



THE BRASS LIFE AWARD

The Brass LIFE (Leadership, Involvement, Foreign Experience) Award was established by Lorin and Mary Brass in 2007 with the Lorin and Mary Brass Endowment Fund.



AJ Videckis
2016

Selection is based on the LIFE criteria, including the student's participation in campus leadership, involvement in activities (both on and off campus), and interest and desire to study abroad to obtain a foreign experience.

The recipient will receive \$5,000 per semester for up to three semesters. Funds for at least one semester must be used to study abroad through an approved program with South Dakota Mines, preferably with the student earning credit for their international experience.



Tyler Kleinsasser in the UAE. "Benefits: learning about culture, making new friends, standing out to employers, impact on future career and at South Dakota Mines"

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

It's never too early to begin planning for your study abroad experience. The Ivanhoe International Center is available to offer assistance in coordinating your time abroad. You must also work with your academic department to develop your plan of study.

Visit <http://www.sdsmt.edu/studyabroad/> or contact the Ivanhoe International Center at 394-6884 or for more information

PLACES TO GO

There is no limit to where you can study abroad, and plans are usually made on a case-by-case basis. South Dakota Mines students have visited Turkey, Spain, Germany, Denmark, Norway, Ireland, Australia, Chile, Suriname, Finland, and Mongolia to name a few.

South Dakota Mines has a variety of options from direct exchanges to direct enrollment.

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APPLICATION PROCESS

Rising junior and senior students who meet the scholarship criteria must complete the Brass LIFE Award Scholarship Application, which can be found on Rocker Central at <https://www.sdsmt.edu/Academics/Study-Abroad/Resources/Brass-Life-Award/>.

Scholarship criteria:

- Engineering and Science majors
- Rising junior or senior
- Cumulative South Dakota Mines GPA of at least 3.0
- First preference to U.S. citizens

The application requires research into available programs and a short essay. Students are encouraged to start the application process as early in the academic year as possible. Guidelines for the essay are included in the application.

Completed applications should be submitted through Rocker Central by the deadline and will be forwarded to the South Dakota Mines Center for Alumni Relations and Advancement.

The interview process will take place shortly after the scholarship application deadline date and recipient announced by the end of the fall semester.





ABOUT THE BRASS FAMILY

Past Recipients

2007	Teneil Ryno
2008	Chris Dollarhide
2009	Clint Kling
2010	Jerry Farke
2011	Rika Beck
2012	Chance Costello
2013	Becca Ceremuga
2014	Gina Rossi
2015	Michael Mansfield
2016	Anthony (AJ) Videckis
2017	Tyler Kleinsasser
2018	William Trevillyan
2019	Trevor Bormann
2020	Emelia Nelson
2021	Spencer Lund

Study location

Norway
Germany
Chile
Denmark
Argentina
Turkey
Dominican Republic
Finland
Norway
Switzerland
UAE
China
Spain
France

Lorin Brass, a native of Lennox, South Dakota, earned a bachelor's degree in metallurgical engineering from the School of Mines in 1975. Upon graduation, Lorin worked for Shell Oil in a variety of engineering, business, and leadership positions both in the United States and internationally. After nearly 30 years of service, Lorin retired in 2005.



The Brass family (l-r) Katherine, Jennifer, Mary Grace, Mary, and Lorin

Mary Rausch Brass, a Rapid City native, graduated from the School of Mines with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering in 1977. After graduation, Mary began her professional career working for Brown and Root as a structural engineer, working in offshore structural design and software research and development. After the couple's third child was born, Mary dedicated her time to the family, schools, and church.

The Brass family spent over eight years living in The Hague, Netherlands, an experience that provided them with a fresh perspective about our country and the world. The Brasses believe that students who are given the opportunity to study abroad will have equally insightful and life-changing experiences.

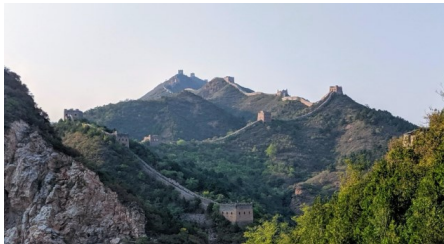
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\$15,000 scholarship for South Dakota Mines students interested in education abroad

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Right: Great Wall of China (Bill Trevillyan 2018)



Below: Michael Mansfield (2015) in Norway

