



UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING

SCHOOL OF
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20th est 2006 CELEBRATION

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ABOUT THE SCHOOL OF ENERGY RESOURCES

Created in 2006, the School of Energy resources (SER) at the University of Wyoming enhances the university's energy-related education, research and outreach.

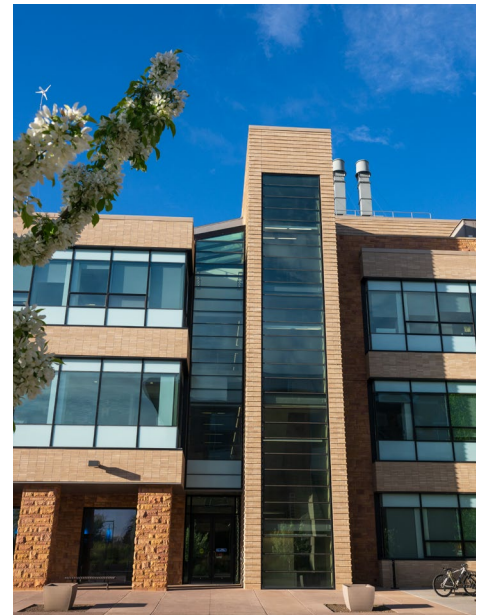
SER directs and funds cutting-edge energy research and technology development, which integrates with the formulation and conduct of academic programs at UW and bridges academics and industry through targeted engagement efforts. The partnerships formed between academics and industry ensure programs are relevant, current, and deliver impact and high value to stakeholders and the state.

Since its inception, SER has maintained flexibility in its focus and structure to meet the changing needs of Wyoming's energy industries and the state's economy—which is now more critical than ever.

The mission of the School of Energy Resources (SER) is to promote energy-driven economic development for the state of Wyoming. SER leads the University of Wyoming's talent and resources for interdisciplinary research and outreach, fulfilling Wyoming's promise to be a global leader in a thriving and sustainable energy future.

Through its Centers of Excellence, SER bridges the gap between academia and industry – and ensures deployment of technology and policy solutions for all forms of energy development. SER houses 6 staffed Centers of Excellence and supports 6 faculty-led Centers of Excellence.

Fully interdisciplinary and collaborative, SER capitalizes on partnerships with other University of Wyoming departments. Offering a B.S. degree in Energy Resource Management & Development, a minor in Energy Resource Management, and multiple certificate programs, as well as funding graduate students in departments across campus devoted to energy research, SER is training the future energy leaders of Wyoming.



The year 2026 marks the 20th anniversary of the School of Energy Resources' inception, celebrating two decades of impactful research, education, and innovation in Wyoming's energy sector.

HONORING THE PAST, POWERING THE FUTURE

Since its inception in 2006, the School of Energy Resources has served as a cornerstone for academic excellence and industry collaboration. Marking 20 years of dedication to Wyoming, we take pride in two decades of advancing groundbreaking energy research, cultivating vital partnerships, and delivering solutions that benefit the state's vital energy sector and economy.

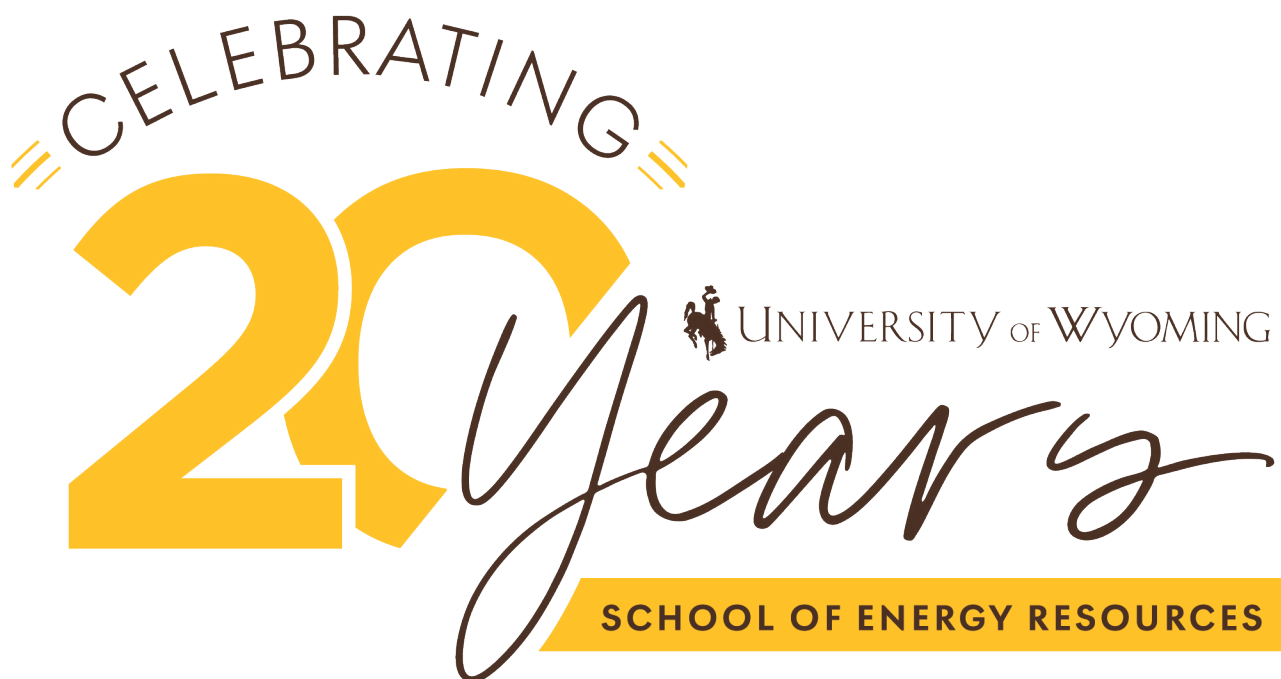
Join us for a six-week celebration honoring 20 years of energy leadership at the University of Wyoming. The School of Energy Resources invites students, faculty, alumni, and community partners to a robust series of anniversary events running throughout the fall.

