

STUDENT LIFE EMPLOYEE NEWSLETTER



COLORADO SCHOOL OF
MINES

April 2024



CELEBRATING SPRING SEMESTER 2024



Dear Student Life Division Members,

It's hard to believe we're in April already! With only a few more weeks of the semester left, you likely have a lot on your mind.

As you meet and work with students who are coming to crucial points in their academic career you'll likely advise or collaborate with them on summer plans. Next year's housing, summer internships and summer work, up-and-coming semester finals, and plans after graduation can be an exciting but overwhelming time. It's important to also take time to balance fun activities with work, as the days get longer and warmer. There's lots of interesting happenings around Mines!

So thank you for keeping up your good work, and onward. Commencement and summer will be here before we know it!

The Office of Student Life
www.mines.edu/student-life/

GIVE A GOLD NUGGET!

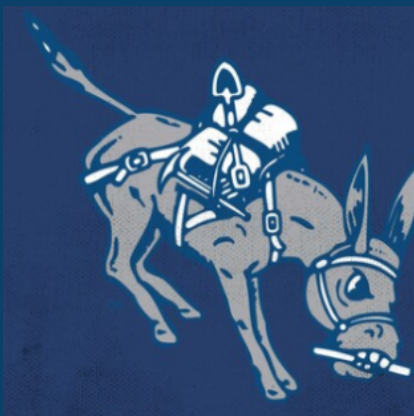
WOULD YOU LIKE TO GIVE A GOLD NUGGET (SHOUT OUT) TO A SPECIAL COLLEAGUE OR OFFICE??

Student Life values the positive impacts we can have on each other in the workplace. In the spirit of recognizing our amazing staff in Student Life, we'd like to take a moment to thank each and every one of you for all the work you continue to do for our students, our division, and our Mines Campus.

On that note, we'd like to offer an opportunity for you to award a "gold nugget" to colleagues or offices on campus that have presented or implemented a successful new idea or process, have particularly gone above and beyond in their work and in support of others, or have just been an overall rock star!

The individual or office who receives a 'Gold Nugget' will be presented with a certificate containing their name and recognition of the work they've done. You may also submit a nomination for any campus partners or offices outside Student Life!

Please send your nominations electronically via this [nomination form](#).



A gold nugget goes to **Emma Griffis**, Director of Student Wellness Promotion.

Emma organized and facilitated the 2nd annual Sexual Health and Reproductive Fair right before Spring Break. She partnered with several on-campus partners and off-campus resources to educate students on barrier methods, consent, and provided students with access to free STD testing and strategies to improving their overall sexual and reproductive health.

As described by her nomination, "Emma strives to provide students with relevant educational and accessible tools and strategies to improve their overall health and wellness. She has been the epitome of a leader when it comes to leading these initiatives."



A gold nugget goes to **Debi Pretz**, Administrative Coordinator for the Campus Living Office in Residence Life.

Debi consistently demonstrates an exceptional level of dedication, professionalism, and excellence in all aspects of her work.

No task is too small for her, as she consistently goes above and beyond expectations, and strives for excellence in her work.

Whether it's tackling complex projects like student themed dinners, collaborating with team members within Residence Life and across campus, or providing exceptional service, she is always ready with a smile on her face!

"Debi is always willing to lend a helping hand to colleagues, sharing expertise and offering support whenever needed. Her positive attitude is contagious and willingness to collaborate make her an invaluable asset to Res Life, Student Life, and Mines."

FEATURED EVENTS

STUDENT LIFE TOWN HALL



Tuesday, April 30, 2024 | 11am to 12pm
Student Center Ballrooms AB

STUDENT LIFE ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON



Thursday, May 23, 2024 | 11:30am to 2:30pm
The Vista Applewood Golf Course on 1400 W. 32nd Ave.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

MINES TESTING CENTER

The Mines Testing Center is still looking to fill up some spots and needs your assistance. Please use this [Sign-up Genius link](#) to volunteer for finals. Your volunteering is so important for the success of our students taking finals. If your schedule allows, please consider signing up for multiple shifts. Click [the link](#) for more details and to sign up. Thank you in advance!

