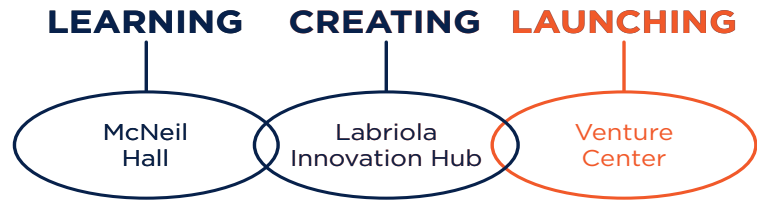


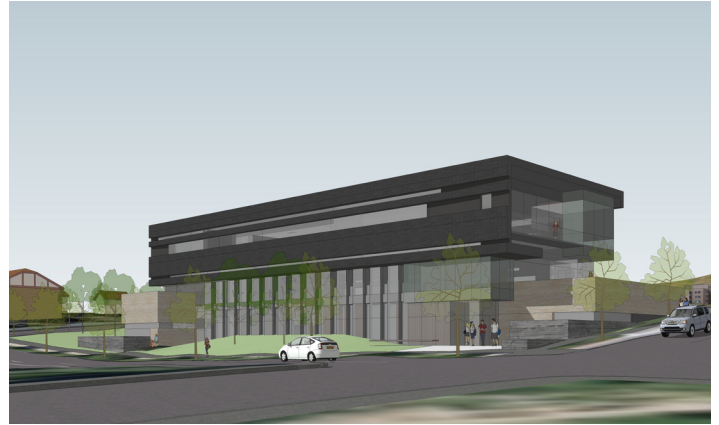
E&I Ecosystem

Where ideas come to life



VENTURE CENTER

IT STARTS WITH AN IDEA



Imagine the possibilities if the next generation of innovators and entrepreneurs had access to a state-of-the-art facility that provided the space, resources, collaboration opportunities and seasoned professionals to help them take their ideas to the next level. At Colorado School of Mines, this isn't just something we're imagining. It's something we're doing.

WELCOME TO THE VENTURE CENTER

At the Venture Center, students will reach the culmination of the hands-on learning process that is integral to a Mines education. The center will give students the opportunity to:

- Narrow their focus from broad-concept prototype to refined market-ready product
- Collaborate to synthesize similar ideas, making them more innovative and effective
- Consult with a range of local business leaders, all of whom have expertise in an area critical to entrepreneurial development
- Determine and pursue the legal, intellectual property and capital needs that are important to their product's success, with potential opportunities for real investors to sign on
- Establish marketing, production and distribution plans for creating and sustaining their business

Setting the Stage for Entrepreneurial Success

The Venture Center will be a place that is perfect for informal collaboration. Though students may be working on very different projects, being in a single building allows them to share ideas and solutions. The Venture Center will provide a chance to gain new perspectives while fostering a spirit of entrepreneurship and innovation.



Established Professionals Provide Unique Insights

Experienced entrepreneurs know what it takes to be successful with a new venture from its early stages to lasting profitability. They also know that it takes several different professionals to make that happen, from fellow entrepreneurs to patent attorneys, intellectual property experts and investors. Local businesspeople, especially Mines alumni, will be a key part of the Venture Center model. These professionals will provide student entrepreneurs with advice and information to help them find the best path forward for their ideas to go from a prototype to a viable venture that can succeed in the global marketplace.

Making Ideas Come Alive



At the heart of a Mines education is the grit and determination that Mines students are famous for. The Venture Center is the last step in a series of new spaces and programs that will play an integral part in focusing that energy to help today's innovative Orediggers become tomorrow's successful entrepreneurs.

Investment opportunities and named spaces are available within the Venture Center. Find out how you can leave a family legacy or align your company with the unique programs that will take place there. As Mines moves forward with the Campaign for MINES@150, we hope you will join us in this endeavor.