



Whether you've decided to become an Oredigger (hooray!) or are still weighing your options, this is the first edition of our monthly family newsletter to help keep you informed (and emails to a minimum).

Please take time to read it in its entirety as you will find important information about deadlines, next steps and other interesting Mines tidbits. If there's any additional information that you would like to see in a future newsletter, please email your suggestions to [Nicole Vilegi-Sandage](mailto:Nicole.Vilegi-Sandage@coloradomines.edu), Associate Director of Undergraduate Admissions.

**What's it like to be a #HelluvaEngineer you ask?  
Check out this video that alumnus, Billy Ciccone, created!**



Want more? You're in luck ... [Helluva Engineer - Volume II](#). Thanks Billy!

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## Admissions

### National Decision Day

Are you ready to join the Mines community? If yes, please submit your enrollment decision form and \$200 deposit by logging into your Applicant Portal (login info below). If you are still deciding, that's perfectly fine, the National Decision Day is Wednesday, May 1. Of course, [feel free to reach out to us](#) if there's any info you need to help make that final decision.

**Applicant Portal Login:** (Provided in email)

### Accepted and Incoming Student Visit Opportunities

**Find your fit with a visit!** If you haven't already done so, please consider attending one (or more) of our accepted or incoming student events.

We offer everything from our Meet Me at Mines to be First at Mines event for first-generation students and Women in STEM online chats to a tour of a functioning Mine (we are CO School of Mines, after all). Check out the accepted and incoming student visit options below.

#### Ask an Oredigger

**Dates: March 19 & April 3**

One of our current students will give you a call to talk one-on-one, answer your questions and tell you more about their Mines experience.

#### Discover Mines

**Date: March 16**

If you are still deciding which college is the best fit for you, then Discover Mines is a terrific event for you and your family to attend. This all-day, on-campus event provides an opportunity to hear from our campus community and tour the campus and residence halls.

#### Edgar Mine Tour

**Dates: March 15, April 19 & 26**

The Edgar Mine Tour provides accepted students and a guest with an opportunity to see a functioning mine that our faculty and students utilize to learn how to find, develop and process the world's natural resources. You will view equipment displays, research projects and more on this 1.5 mile walking tour.

#### Launch

**Dates: May 13, 17, 24, 31 • June 7, 15, 17, 24 & July 1, 12, 15**

Launch is an orientation event for incoming students and their families to prepare for a smooth and successful transition to Mines. Highlights of the day include academic advising, learning about support services, snagging your new, shiny college ID/Mines swag and of course, getting to know fellow incoming students.

This event is *strongly recommended* if you have made the decision to join the Oredigger community.

#### Make it Mines Online Chats

**Dates: Most Mondays from January 28-April 24**

Join us for an hour-long chat and hear from current students about their experiences, Mines resources and have your questions answered.

March 4: Transfer to Mines  
March 11: Out in STEM (oSTEM)  
March 18: Women in STEM  
April 1: First @Mines  
April 8: Multicultural Programs @Mines  
April 15: The Out-of-State Experience

#### Makerspace Tours

**Dates: Most Fridays**

This one-hour tour will give you an in-depth look at our hands-on student spaces. The tour is guided by Maker Society officers (a student club that runs our primary makerspace) and will highlight many of the spaces where students gather to collaborate on research and design.

#### Making the Connection

**Dates: March 15 & April 5 @ Mines**

**March 17 in Ft. Collins, CO**

**April 7 in Colorado Springs, CO**

Making the Connection is a visit program for accepted women and their families who are interested in learning more about Mines and connecting with other women at Mines.

#### Meet Me @ Mines to be 1st @ Mines

**Dates: March 9 & April 6**

Meet Me at Mines is an exclusive, on-campus event for accepted first-generation students and their families. You will experience an interactive and informative day with current Mines students, faculty and staff to learn more about what it is like to be an Oredigger!

#### Meet Ups Across the Country

**Dates: March 10 in South Houston & Austin, TX**

**March 30 in Oklahoma City, OK**

**April 6 in Chicago, IL**

Meet Ups are family-run events and are a great way to connect with other accepted Mines students and their families, talk about your college decisions and maybe even find a roommate! If you live near one Houston, Austin or OKC and did not get an invitation to a Meet Up, please email to Amanda Rodriguez, Admissions Counselor, at [arodriguez@mines.edu](mailto:arodriguez@mines.edu).

