The Women in Science and Engineering (WiSE) program is designed to educate, recruit, retain, and graduate academically motivated women in STEM fields through mentoring, professional development, networking and scholarship support.

**Mentoring • Professional Development • Networking • Scholarship Support**

**RETENTION**
Women have maintained a higher retention rate than men.

![Retention graph](chart.png)

Numbers reflect year 1 to year 2 retention for first time freshmen women

**ENROLLMENT**
Fall 2015 First Time Freshmen Women

- 362
- 291
- 112

- Applications up 5.8% from 2014
- Acceptances down 1% from 2014
- Enrolled up 8.7% from 2014

*The previous WiSE data sheet had an error; enrollment numbers included all first time women students. This enrollment data only includes first time freshmen women.

**FACULTY**
Women on campus in 2015

- 27%
- 47 women
- 128 men

**2009 COHORT SIX YEAR GRADUATION RATE**

- 53% women
- 51% men

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

**SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT**
One of the most common reasons to decline offers of admission to SD Mines is better scholarships or financial aid from other schools. Scholarships for women make a big difference.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**
WiSE ensures that all women students have access to monthly programming. We are always looking for inspiring speakers to spark innovation and passion in our women students.

**MENTORSHIP SUPPORT**
Mentorship has been proven to be one of the most important confidence builders for women in STEM fields. Financial support of our mentoring program ensures that we have top quality peer women mentors.

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WiSE Guest Speaker Lauren Evans
WiSE Networking Dinner
WiSE & OMA Elks Theater Movie Night
Go Women’s Ice Cream Social
WiSE Self Defense Class
Girl Scout Outreach Event
Go Women’s Ice Cream Social
Pottery2Paint Night
Coffee Talk: Women in the Media

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Pottery2Paint Night
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Gingerbread Construction Contest

WiSE Forum
Mentor-Mentee Black Light Yoga

Wellness Fair
WiSE Forum

WiSE Guest Speaker Sharlissa Moore
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WiSE Guest Emily Graslie, Chief Curiosity Correspondent for Field Museum in Chicago, IL.
Women in Science Conference

Day of Excellence
Black Hills Corporation Guest Speaker

Go Women’s Ice Cream Social
Finals Therapy

STEMinist Studyhall
Every Thursday, 7-10 p.m. (excluding Christmas & Spring breaks)

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