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**Saturday, November 7, 2009**

- 8:00 am **Registration & Breakfast**  
*Pick up all of the information you will need to navigate your day on the School of Mines campus.*
- 8:30 am **The School of Mines Return on Investment**  
*The average starting salary for a School of Mines student is roughly equivalent to your costs for a four-year degree!*
- Immediate Returns: Friends, Traditions, STEPS, Support, and Fun**  
*Find out why you won't wait until graduation to see returns on your investment. Dr. Patricia Mahan, Dean of Students, will provide information about the support, opportunities, and activities you will enjoy from your first day on campus.*
- The REAL Investment: How Much?**  
*While your education at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology is cited as one of the nation's best values, David Martin, Director of Financial Aid, will tell you how we can help you make an affordable education an even better buy through merit-based scholarships and financial aid.*
- The Investment Begins: Apply Now**  
*Professional admissions staff can help you to make your School of Mines education a reality. Our director of admissions, Tamara Martinez-Anderson, will review the application and admissions process. Find out what you need to do next!*
- 9:30 am **Investments Realized: Co-ops, Internships, Jobs**  
*Darrell Sawyer, Director of Career Services, and current students will share statistics plus stories about how the School of Mines' commitment to career guidance and placement opportunities translates to internships, co-ops, and permanent employment.*
- Investing in You: Curriculum and Research**  
*Get an overview and update about all of the new academic opportunities and recent research projects on the School of Mines campus from our provost, Dr. Duane Hrnecir. Learn about how our curriculum and programs are purposefully designed to provide you with hands-on, roll-up-your-sleeves opportunities that enable you to put the theories of the classroom into practice as you prepare for graduate school, medical or law school, or professional employment.*
- 10:30 am **Campus Tours**  
*Take a walk with a current School of Mines student and find out what it means to be part of our community. Hear about School of Mine traditions, faculty-student interaction, and ask all of your questions about what to expect as a college student!*

- 11:30 am **Lunch, Academic and Activities Fair, and Residence Halls Tours**  
*From 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m., grab some lunch at the cafeteria, stop by the bookstore, take a tour of the dorms, and visit the ballroom where you will find dozens of faculty, students, and administrative staff representing their respective departments and student organizations at our Visit Mines Fair. In addition, you will find admissions and financial aid counselors directly outside of the Surbeck ballroom who are available to offer one-on-one counseling.*
- 2:00 pm **Department Open Houses**  
*Even if you have not made a firm decision about what you want to major in, we strongly encourage you to choose a department open house to visit! You will have a first-hand opportunity to hear from one of our professors about specific research projects, labs, coursework, and learn what our faculty offer to and expect from School of Mines students.*
- 2:30 pm **Evaluations and School of Mines T-shirt & Gifts!**  
*At 2:30 pm, you can drop off your Visit Mines event evaluation at the front entrance to the Surbeck Center and pick up your School of Mines T-shirt and a special “investment” gift.*

**Find out how to make your college investment count. RSVP for Visit Mines!**  
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### **Rapid City Hotel Information**

If you are traveling from out of town, we encourage you to book your room through one of the online booking companies or to contact a hotel directly. A great place to find links to area hotels and to get additional information about the city of Rapid City is [www.visitrapidcity.com/](http://www.visitrapidcity.com/).

### **Event Parking**

There is no charge for parking on the weekends on the School of Mines campus. We recommend the Surbeck parking lot located just south of St. Joseph Street. A parking map is available online at [http://sdmines.sdsmt.edu/cgi-bin/global/tech\\_view\\_parking\\_permit\\_type.cgi](http://sdmines.sdsmt.edu/cgi-bin/global/tech_view_parking_permit_type.cgi).

### **Directions**

For driving directions, go to <http://www.gotomines.com/admissions/visit/directions/> or create your own map using [mapquest](#) or [Google maps](#) – the destination is 501 E St Joseph St, Rapid City, SD 57701.

### **Visit Mount Rushmore National Monument**

During your visit to Rapid City, we invite you to take the 20-minute drive into the beautiful Black Hills and visit Mount Rushmore. [www.nps.gov/moru/index.htm](http://www.nps.gov/moru/index.htm)

### **Questions?**

Contact us at [admissions@sdsmt.edu](mailto:admissions@sdsmt.edu) or call (605) 394-2414 or toll-free (877) 877-6044 and select option 1.