#### Oredigger Camp

**Dates: July 29-31, July 31-August 2 &**

**August 13-15 (registration opens soon)**

This student only, two-night adventure will be held just outside of Rocky Mountain National Park. There will be lots of fun, exploration and bonding, while learning more about what it means to be an Oredigger. Most sessions will be led by our upper class Peer Mentors.

### Residence Hall Tour

These one-hour tours are available most Mondays through Fridays at 11:00am and 12:00pm.

### Weekday Accepted Student Info Sessions and Campus Tours

We also offer an hour-and-a-half accepted student programs featuring an info session and campus tour on most Mondays through Fridays.

Click the button below to view these visit opportunities and register today.

Accepted Student Event Registration

### Join the Conversation



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### Office of Financial Aid

Recipients of the Mines' General Foundation Scholarship will be notified via email and mail by 5pm MST on April 1, 2019. Students have 24/7 access to their financial aid awards on [Trailhead](#). Please email [finaid@mines.edu](mailto:finaid@mines.edu) if you have questions about your awards. Please include your Campus Wide ID (CWID) in your email.

Your CWID is: (provided in email)

#### Subscribe to the Financial Aid Newsletter!

Students, family members and friends can sign up to receive quarterly information about Financial Aid dates and deadlines by [subscribing to our Financial Aid Newsletter](#).

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### Department of Residence Life

Living on campus is an exciting part of the college journey and Colorado School of Mines' Department of Residence Life is looking forward to welcoming all of you, [new students](#), to your new home! We will communicate with you through your [@mymail.mines.edu](mailto:@mymail.mines.edu) email address, moving forward. It is imperative that

you check that email so you're well informed about our processes as you get ready to come to campus. Please visit our website regularly, as we are working hard to make sure you have answers to ALL of your questions on the site.

- [Check out the housing sign-up timeline for incoming first-year students.](#)
- [Explore on-campus living options by viewing floor layouts and room designers.](#)
- [Learn about opportunities to live in a Theme Learning Community \(TLC\).](#)
- [View the 2019-2020 Residence Halls rates and see the meal plans options.](#)

Questions about the housing process? [Contact Us!](#)

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## Center for Academic Services & Advising (CASA)



CASA is the Center for Academic Services and Advising. We are your academic advisors for your first two years on campus as you explore majors and complete core curriculum requirements.

We will be at the Launch event (see the accepted/incoming student visit section) and are hosting webinars in July and August to provide information about academic advising/coursework and to answer your questions.

We look forward to working with you!

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## Parking Services

Due to space limitations, parking is unavailable for incoming freshman. Waivers may be granted under extreme circumstances. If you are granted a waiver request or would like additional parking information, please [visit the Parking Services website](#). If you are unable to find the information you are looking for on the website, please contact us by emailing [parking@mines.edu](mailto:parking@mines.edu) or calling 303.273.3100.

Keep in mind that there are a number of transportation options available to all Mines students, including:

### College Student RTD Pass

RTD is the mass transit system for the Denver Metro area and features light rail and bus options that can even take you to the airport. RTD college passes are provided to all Mines students so they can enjoy unlimited rides for free, thanks to support from the Mines student fees. [Learn more about public transportation and the Call-and-Ride program.](#)

### Zipcar

Zipcar is a car-sharing network that allows its members to access cars at any time. Cars are available on the Mines campus and in downtown Golden. [Learn more about Zipcars.](#)

### Mines' Outdoor Rec Center (ORC)

The ORC hosts a number of excursions - from trips to the [local ski resorts](#) to hikes up [Colorado Fourteeners](#) and international trips to places like Peru and Iceland. [Learn more about the ORCs programs and excursions.](#)

[Learn more about campus transportation.](#)

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## Student Health Center



Congratulations on your acceptance to Mines! We look forward to welcoming you here in August. In order to ensure a smooth transition, please send the following **required information** via the Mines Health Portal (it's a bubble on your [Trailhead](#) main page) **prior to June 15**.

[Access complete details regarding the immunization requirements and a "how-to" guide for submitting them.](#) If you are currently under age 18, please have your parent/guardian complete the forms for you.

