

SD Mines News

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148 Students Graduate from SD Mines Fall 2018

RAPID CITY, SD (Feb. 15, 2019) – [South Dakota School of Mines & Technology](http://www.sdmines.edu) graduated 148 students during the fall 2018 commencement ceremonies in December. Graduates received Doctor of Philosophy, Master of Science and Bachelor of Science degrees.

Graduates who released their names and hometowns for publication are:

Name	Degree	Major	City	ST
Isiah McGuire	BS	Civil & Env. Engineering	Glendale	AZ
Isaiah Manley - LAUDE	BS	Interdisciplinary Sci - Preprof. Health Sci.	Corona	CA
Garrett Chun	MS	Engineering Management	Mariposa	CA
Jacob Otteman	BS	Industrial Eng. & Eng. Mgmt.	Whittier	CA
Oliver Olele	MS	Engineering Management	Aurora	CO
Heath Pirkey	BS	Metallurgical Engineering	Berthoud	CO
Trace Anderson	BS	Civil & Env. Engineering	Fort Collins	CO
Payton Humpal	BS	Industrial Eng. & Eng. Mgmt.	Fort Collins	CO
Colby Harris-LAUDE	BS	Mechanical Engineering	Greeley	CO
Matthew Jones	BS	Mechanical Engineering	Westminster	CO
Rachael Woods	MS	Engineering Management	Andover	KS
Elizabeth Friesen	MS	Civil & Env. Engineering	Olathe	KS
Benjamin Hoffman	BS	Mechanical Engineering	Overland Park	KS
Dalton Walker	BS	Mining Eng. & Mgt.	Sharon Springs	KS
Kristine Reed	PhD	Atmospheric & Env. Sciences	Somerville	MA
Siddig Elhag	MS	Construction Engineering Management	East Lansing	MI
Michael Milbauer	BS	Electrical Engineering	Apple Valley	MN
Aaron Kusch	BS	Geological Engineering	Champlin	MN
William Staib - MAGNA	BS	Mechanical Engineering	Chaska	MN
Danielle Tourtillott - LAUDE	BS	Civil & Env. Engineering	Eagan	MN
Frank Torvik	BS	Geological Engineering	Hopkins	MN
Spencer Oeltjenbruns	BS	Civil & Env. Engineering	Luverne	MN
Justin Van Keulen	BS	Mechanical Engineering	Minneota	MN
Heidi Milczark	BS	Chemical Engineering	New Ulm	MN
Taylor Ericksrud	BS	Mechanical Engineering	New York Mills	MN
Amery Kuhl	MS	Engineering Management	North Branch	MN
Landon Graf	BS	Industrial Eng. & Eng. Mgmt.	Prior Lake	MN
Tait Johannsen	MS	Chemical Engineering	Rochester	MN
Jonathan McBurney	BS	Civil & Env. Engineering	Roseville	MN

