

Kristi Hafner (Chem 84)

Ms. Kristi Hafner is a two-time graduate from South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, with a bachelor's and master's in chemistry with an emphasis on organic chemistry. She brings her thirty-five years of experience in human resources and benefits to the SD Mines Foundation Board and is interested in assisting with organizational efficiency.

Hafner recently retired from her position with Starbucks as Vice President of Global Compensation and Benefits. After graduating from Mines, Hafner began her career working for H.B. Fuller, an adhesives manufacturing company, as a chemist, but quickly found her passion for human resources. Prior to working at Starbucks, she held the position Director of Global Compensation and Benefits for the Climate Control sector of Ingersoll Rand.

Now that she is retired, Hafner is indulging in many new hobbies including piano and photography lessons, golf, pastoral care training, hiking, reading, and her main hobby of cooking. Ms. Hafner served on the board for the Minneapolis based non-profit HIREd, an organization dedicated to providing counseling, training, and job placement for those seeking in need.