

James Green (ME 74)

James “Jim” Green joined Caterpillar shortly after graduating from college and spent the duration of his 37-year career with the company before retiring in February 2011 as General Manager.

Mr. Green holds a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. He has remained active at the School of Mines, recruiting for Caterpillar on campus, serving on the Mechanical Engineering Industrial Advisory Board, chairing the Academic Advisory Board, championing the funding for the Caterpillar Student Excellence Center, and serving on the SD Mines Foundation Board of Trustees.

Jim and his wife Connie proudly donated the Grubby statue on campus as a reminder of the hard-working, fun-loving spirit that has made the School of Mines great. In addition to spearheading the creation of Grubby Green on campus, the Greens have also created the Jim and Connie Green CAMP Faculty Award and the James and Connie Green Scholarship at the School of Mines.

Jim and Connie have two sons, Dustin and Joshua. Dustin, 34, graduated from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University with a master’s degree in business management and now works for BrightHouse Networks in St. Petersburg, Florida. Joshua, 29, graduated with a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering from the School of Mines in May 2011 and has begun his career working for Caterpillar in Seguin, Texas.