OMA Mission Statement:

The Office of Multicultural Affairs will aid in recruitment, retention and graduation of underrepresented students. Working with other programs like Mines Advantage we strive to promote cultural proficiency as well as an inclusive campus climate that supports underrepresented populations and fosters respect for those with diverse backgrounds.

OMA Description:

The Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA) is committed to building and promoting programs, services, and resources that serve students, faculty and staff to create as well as sustain a diverse and inclusive campus community. Visit the OMA website at http://www.sdsmt.edu/Campus-Life/Multicultural-Affairs/

“OMA office has helped me with so many things and is a big part of why I am still here and haven’t transferred back home. Student of color or not, the office is willing to help, guide and educate.”

Anna Haydock, Metallurgical Engineering

We advise the following student organizations

Each of these national organizations is focused on increasing representation of underrepresented groups in science, technology, engineering and math.

OMA creates programs for the Cultural and Global Diversity component of Mines Advantage.

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These organizations provide opportunities for national, regional and leadership conferences all of which emphasize professional development. These groups are also active in community outreach, especially in regard to encouraging youth in STEM.
Services Provided:

- Pre-Orientation Programs
- Book loan library
- Professional and corporate presentations in STEM
- Cultural speakers
- Student support lunches
- Tutoring and peer mentoring
- Identifying scholarship opportunities
- Assistance with internships and co-ops
- Cultural competency trainings
- Honoring ceremony for American Indian graduates
- Diversity educational materials

"OMA was there when I first stepped foot on this campus and has offered such great support and services for multicultural students."

- Heather Rogers
  Electrical Engineering

"It's not about if OMA will help you, it's when."

- Tristan Picotte
  Electrical Engineering