Hey Everyone! Pack your polos, it’s SME season!

As most of you know, the SME meeting this year is in sunny Arizona. If the location alone doesn't make you want to go then wait to you hear all this! This meeting is an awesome opportunity to visit with engineers from numerous mining companies, an endless number of contracting companies, and an opportunity to interact with students from other mining department around the country. If that’s not enough incentive, YOU GET SO MUCH STUFF! While walking around and meeting tons of awesome people, every booth has nifty gadgets for you. Not to mention all the t-shirts and free food! But back on a serious note, if anyone is in need of an internship, full time job, or just trying to get their name out there, there is not a better opportunity than the SME conventions. If you do hit if off with one of the companies there, there are possibilities for interviews right then and there which would be a great opportunity to get your foot in the door.

I know that I am extremely excited about it and it’s a great way to promote our university and our department. If you are going, you lucky ducks, make sure to work the booth so you can be reimbursed for the registration fee. Please feel free to ask anyone of us any of the faculty or SME student president (the one and only Tyler Peck) and any other cabinet members if you have any questions. Hopefully by now, everyone who wants to go has filled out the form and has arranged transportation and a place to stay! See you all in AZ!

Thanks,
Kendal Bergman
SME Student Vice President-Garrett
STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS

My full name is Vance Joseph Beckstead. Most in the department know me as Vance, although I actually usually go by Joseph or Joe. I grew up on a cattle ranch in southern Utah. I chose mining engineering by finding the best combination of my love of the outdoors, fascination with big machines, and math and science, my favorite subjects in school. Before coming to the U of U, I received my Associates Degree at Snow College. This is my third year in the department, and I will graduate in May. I have interned with Staker & Parson Companies and with Rio Tinto Kennecott at Bingham Canyon. I speak Spanish fluently, play tennis, love the outdoors,

Megan Wanlass: I am from Tooele, Utah. I began dancing at a young age, and continue to attend ballet classes today. I also enjoy painting, rock-hounding, and hiking. I always had an interest in engineering, but mining engineering appealed to me because of the smaller class sizes, the hands-on career choices and the general subjects involved. I’m excited to see where a career in mining engineering will take me.

COMPANIES THAT HIRE MINING ENGINEERS

Monsanto-Phosphate
BHP Billiton-coal
RioTinto-Kennecot
Barrick Gold
Newmont
Peabody
ARCH Coal
Consol
Jim Walter Resources
Utah American-Coal
Freeport-McMoran
BrushWellman
Anglo Gold Ashanti
Dyno Nobel
FLSmidth
Orica Mining Services
Granite-Sand & Gravel
Staker Parsons
Pacificorp (Jim Bridger Mine)
Cementation
Norwest
Intermountain Electronics
Kinross
Kiewit
FMC
Graymont
J.R. Simplot
Denison Mines
America West Resources
Alpha Natural Resources
UNIMIN Corporation
Cleveland-Cliffs
Sovay Chemicals
Bureau of Land Management
Lafarge
Terratek (Schlumberger)
REI Drilling
Energy West Mining Company
DMC Mining Services
Marigold Mining Company
Chevron
Geneva