Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA)
We are here to help students from underrepresented populations thrive at SDSM&T while preserving cultural distinctiveness.

- Promote appreciation on campus for diverse cultures
- FIRST Omniciyé (Lakota: “meeting”) Bridge Program for incoming American Indian students
- Guidance, advocacy, and problem-solving help
- Cultural speakers and presentations
- Professional & corporate speakers from minority populations
- Student support lunches
- Advise nationally recognized professional multicultural student organizations
- Connect students with tutors
- Identify scholarship opportunities
- Assistance in locating internships and co-ops
- Exposure to diversity efforts of the corporate world
- Opportunities for professional development
- Honoring ceremony for American Indian graduates

Preparing Mines students for success in the global community through the promotion and support of cultural diversity

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The Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA) is committed to building and promoting programs, services, and resources that serve to create and sustain a diverse community. A diverse community is one that is inclusive, welcoming, and respectful, in which each citizen values differences in race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, national origin, economic background, ability, age, and religion. At the same time, this diverse community affirms the central importance of our common humanity. In support of the School of Mines commitment to a pluralist and equitable community for learning, OMA works collaboratively with faculty, staff, and students to create an experience rich in perspectives and opportunities to learn from each other. The office encourages each person to engage in positive social change to transform and sustain the local and global communities in which we live.

The OMA provides future and current students with information on scholarships, housing, co-ops, internships, and employment placement; sponsorship of social and cultural enrichment events and activities; and support for the School of Mines student chapters of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES), the National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), and the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE). For more information on these chapters visit http://multicultural.sdsmt.edu

Tiospaye in Science & Engineering Program

The School of Mines is awarding renewable scholarships worth up to $8,000 annually, funded by the National Science Foundation. Tiospaye scholars are placed in cohorts and provided mentoring, support, and accountability to enhance their success.

For more information about the Tiospaye scholarships, contact Carter Kerk, PhD, at Carter.Kerk@sdsmt.edu.