MOONLIGHT BREAKFAST

Moonlight Breakfast is coming up on **Thursday, May 2nd 8:00-9:30pm** in Mines Market! This is a great opportunity for faculty and staff to show their support for our students during a very stressful and busy time! All students are invited to attend the free breakfast and receive some extra encouragement from us before heading into their finals. If you're interested in volunteering or know someone who might be interested, you can register [HERE](#).

150 ANNIVERSARY HAT BRANDING

Our graduating students have the opportunity to purchase a 150th Anniversary Hat, reminiscent of our Senior Stetson tradition. More information about the hats can be found here: <https://150.mines.edu/hat/>

As part of this sesquicentennial event, we are offering a unique volunteer opportunity to help with the distribution of these hats. The other element of distribution is branding the hats. We will have branding irons with unique Mines brands to use on the hats to further customize them (preview of hat branding can be found [here](#)).

We are looking for volunteers to help on **Thursday, May 2** and **Friday, May 3 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.** Please encourage your staff to sign up via the link below to take part in this event. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4BA9AF2DA2F94-48978778-150th#/>

We will have snacks and drinks available to all volunteers throughout both days. Thank you all in advance for your help.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

SPRING 2024 COMMENCEMENT

Spring 2024 Commencement is here and we could not do this without you!! Thank you for volunteering! Please obtain approval from your supervisor before signing up for a position.

There are still a few open slots to fill for commencement. Here is the link to sign up for commencement:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4BA9AF2DA2F94-47841112-spring#/>

Please plan to attend the volunteer briefing **Tuesday, April 30 at 11 a.m. via Zoom** (invite sent separately).

Please review the full job descriptions [via this link](#). Volunteers report two hours prior to the ceremony start time.

- The undergraduate ceremonies start at 9 a.m./1 p.m./5 p.m. on Friday, May 10th with doors open to the public one hour prior to start.
- The graduate ceremony starts at 3 p.m. on Thursday, May 9th with doors open to the public one hour prior to start.

*Students line up in the Rec Gym beginning one hour prior to ceremony start time.



GRADUATE COMMENCEMENT

Thursday, May 9, 2024 | 3 p.m.

Doors open at 2 p.m.

Tickets required (graduates claim tickets on Marching Order in March)

Ceremony will last approximately 2 hours

[Lockridge Arena](#), inside the [Student Recreation Center](#)

Live webcast will be available on the [Mines YouTube Channel](#)

Reception to follow

The graduate commencement ceremony should last about two hours.



UNDERGRADUATE COMMENCEMENT

Friday, May 10, 2024 | 9 a.m., 1 p.m., 5 p.m.

Doors open one hour prior to the start of the ceremony

Ceremonies split by department, schedule linked below

Tickets required (graduates claim tickets on Marching Order in March)

Each ceremony will last approximately 2 hours

[Lockridge Arena](#), inside the [Student Recreation Center](#)

Live webcast will be available on the [Mines YouTube channel](#)

Reception to follow

Each undergraduate ceremony should last about two hours.

[Graduate Ceremony Schedule](#)

[Undergraduate Ceremonies Schedule](#)

For more information or questions about our Spring 2024 Commencement and Program, contact the [Commencement Team](#), or [Lisa Elson](#) and [Megan Welsh](#).

Live webcast will be available on our [Mines YouTube channel](#).

FEATURED EVENTS

APRIL IS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH

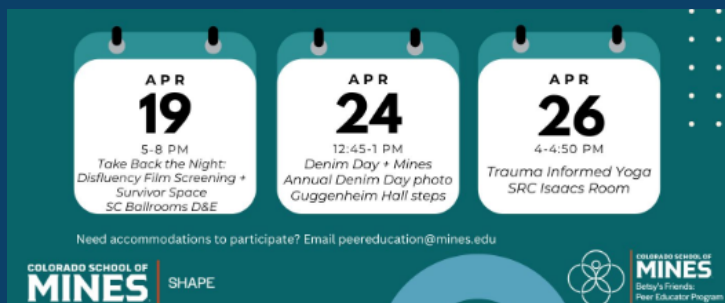
April is **National Sexual Assault Awareness Month**.

