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Best in the West Drill and Blast Conference

The Northern Plains and Black Hills Chapters of the International Society of Explosives Engineers announced the 2026 Scholarship winners at the Best in the West Drill and Blast Conference.

Congratulations to:

Travis Bach - The University of Utah

Josh Brockschmidt - South Dakota Mines

Charles Thompson - South Dakota Mines

Cassidy Ewing - South Dakota Mines

Belinda Assabil - South Dakota Mines

Ethan Cottrell - The University of Utah

Lola Nielson - The University of Utah

Lilyrose Berko-Ampofo - South Dakota Mines

Priscilla Williams - South Dakota Mines

Katekani Maswanganyi - South Dakota Mines

Samuel Steele - Missouri S&T

Rutger Shultz - Montana Tech

Jace Maynard - Montana Tech

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Because of your
generosity, \$17,000
is presented to 23
students.

Congratulations to all
the recipients!

WWD was excited to capture these photos of the scholarship recipients who were able to attend the conference.



Congratulations!