Beginning with a lively lineup of events around Energy Day, this celebration highlights the campus-wide partnerships and research driving Wyoming forward.

The series concludes with the marquee Wyoming's Energy Future Symposium and a special Distinguished Speaker address by former Governor Dave Freudenthal. Attendees will also have the opportunity to see the expansive growth of energy research across campus through guided facility and lab tours.

Throughout the six weeks, alongside our regularly scheduled events, attendees can look forward to trivia, prizes, and numerous opportunities to engage with SER.

Mark your calendars and celebrate this 20-year milestone with us!



FALL PUBLIC SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

SEPTEMBER 2026

Sept. 10	Industry Career Panel with the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences Engineering Education and Research Building
Sept. 11	University of Wyoming STEM Carnival STEM Corridor, University of Wyoming Campus
Sept. 11	Celebrate Energy Distinguished Speaker Presentation featuring Doug Brooks Energy Innovation Center - Encana Auditorium, 2nd Floor
Sept. 11	Celebrate Energy Networking Reception and BBQ Energy Innovation Center - Encana Auditorium and Patio, 2nd Floor
Sept. 12	Celebrate Energy Tailgate and VIP Pregame UW Indoor Practice Facility and Pete's Party Lawn
Sept. 12	Celebrate Energy Football Game War Memorial Stadium Kick Off at 2:00 PM

Celebrate Energy
Day Festivities

Sept. 15-23	Critical Mineral Leadership Academy Energy Innovation Center
Sept. 16	Joint SER/Engineering Seminar featuring Bob Frost Energy Innovation Center - Encana Auditorium, 2nd Floor

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Oct. 7	Distinguished Speaker Presentation featuring Dawn Wellman Energy Innovation Center - Encana Auditorium, 2nd Floor
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Oct. 21-22	University of Wyoming Giving Day Online Giving Campaign
Oct. 22	Wyoming's Energy Future Symposium sponsored by the Wold Foundation Marian H. Rochelle Gateway Center
Oct. 23	20th Anniversary Distinguished Speaker Presentation and Luncheon Celebration featuring former Wyoming Governor Dave Freudenthal Engineering Education and Research Building Atrium
Oct. 23	20th Anniversary Energy Impact Campus Tours STEM Corridor, University of Wyoming Campus
Oct. 23	Cowboys and Coal Football Game War Memorial Stadium Kick Off 7:00 PM

20th Anniversary
Culminating Events

NOVEMBER 2026

Nov. 4	Energy Roadshow: Integrated Test Center Public Outreach Day Campbell County Public Library, Wyoming Room
Nov. 6	Distinguished Speaker Presentation featuring Benjamin Burke Energy Innovation Center - Encana Auditorium, 2nd Floor

MARQUEE EVENTS

ENERGY DAY RECEPTION AND BBQ

Each year, as part of Celebrate Energy Day in conjunction with Sports Properties, the School of Energy Resources hosts a networking reception in partnership with the College of Engineering and Physical Sciences (CEPS). This event is hosted in the Energy Innovation Center, with food, drinks, and opportunities for guests and stakeholders to mingle and network with SER and CEPS students, faculty, and staff, and visit campus.