Bailey Grussing - MAGNA	BS	Chem. Engineering/Six Sigma Greenbelt Cert.	Rushmore	MN
Ahoua Konney	MS	Engineering Management	Saint Cloud	MN
Kaleb Olsen	BS	Electrical Engineering	Shakopee	MN
Mason Rensch	BS	Chemical Engineering	Wayzata	MN
Caleb Mueller	BS	Mechanical Engineering	Winthrop	MN
Kyle Daledovich - LAUDE	BS	Mechanical Engineering	Lohman	MO
Dakotah Rusley	BS	Computer Engineering	Baker	MT
Samantha Erhardt	MS	Engineering Management	Dickinson	ND
Quinn Del Val - LAUDE	BS	Applied & Comp. Math/Industrial Eng. & Mgt	Fargo	ND
Christopher Droste	MS	Mining Eng. & Mgt.	Washburn	ND
Clairissa Selby	BS	Civil & Env. Engineering	Omaha	NE
Brett Pacha	BS	Mechanical Engineering	Stuart	NE
Hunter Joseph	BS	Geological Engineering	Mantua	NJ
Kristopher Langlois	MS	Engineering Management	Alamogordo	NM
Nicolas Avila	MS	Mining Eng. & Mgt.	Elko	NV
Andrew Holomshek	BS	Geological Engineering	Mount Sinai	NY
Alana Carrier	BS	Mining Eng. & Mgt./Global Eng. Cert.	Springfield	OH
Jonathon McBain	MS	Mining Eng. & Mgt.	Ada	OK
Jacob Sexton	BS	Mechanical Engineering	Medford	OR
Dale Malinzak	PhD	Geological Engineering	Uniontown	PA
Colter Dunagan	MS	Materials Engineering & Science	Box ELDER	SD
Samuel Hinricher	BS	Electrical Engineering	Box Elder	SD
Daniel Eitreim	BS	Chemical Engineering	Brandon	SD
Jacob Bennett	BS	Mechanical Engineering	Custer	SD
Hannah Wegehaupt - MAGNA	BS	Computer Science	Dimock	SD
Katherine Giorgio - MAGNA	BS	Applied Biological Sciences	Elk Point	SD
Rahel Dean-Pelikan	BS	Mining Eng.&Mgt/Eng. Mgt&Leadership Cert.	Hermosa	SD
Joshua Patterson	BS	Mechanical Engineering	Hermosa	SD
Derek Merchen - MAGNA	BS	Civil & Env. Engineering	Hot Springs	SD
Sky Dragoo	BS	Mining Eng. & Mgt.	Lead	SD
Dylan Lewis	BS	Chemical Engineering	Lead	SD
Clayton Evans	BS	Mechanical Engineering	Murdo	SD
Ryan Turnwall	BS	Mining Eng. & Mgt.	Piedmont	SD
Branden Abramson - LAUDE	BS	Chemical Engineering	Rapid City	SD
Morotolaoluwa Alabi	MS	Materials Engineering & Science	Rapid City	SD
Samuel Ammermann	BS	Mining Eng. & Mgt.	Rapid City	SD
Wyatt Anderson	BS	Mechanical Engineering	Rapid City	SD
Elijah Balavitch	BS	Industrial Eng. & Eng. Mgmt.	Rapid City	SD
Francis Baumann	BS	Interdisciplinary Sci - Science, Tech & Society	Rapid City	SD
Andrew Berreth	MS	Mining Eng. & Mgt.	Rapid City	SD
Rahul Bhargava	MS	Mining Eng. & Mgt.	Rapid City	SD
Venkata Bhattiprolu	PhD	Materials Engineering & Science	Rapid City	SD
Jacob Boschee	PhD	Physics	Rapid City	SD
Harold Broek III	BS	Mining Eng. & Mgt.	Rapid City	SD
Cody Burdick	MS	Engineering Management	Rapid City	SD
Jamie Caffee	BS	Mechanical Engineering	Rapid City	SD

Zhendan Cao	MS	Geological Engineering	Rapid City	SD
Clinton Chapman	MS	Chemical Engineering	Rapid City	SD
Krishna Govinda Rajan Chilkoor Gopala	MS	Civil & Env. Engineering	Rapid City	SD
Brittany Coupe	BS	Geological Engineering	Rapid City	SD
Paige Dexter	BS	Civil & Env. Engineering	Rapid City	SD
Matthew Dondelinger	MS	Materials Engineering & Science	Rapid City	SD
Sierra Doyle	BS	Mechanical Engineering	Rapid City	SD
Kimberly Drennon	MS	Civil & Env. Engineering	Rapid City	SD
Micheal Dupre	AA	General Studies	Rapid City	SD
Braeden Federle	BS	Chemical Engineering	Rapid City	SD
Sharla Glover	BS	Mechanical Engineering	Rapid City	SD
Evan Hagenlock	BS	Mining Eng. & Mgt.	Rapid City	SD
Raymond Hale	BS	Mechanical Engineering	Rapid City	SD
Matthew Hanley	MS	Engineering Management	Rapid City	SD
Chad Heath	BS	Computer Engineering	Rapid City	SD
Phillip Hillard	BS	Mechanical Engineering	Rapid City	SD
Benjamin Holkeboer	BS	Civil & Env. Engineering	Rapid City	SD
Casey Huntley	MS	Construction Engineering Management	Rapid City	SD
Kayleigh Johnson	MS	Paleontology	Rapid City	SD
Kylie Johnson-LAUDE	BS	Chemical Engineering	Rapid City	SD
Lin Kang	MS	Nanoscience & Nanoengineering	Rapid City	SD
Nihal Karanth	BS	Mechanical Engineering	Rapid City	SD
Austin Khork	BS	Industrial Eng. & Eng. Mgmt.	Rapid City	SD
Patrick Kozak	MS	Atmospheric & Env. Sciences	Rapid City	SD
Tony Krautbauer	BS	Electrical Engineering	Rapid City	SD
Ariana Lopez - MAGNA	BS	Chemical Engineering	Rapid City	SD
Bharathkiran Maddipudi	MS	Chemical Engineering	Rapid City	SD
Jonathan Mathews - SUMMA	BS	Mechanical Engineering	Rapid City	SD
Mariah Novak	BS	Applied Biological Sciences	Rapid City	SD
Wasiu Oyetunji	MS	Chemical Engineering	Rapid City	SD
Connor Posusta	BS	Chemical Engineering	Rapid City	SD
Jesse Punsal	MS	Civil & Env. Engineering	Rapid City	SD
Alissa Quam	BS	Chemical Engineering	Rapid City	SD
Ishara Ratnayake	MS	Nanoscience & Nanoengineering	Rapid City	SD
Trevor Rombough	BS	Electrical Engineering	Rapid City	SD
Saeed Shahmiri	MS	Electrical Engineering	Rapid City	SD
Malik Shakur	MS	Construction Engineering Management	Rapid City	SD
Gavin Silveira - MAGNA	BS	Mechanical Engineering	Rapid City	SD
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Gage Skillingstad	BS	Civil & Env. Engineering	Rapid City	SD
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Dominic Stelzle	BS	Mechanical Engineering	Rapid City	SD
Blake Stone	BS	Civil & Env. Engineering	Rapid City	SD
Jessica Teeslink	MS	Electrical Engineering	Rapid City	SD
Diamond Tuhy	BS	Applied Biological Sciences	Rapid City	SD
Andrea Vargas Castano - LAUDE	BS	Civil & Env. Engineering	Rapid City	SD

