Dear Graduate,

Congratulations on graduating and joining our Mines alumni community! I hope you’re excited for the next phase of life, whether that’s starting your career or a fellowship, beginning graduate school, or exploring your passions.

No matter where you are or what you’re embarking on next, I hope you remember that you will always be a Hardrocker. The Center for Alumni Relations & Advancement is here to help keep you connected with the South Dakota Mines campus and your fellow alumni.

I hope you’re familiar with Rocker Days (September 10-16, 2023) and the five-year reunion (2025), but there are so many more ways to stay connected as an alum.

- Join or start a local alumni chapter to connect with fellow Hardrockers near you. Email alumni@sdsmt.edu to inquire about chapters in your area.
- Read The Hardrock alumni magazine to stay up to date with exciting campus stories and learn about what other Hardrockers are doing around the world. You’ll also receive the regular alumni E-News email.
- Follow us on LinkedIn, Instagram and Facebook for stories about alumni and events!
- Tune into our monthly virtual department updates and lunch & learns.
- Livestream Hardrocker games (even host a watch party!) wherever you are.
- Use Handshake, a service provided by Career Services, to find your next job or to promote openings within your organization.
- Volunteer to be a guest speaker in a Mines class, help with mock interviews, mentor current students or interns, or write an encouraging postcard to a first-year student.
- And, when you’re ready - give back. For many, that happens later in life, but it doesn’t always have to. Even a small amount makes a BIG difference to a student.

Whether you’ve graduated from South Dakota Mines, completed your master’s degree, or finally defended your PhD, congratulations and welcome to our alumni community! You’ve joined a network of more than 18,000 people worldwide who graduated from this incredible university. Most people assume that once students leave campus, they may not have as big of a connection to the university; but I want your relationship with Mines to GROW from here.

Please contact me at the Center for Alumni Relations & Advancement (CARA) if you have ideas on how we can keep you connected or make the alumni experience even better!

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