITY.**



## SUSTAINING ADVANCEMENT AND ENGAGEMENT

Support for the Center for Alumni Relations & Advancement *strengthens the foundation that makes student success possible*, building lasting partnerships through strategic advancement and engagement.

These investments enhance the university's ability to *connect vision with opportunity, aligning resources, relationships, and purpose.*





MORE THAN

**6,000** DONORS  
ROSE

*Together*

**29,697**

Total Gifts &  
Pledges Received

**3.1K**

First Time  
Gifts

**4.8K**

Donors Made Their  
Largest Gift Ever  
to the University

**\$5M**

Single Largest  
Corporate Gift in  
Mines History

**\$6M**

Single Largest  
Individual Gift in  
Mines History

**\$9M**

Single Largest  
Estate Gift in  
Mines History

# SCHOLARSHIPS

OPEN DOORS...

...AND CHANGE

*Lives*



**Laura Jensen, a junior chemical engineering student,** built a lasting connection to South Dakota Mines through many summers spent at camps, hosted on campus.

***But it was scholarship support that turned possibility into reality.***

Through donor-funded scholarships, Laura has received more support than she ever expected, and that changed everything.

With this financial burden lifted, ***she traded work hours for research hours,*** earning a 4.0 GPA while completing two internships and pursuing hands-on research in green chemistry and sustainable materials.

***Because of scholarships,*** Laura's been able to explore research, serve in student outreach, and dream big about a future that blends engineering and humanitarian work.

***"You're not just funding school," she said.***

***"You're giving to a student's dream."***



“This year, I can focus on school instead of finances.

That changed my entire experience.

— LAURA JENSEN, JUNIOR CHEMICAL  
ENGINEERING STUDENT



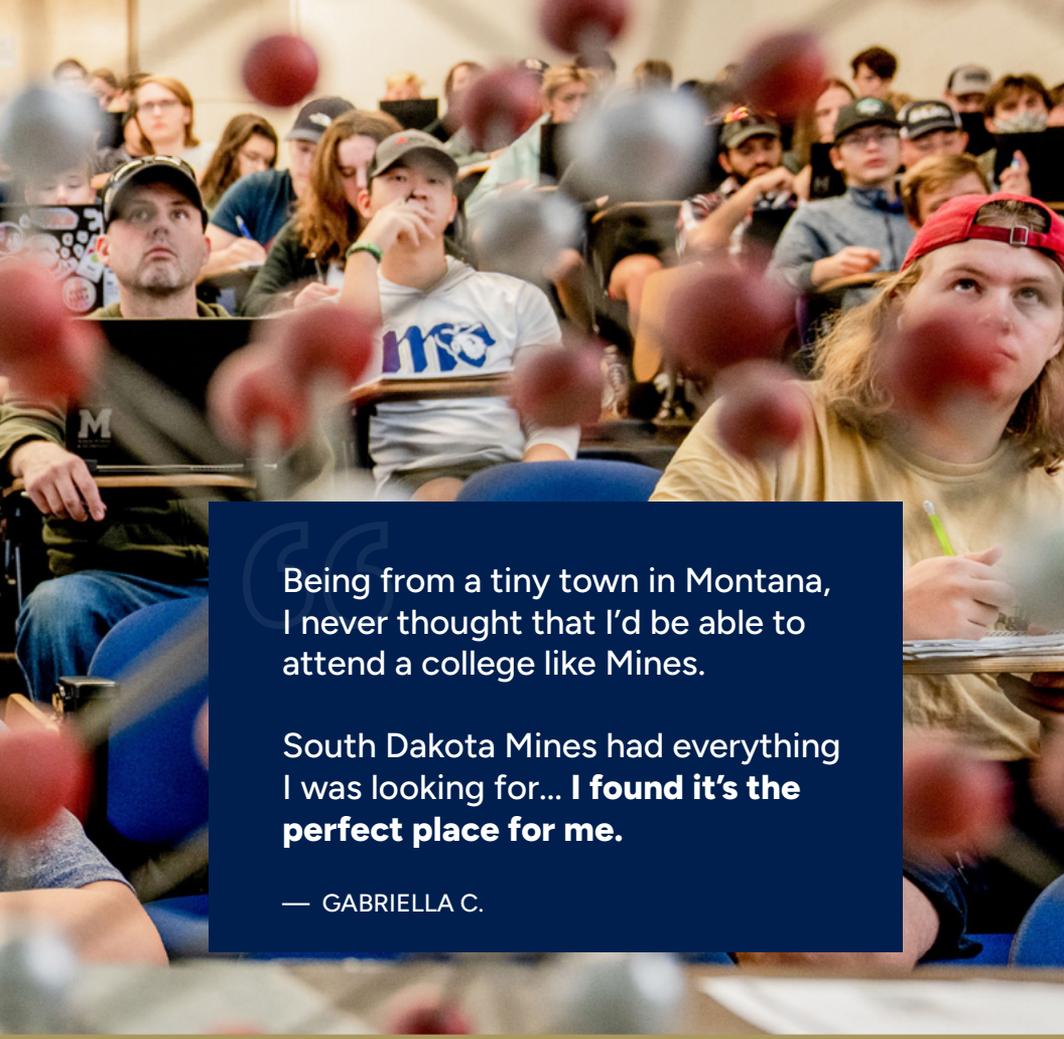
**STUDENTS SAY**

*Thank You*



**Your generosity has truly inspired me,  
and I hope I can pay that kindness forward  
someday.**

— QUINN L.



Being from a tiny town in Montana, I never thought that I'd be able to attend a college like Mines.

South Dakota Mines had everything I was looking for... **I found it's the perfect place for me.**

— GABRIELLA C.



Your generosity and commitment to students at South Dakota Mines **has truly made an impact.**

Thanks to your support, I'm able to attend this university and continue pursuing my education and goals.

— JAYDE J.

# *Giving* **SUMMARY**

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**\$51.1M** Academic and Athletic Scholarships

**\$36.8M** Department and Programmatic Support

**\$10.7M** Surbeck Student Center Addition

**\$14.1M** Nucor Mineral Industries Building

**\$7.5M** Center for Alumni Relations & Advancement





*Together*  
WE REACHED  
**NEW HEIGHTS**

AND RAISED

**\$120.3 MILLION**