Sexual assault, harassment, and abuse can happen to anyone and this awareness opportunity lets us all promote healthy community values like consent, respect, inclusion, compassion, and safety.

To submit a report, ask a question or to discuss resources and options, please email: oie@mines.edu.

To make a confidential report, ask a question or to discuss resources and options, please contact:

confidentialresource@mines.edu or [Sareen Lambright Dale](#).



Take Back the Night at Mines is a tradition of survivor support during **Sexual Assault Awareness Month**. This year will feature a film screening of Disfluency with the filmmaker – followed by a panel, survivor speak out, and resource space hosted by important offices for safety and well-being like SOS, Office for Institutional Equity, Counseling Center, Student Wellness, Peer Educators, SHAPE, and Campus Safety.

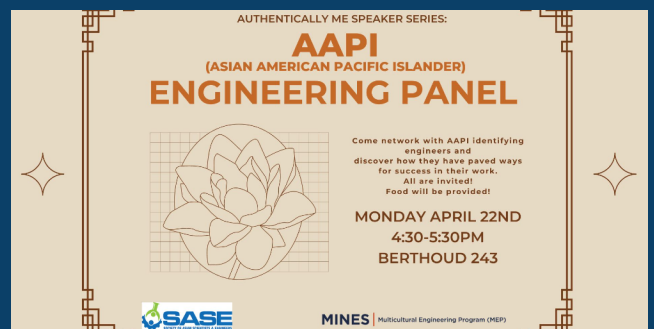
Disfluency is a short film that tells the story of a college student who has their academic career derailed her senior year following a traumatic event. Rather than focusing on the assault, it follows the student's journey afterwards. <https://www.disfluencymovie.com/>

Friday, April 19 | 5:00pm to 8:00pm
Student Center Ballrooms D&E



Join the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers in celebrating their accomplishments this year with an open invitation.

Friday, April 19 | 5:00pm to 8:00pm
Green Center (Friedhoff Hall)



Mines faculty, staff and students are invited to join Multicultural Engineering Program (MEP) for an Asian American Pacific Islander focused panel as part of the Authentically Me Speaker Series created by MEP.

Attendees will have the opportunity to network with engineers and discover how they paved ways for success in their work. Several speakers who are currently working in the STEM industry & identify as Asian American and/or Pacific Islander will share their experience(s) and expertise during a panel discussion, followed by open networking.

Monday, April 22 | 4:30pm to 5:30pm
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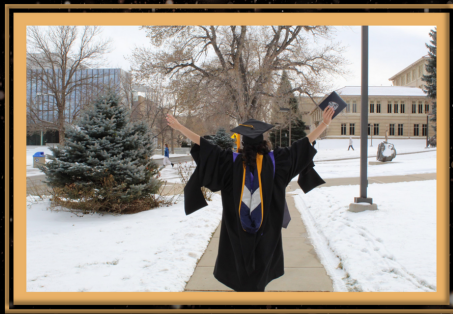
The Multicultural Engineering Program at the Colorado School of Mines

Cordially invites you to join us as we honor our graduating students

Tuesday, April 23, 2024
Green Center, Friedhoff Hall
1011 15th Street
Golden, Colorado 80401

Reception and Dinner at 5:30pm
Program 6:00 - 7:30pm

[Please click here to RSVP by April 1st](#)



MEP was established at the Colorado School of Mines in 1989. MEP has played a significant role in promoting the ongoing commitment Mines has to create a more diverse and inclusive learning community. The program enrolls, retains, and graduates underrepresented and first-generation students while building a community of equity, inclusion, and support through our many partnerships and advocacies. MEP and our six Professional Societies/Student Organizations, the American Indian Science and Engineering Society, Kickstart, the National Society of Black Engineers, Out in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, the Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers, and the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, are proud to recognize our 2024 graduating students!

For questions, please contact mep@mines.edu

MINES | Multicultural Engineering Program (MEP)

The Multicultural Engineering Program at Colorado School of Mines enrolls, retains, and graduates underrepresented and first-generation students while building a community of equity, inclusion, and support through our many partnerships and advocacies. This event is by rsvp invitation but wanted to share it with you, as many of our students will be participating in it.