Rebekah Volner	BS	Civil & Env. Engineering	Rapid City	SD
Trey Wammen	BS	Electrical Engineering	Rapid City	SD
Jena Welbig	BS	Industrial Eng. & Eng. Mgmt./Six Sigma Cert.	Rapid City	SD
Brittnie Wratchford	BS	Geological Engineering	Rapid City	SD
Connie Zehms	BS	Civil & Env. Engineering/Constr. Eng. Mgt. Cert.	Rapid City	SD
Mark Buttenhoff	BS	Computer Science	Sioux Falls	SD
Joseph Hemmer	MS	Civil & Env. Engineering	Sioux Falls	SD
Danika Pollreisz - LAUDE	BS	Chemical Engineering	Sioux Falls	SD
Lincoln Stoel	BS	Chemical Engineering	Sioux Falls	SD
Nav Tran	MS	Chemical Engineering	Sioux Falls	SD
Casey Bergstrom	MS	Mechanical Engineering	Spearfish	SD
Dusty Mattern	BS	Mechanical Engineering	Spearfish	SD
Gordon Vandine - LAUDE	BS	Mechanical Engineering	Spearfish	SD
Koby Dobler	BS	Mechanical Engineering	Sturgis	SD
Aaron Fortier	BS	Metallurgical Engineering	Sturgis	SD
Mollie Hunt	BS	Geological Engineering	Sturgis	SD
Katelyn Kirsch	BS	Metallurgical Engineering	Sturgis	SD
Kayla Kaasa - MAGNA	BS	Chem. Engineering/Six Sigma Greenbelt Cert.	Watertown	SD
Taylor Popham	BS	Civil & Env. Engineering	Webster	SD
Benjamin Cameron - LAUDE	BS	Mechanical Engineering	Yankton	SD
Aaron Alphonsus - MAGNA	BS	Applied & Comp. Math/Computer Science	Cedar Park	TX
Tanmay Chandwani	MS	Construction Engineering Management	College Station	TX
Garson Bowers	BS	Geological Engineering	El Paso	TX
Arthur Linke	BS	Metallurgical Engineering	Somerset	WI
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Josiah Horner - MAGNA	BS	Mechanical Engineering	Rock Springs	WY
Gabriel Jones	BS	Mechanical Engineering	Sheridan	WY

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About SD Mines

Founded in 1885, the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology is a science and engineering research university located in Rapid City, S.D., offering bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees. The university enrolls 2,654 students with a student-to-faculty ratio of 15:1. The SD School of Mines placement rate for graduates is 97 percent, with an average starting salary of more than \$61,300. Find us online at www.sdsmt.edu and on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#) and [Snapchat](#).