

# U OF U MINING ENGINEERING

## THE SME MINING NEWSLETTER

### Up Coming Events:

- Engineering Day Oct 11
- FALL BREAK Oct 13-19
- SME Monthly Meeting Oct 16 at 6:00pm at FL Smith
- WIM Meeting Oct 22 5:30 207 WBB Guest Speaker from Zion's Bank Watch for date and time.
- Sufco interview Oct 9
- USG interview Oct 22
- Watch for more interview sign ups

### Midterms are Coming!

I hope everyone was able to have a good time this last week getting to know different potential employers. It was wonderful to see so many of our mining students representing the department at the information sessions and at interviews. Career fairs and interviews are a few of the infrequent chances that you have the opportunity to make career changing connections with people from many of the large employers all in one place. With the career fair over and a break in the interviews we have midterms to look forward to. Our department is full of friend to network with and study with. If you are new to the department this is a great time to make friends. If you don't understand a concept or need help with a problem I encourage you to ask for help. The friends you make here in school you will more then likely run into throughout the rest of your career,

One other reminder. Today is the last day to start the process to apply for SME scholarships, In the words of Dr. Nelson, "If you don't apply for any scholarships you won't get any scholarships."

Best of Luck to us all!  
Olan Nielson  
SME Vice President

### Department News

- Pam needs help Representing the department to the Highland High MESA group on Tue Oct 7.
- Sufco will provide pizza for seminar on Oct 9
- USG will have Pizza in the office on Oct 22.

#### Fulltime Job offers!

Congratulations to:

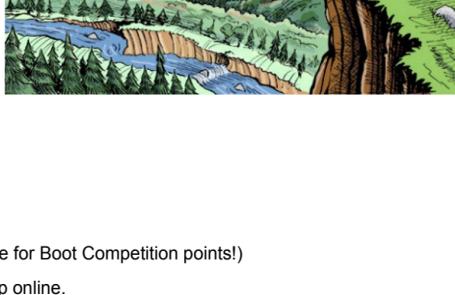
Aaron Dalley: Rio Tinto

Nicholas Yarrington: Rio Tinto

Clayton Sanders: Rio Tinto

#### Summer Internships:

Olan Nielson: Freeport Chino Mine



### SME Announcements

- Sign up for SME Membership (Eligible for Boot Competition points!)
- SME Scholarships applications are up online.  
**Deadline to start the process is today Oct 1** (If you don't apply you won't get them.)
- Local SME Chapter Meeting has be canceled for this month.
- Mining Engineering Apparel for Sale (Support our department by wearing our apparel.)
- If you haven't had a picture taken for the department board come see Pam. (Boot Points)
- **Boot Competition Point Structure:**

Weekly Student Spotlight – 2 points  
Weekly Robotic Meetings – 2 point per week  
Weekly Women in Mining Meetings – 2 point per week

Monthly SME Meetings – 10 points for each meeting  
Monthly ARMA Meetings – 10 points for each meeting

SME Membership Renewal – one time 10 points  
**(Deadline October 10<sup>th</sup>)**

Plaza Fest/Career Fest Activities – 5 points per time slot  
Boy Scout Meetings – 10 points for each event  
Mining Ambassadors – 10 points for each event  
Pizza Drivers/Helpers – 5 points for each individual

Student Interaction – 5 points for each event  
Department Trips – 10 points per trip  
SME Meeting in Denver – 20 points for attendance

### Mining Spotlight



Left : Spencer Gordon



Right: Jordan Grange

#### Spencer Gordon

Spencer Gordon: Let me first begin by saying what an honor it is to be spotlighted.

Like many of us in the mining engineering department I am a non-traditional student. Prior to coming back to school I had been working in the oilfield. People tend to think of the oilfields as a miserable place, but I loved it. Working for Halliburton was the most character defining event of my life. The money was really good and I enjoyed the labor, but I knew I could do better. I didn't want to work the site, I wanted to run it. I came back to school to get a degree and to get back to the oilfield.

#### Jordan Grange

My Name is Jordon Grange I like hunting, roping, well trained horses, and pretty girls. I am from a community that is driven by coal mines. The majority of the kids from my home graduate high school and go to work underground in the coal mines. That is just the way of life there. I chose mining engineering for three main reasons

1. To help keep mines profitable so miners like those I grew up with continue to have good jobs.
2. To help increase safety by engineering and administration so that fewer of my friends and family die or sustain serious injury in those mines.
3. I hate cities, and this career choice will allow me to live in small towns like back home.

### Representing the Department in the Major Expo



*Mining affects us all in a huge way.*