



Theme Learning Communities 2019-2020

Theme Community	What is it all about?	Possible Activities
Adventure Leadership	Adventure Leadership (ALC) is dedicated to experiential learning. Students focus on pillars of Servant Leadership, Adventure, Humility, Diversity and Camaraderie. The ALC pushes students to build strong relationships utilizing the great outdoors as a catalyst for learning.	Ropes Course, 14er Hiking, Backpacking Trips, Ice Climbing, Archery, Food Pantry volunteering.
Athleticism & Wellness	Athleticism & Wellness (A&W) emphasizes well-rounded and holistic wellness. The students are all about getting out and having fun. Team sports, supporting Mines athletics and wellness activities are where they spend their time, learning how to care for themselves in college and how to stay happy & healthy.	Frisbee, Intramural Sports, 14er Hikes, 5K's with Faculty Friends, game day tailgates, book clubs, yoga, talks on nutrition and mental wellness
Engineering Grand Challenges	The Grand Challenge (EGC) is a community focused on learning values, complexities and limitations of the various 14 Grand Challenges- as established by the National Academy of Engineering- that the world faces and how engineering will help us to better understand them. This community is not only about understanding the technical side of the Challenges, but also how the Challenges are interconnected to the ethics of engineering design, and the potential quality of life afforded through technology.	Visit with Mines faculty regarding their research field, field trip to the National Renewable Energy Lab, programs on broader impacts engineering can have on humanity
Nucleus Scholars	Most Nucleus Scholars are students who are the first person in their family to go to college. This community will offer support and mentoring as well as monthly programming aimed at helping the community grow as individuals and become leaders on campus. Nucleus is a large family network of upper-class students also who welcome the new members of the family each year.	Workshops with CASA, Performances, Financial Literacy Programming, Service Programs within Denver, dinners with faculty, study nights, and outdoor activities like skiing, climbing, hiking, intermural sports
Oredigger Leadership	Oredigger Leadership(OLC) engages students who want to learn leadership skills and learn how to apply them on-campus and in the global community. Students can learn skills to succeed and stretch their comfort zone so they can lead with their knowledge, skills, and integrity. The vision is that leadership is individualistic to who each person is and is heavily influenced by their lived experiences- not defined by a position or role one is placed in.	Food pantry volunteering, highway clean-up, time management and graduate school workshops, Career Center programming, leadership focused book club
Visual & Performing Arts	Visual and Performing Arts (VPA) students will engage the right side of their brain through a variety of art based programs, including attending local performances or workshops, and performing or creating for their own communities. This engagement will not only broaden students' horizons regarding the arts but will also enhance the Mines community by providing additional opportunities for all Mines students to become engaged in the arts as well. This community welcomes artists of all art forms or folks who enjoy engaging with the arts.	Trips Membership to the Foothills Arts Center, attend various shows and performances – ranging from the local stage to Broadway shows. Trips to the Denver Center for the Performing Arts, Denver Science Museum, Bob Ross paint night.