A chance to showcase SER, the event is also an opportunity for industry sponsorship and for ticketed guests arriving early for the game to engage with SER, and is often paired with coinciding events such as Industry Advisory Board meetings, the Distinguished Speaker Series, and accreditation site visits.

The 2026 event will feature a food truck, drinks, Energy Bingo in the Encana Auditorium, student clubs from both SER and CEPS with a raffle, and the launch of the 20th Anniversary Campaign, including the viewing of the celebration video.



WYOMING'S ENERGY FUTURE SYMPOSIUM

Sponsored by the Wold Foundation—one of the largest donors to the University of Wyoming—Wyoming's Energy Future Symposium is held every other year and is dedicated to examining topics from both industry and academic perspectives. The free event brings together leading experts across the spectrum of energy development and state stakeholders to collaborate and learn about what comes next for energy in Wyoming.

This year's conference theme will be *Critical Minerals in Critical Energy Industries*, and will specifically explore how the state's traditional oil, gas, and coal infrastructure can be integrated in mineral extraction operations, as well as examine how emerging areas like advanced nuclear power and the rapid growth of data centers create new demand for specialized materials.

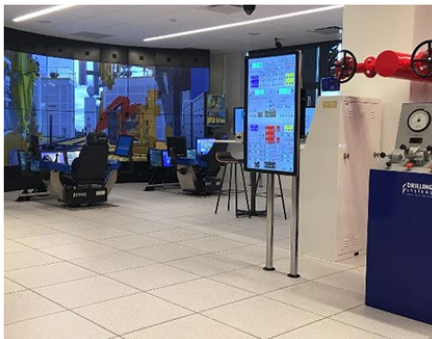
Governor Mark Gordon will serve as the Keynote Speaker, and a student poster competition will showcase research at UW.

**20TH ANNIVERSARY DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER PRESENTATION
AND LUNCHEON CELEBRATION FEATURING FORMER WYOMING
GOVERNOR DAVE FREUDENTHAL**

The School of Energy Resources was created in 2006 under Senate File 0037. The bill was sponsored and brought forward as a collective, institutional measure by the Joint Minerals, Business and Economic Development Interim Committee. It was signed into law by Governor Dave Freudenthal on March 13, 2006.

In celebration of this bipartisan and forward-looking action to benefit the state of Wyoming, this event will feature none other than Governor Freudenthal as the lunchtime speaker, followed by the screening of the 20th Anniversary video, and a luncheon in the Atrium of the EERB, showcasing historic documents and projects on large easels around the venue, telling the story of SER.

The public event will encourage attendance from the UW community across all of the Colleges that are beneficiaries of the School of Energy Resources, as well as invitations to current and past members of the Wyoming Legislature—especially those involved in the original drafting of the Senate file—and current and former members of the Energy Resources Council, industry partners, donors, and alumni.



20TH ANNIVERSARY ENERGY IMPACT CAMPUS TOURS

Immediately following the presentation and luncheon, departments and faculty along the STEM Corridor will offer guided tours of lab and campus facilities, including the Energy Innovation Center, 3D Visualization Center, Multidisciplinary Advanced Stimulation Laboratory, Drilling & Completions Simulation Facility, the Geology Museum, Geology Labs, and possibly the High Bay Center of Innovation for Flow Through Porous Media.

These tours offer a hands-on look at the collaborative partnerships forged through the School of Energy Resources, showcasing how energy research has flourished across the entire University of Wyoming campus. By showcasing these cutting-edge facilities, the event demonstrates the direct fulfillment of Senate File 0037—dedicated to funneling university resources toward high-impact research that directly strengthens and sustains Wyoming’s energy industry.

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING GIVING DAY

Giving Day is a campus-wide initiative to foster philanthropic giving in support of UW programs, departments, and students on October 21-22, 2026 from noon-noon.

Over the 24-hour period, donors are encouraged to give to their favorite programs and engage in challenges and matching fund opportunities to subsidize scholarship, enrichment activities, and program development for continued student success and in support of cutting-edge research. Gifts of any size go further thanks to matching funds and challenge incentives offered by generous leadership donors and university partners.

While SER works diligently to provide cutting-edge research to the state, it is also focused on providing a quality education for the future energy leaders of Wyoming. Support to SER on Giving Day can be directed to initiatives and key areas of impact including undergraduate experiential learning opportunities, innovative research, and the SER Executive Director's Excellence Fund, which provides leadership with the flexibility to direct immediate support where it is needed most.



SER EVENTS

Stay up to day with events, times, and locations at the School of Energy Resources by regularly checking the events calendar: <https://www.uwyo.edu/ser/events/index.html>





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