Tuesday, April 23, 2024 | 5:30pm to 7:30pm

Green Center (Friedhoff Hall)

Contact [Kayla Tanaid](#) or [Sam Araujo](#) for more details.



Get ready for an exhilarating adventure at the Mines Theme Park Engineering and Design Group (TPED) Expo. This event is not just any ordinary gathering—it's a full-blown celebration of fun, creativity, and the thrilling world of theme park engineering! Step into a world of excitement with free escape rooms, free mini-golf courses, model coasters, brain-teasing games, and a whole lot more! Whether you're a seasoned enthusiast or just curious about the magic behind the scenes, the TPED Expo promises something unforgettable for everyone.

Come join us as we dive into a day bursting with joy, learning, and connections. Come build bridges, spark ideas, and create memories together.

Saturday, April 20 | 12:00pm to 5:00pm

CoorsTek Atrium and Kafadar Commons.



oSTEM's Lavender Graduation is an annual ceremony conducted on numerous campuses to honor lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, nonbinary, intersex, queer, asexual/aromantic, and ally students to acknowledge their achievements and contributions to the University.

Thursday, May 2 | 4:00pm to 6:00pm

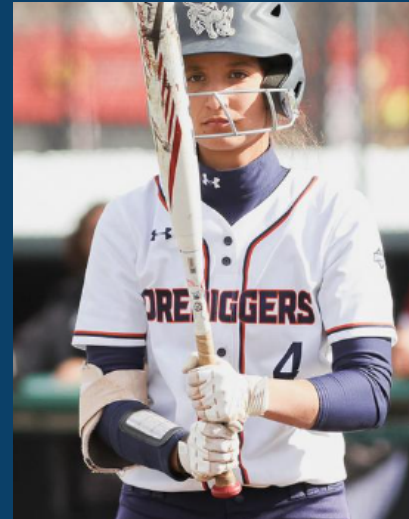
Labriola Atrium - RSVP required.

Contact [DePaul Straub](#) for more details.

FEATURED SPORTING EVENTS



Men's Track and Field – Kit Mayer Classic
Friday, April 19 (various times) in Golden.
[Full Men's Track and Field Schedule](#)



Softball vs. Adams State
Friday, April 26 at 12pm and 2pm
(Senior Day)
Saturday, April 27 at 11am and 1pm
Joe Coors Jr. Softball Field
[Full Softball Schedule](#)



Women's Track and Field – Kit Mayer Classic
Friday, April 19 (various times) in Golden.
[Full Women's Track and Field Schedule](#)



Baseball vs. UCCS
Friday, May 3 at 3pm and 6:30pm
Saturday, May 4 at 12pm and 3:30pm
Jim Darden Field
[Full Baseball Schedule](#)



Want to learn more about our Athletics and Rec Sports Teams playing this Spring and Summer? Check out [Mines Athletics](#) and [Recreational Sports](#) for schedules, rosters, stats, and other information.

Army ROTC Commissioning Ceremony

The Spring 2024 Commissioning Ceremony for our Army Reserves Officers' Training Corps at Colorado School of Mines will take place on Sat. May 11, 2024 at 10:30 am | Friedhoff Hall



Upcoming Departures and Retirements



30 Years in
the DSS Field

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Air Force ROTC Commissioning Ceremony

The Spring 2024 Commissioning Ceremony for our Air Force Reserves Officers' Training Corps Detachment 105 will take at the University of Colorado Boulder campus, on Saturday, May 11, 2024 at 1:00pm | University of Boulder Memorial Center Glen Miller Ballroom



For more information, please contact the **ROTC Office** or **Cheri Giammo**, ROTC Liaison at Colorado School of Mines.

Interested to learn and share opportunities about working at Colorado School of Mines?

Check out these current opportunities on **Careers at Mines** for **Faculty and Staff (Non-Classified)** as well as **State of Colorado Classified Positions**, and share with your networks!



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CAPTURED MEMORIES

GLOR-EDAYS 2024

More great memories forged



We love it when student and campus life is captured in photos! These snapshots help highlight the diverse experiences and accomplishments of our Mines community.

If you have photos you'd like to share, please drop them into the **Student Life Photo Bucket** located in our shared **Student Life Teams Folder**. We'd love to see and feature some of them!