### Required for ALL students

- MMR: Measles, Mumps and Rubella Vaccines (two vaccines – both received on or after your first birthday AND at least 28 days apart).
- TB Screening Questions ("Forms" tab found on the Health Portal) – Tuberculosis testing results if indicated by form.
- Proof of all immunizations must be **UPLOADED** to the Health Portal so they may be verified.

### Additional requirement if you are living on campus

- Meningococcal ACWY Vaccine (given within the past four years) *or* Meningococcal Waiver Form. If your Meningitis ACWY vaccine is within the last four years and is listed on your immunization record, you do not need to do anything else. If you choose to waive the Meningitis requirement, please upload this form after completion.

**If you are under age 18 as of August 19, 2019**

- Consent to Treat Minor (“Forms” tab found on the Health Portal). Please upload after completion.

Questions? Call us at 303.273.3381 – we’re happy to help. If we have questions for you, we will email your Mines @mymail.mines.edu account.

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## **Society of Women Engineers (SWE)**



During the 2018-2019 academic year, the Mines section of the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) piloted a mentorship program to connect under-class and transfer students with upper-class women at Mines. Pairings were made based on major, experience and other interests outside of schoolwork. Approximately one sponsored event was coordinated each month, with activities ranging from casual on-campus get-togethers (with food) to snowshoeing trips in Rocky Mountain National Park. Groups were encouraged to communicate regularly and meet up for informal chats. Having an older peer who has been through what underclass and transfer students are currently experiencing is a huge help and allows the younger students to more successfully navigate the transition to Mines. Mentors also feel a great sense of pride for helping pave the way for these younger women.

[Learn more about the SWE!](#)

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## Mines Dining

From all of us at Mines Dining, we are excited to welcome you to Colorado School of Mines!

We believe your dining experience is more than just grabbing a meal, it's the social and cultural soul of campus life. Mines Dining is centered on culinary expertise, fresh ingredients, healthy options and a shared sense of environmental and social responsibility. Join us to experience the comfort, convenience, outstanding food and inviting atmosphere designed just for you!

Become familiar with Mines Dining! Follow us on social media or visit our website and stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks!



**Facebook:** Mines Dining by Sodexo

**Instagram:** CSM Dining

**Twitter:** @MinesDining

**Website:** MinesDining.SodexoMyWay.com

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## Student Activities, Involvement & Leadership

Celebration of Mines is an annual event held during the first week of classes so new and current students can get to know - and get involved with - student groups and organizations.

**Click the video below to get to know some of our ~200 student groups and organizations and see what Celebration of Mines is all about.**



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thanks to alumnus, Billy Ciccone, for creating this video.

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## Department of Military Science (Army R.O.T.C.)

We are looking for students who are seeking opportunities to develop themselves professionally. If you are looking for a **Challenge** - academically and physically, with leadership potential and want to have fun - then Army R.O.T.C. may be your tool for developing a pathway toward achieving success.

Scholarships, covering tuition and mandatory fees, are available on a competitive basis.

We invite you to explore the opportunities that Colorado School of Mines' Department of Military Science (Army R.O.T.C.) has to offer. Please [check out our R.O.T.C. video](#).

We are happy to answer any questions you may have regarding R.O.T.C. at Mines.

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Extracurricular Opportunities – Scholarship Opportunities**



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## Counseling Center

The Colorado School of Mines' Counseling Center is staffed by licensed and experienced mental health professionals skilled in handling a variety of presenting concerns. Services are designed to assist students in resolving issues that interfere with their ability to successfully navigate the Mines journey. Services are confidential, voluntary and covered by student fees.

Available services include:

1. Short-term counseling
2. Consultation
3. Wellness programs and workshops (currently over 13 workshop topics)
4. Crisis intervention
5. Care coordination assistance
6. Online mental health screening and resources
7. Self-help tools

We're excited for the expansion of our Stepped Care Model and will be sharing more about this at our Launch event and Orientations. Please visit our website to meet our Counseling Center team, learn about mental health offerings and programs on campus and find valuable resources and tools to support your mental health. You are not alone. We're here for you. [Learn more about the Counseling Center services and programs.](https://www.counseling.mines.edu)



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*"The Mines community is a close-knit group of bright, like-minded students who like to work hard and play hard."*

-Nicole Demby  
Mechanical Engineering  
Class of 2019

