Whether you've decided to become an Oredigger (hooray!) or are still weighing your options, this is the first edition of our monthly accepted/incoming student 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, Associate Director of Admissions.

What's it like to be an Oredigger you ask?  
Watch this video to find out.
Admissions

Accepted/Incoming Oredigger Checklist
Please make sure to review the Incoming Oredigger Checklist, which is also found on the accepted student webpage and outlines month-by-month deadlines and next steps.

National Decision Day
Are you ready to join the Mines community? If yes (terrific!), please submit your enrollment decision form and $200 deposit via your Applicant Portal (login info below). If you are still deciding, that's perfectly fine, the National Decision Day is Friday, May 1, 2020. Of course, feel free to reach out to us if there's any info you need to help make that final decision.

Nikki’s Applicant Portal Login

First Semester Abroad Program in France
Still thinking about joining our First Semester Abroad Program in France but not sure if it's right for you? Participating in this signature experience provides you with the opportunity to successfully complete required Mines courses (such as Calculus, Chemistry and Physics) while also reaping the unique benefits of an international education and experience.

Connect and learn with Mines faculty, approximately 25 other first-year Mines students along with students from around the world. You'll return to Golden, Colorado for the spring semester with invaluable academic preparedness, intercultural awareness and comprehension that you can apply to your studies, your future career and the Oredigger community! Check out the Mines First Semester Abroad Program web page for additional details

Apply Now

Applications are due by 11:59 pm MST on March 15, 2020.

Additionally, we are hosting an informational webinar with Mines and CEA staff to help answer your questions. Register today! Webinar: March 4, 2020 - 5:00-6:00 pm Mountain Standard Time

Accepted and Incoming Student Visit Opportunities
There's still time to explore our campus and see why Mines is the perfect fit for you! Take a peek at our innovative, world-class facilities by attending a Makerspace Tour, join current students in our class observations, explore our very own Edgar Mine or attend one of our Discover Mines events to fully immerse yourself in the Oredigger community. Or do them all! These are just a handful of the visit opportunities that await you.

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

Accepted Student Event Registration
Join the Conversation
Click the graphics below to request access to our accepted student and family Facebook groups.

Save the Date: Incoming Student Events

Launch
Registration for Launch, the one-day summer orientation program, will open on Monday, March 16, 2020. Launch, a program within the Office of New Student & Transition Services, is designated to prepare incoming undergraduate students for a smooth and successful transition to Mines. Highlights of this program include sessions with academic and support services, peer to peer discussions, a resource fair and much more. Students and their families or guests only need to attend one of the sessions throughout the summer. Launch dates for summer 2020 are as follows:

- Monday, May 18
- Wednesday, May 20
- Monday, June 22
- Thursday, June 25
- Wednesday, July 8
- Friday, July 10 (This session is designated for transfer students)
- Monday, July 13

Visit our Launch webpage for more information and to RSVP to attend once registration opens.

Oredigger Camp
Registration for Oredigger Camp, an extended orientation experience in the beautiful Rocky Mountains, will open on Friday, May 1, 2020. Oredigger Camp is designed to build community, meet other new students and learn about what it means to me an Oredigger! There are three Oredigger Camp sessions, which are indicated below:

- Session 1 – August 3-5, 2020
- Session 2 – August 5-7, 2020
- Session 3 – August 18-20, 2020

Registration for the sessions is first-come, first-serve for new students. Keep a look out for more information in future newsletters about Oredigger Camp.
Convocation and Welcome BBQ
Join us at Convocation, the official ceremony welcoming all new students to Mines and a welcome BBQ immediately following on Kafadar Commons.

**When:** Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 4:00 pm  
**Where:** Lockridge Arena (inside the Student Recreation Center) & Kafadar Commons  
**Who:** New Orediggers and up to two guests for Convocation (additional guests can watch the live stream under the Kafadar Commons), all are welcome to attend the BBQ  
**Tickets:** Information on how to claim your tickets for Convocation will be sent in the July newsletter.

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Office of Financial Aid

Recipients of the Mines' General Foundation Scholarship will be notified via email and mail by 5:00 pm MST on April 3, 2020. Students have 24/7 access to their financial aid awards on Trailhead. Please email finaid@mines.edu if you have questions about your awards. Please include your Campus Wide ID (CWID) in your 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 incoming students to your new home! We will communicate with you through your @mymail.mines.edu email address so 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 the Resident Life 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 our Residence Hall pages.  
  - Check out a virtual video tour of our newest residence hall for first-year students opening fall 2020 – Spruce Hall!  
- Learn about opportunities to live in a Theme Learning Community (TLC).  
- View the proposed 2020-2021 Residence Halls rates and see the meal plans options.
Questions about the housing process?
Contact Us at 303.869.LIFE or Toll-Free 800.446.9488 x5433
Email: housing@mines.edu

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**Thorson First-Years Honors Program**

The [Thorson First-Years Honors Program](#) is a great way to begin your Mines experience! The Thorson program serves as a portal to other [Honors and Scholars Programs](#) at Mines; such as the McBride Honors Program, Undergraduate Research Scholars, Teach@Mines, Grand Challenges Scholars Programs and more.

- If you have received an offer to participate in the Thorson program, be sure to complete the Acceptance Agreement by May 1, 2020. We cannot guarantee your spot after that date.
- If you are on the waitlist, please be patient. In the event that a spot is available for you, we will contact you via email.
- If you submitted your application by the March 2, 2020 deadline, you will receive a decision no later than mid-April.
- If you missed the March 2 deadline but would like to participate in other Honors and Scholars Programs, be assured that you will have opportunities to our other programs during your first-year.

Questions? Drop us a line at thorson@mines.edu or swing by the Honors House (1700 Illinois Street) during normal business hours.

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**Mines Club Sports**
Club Sports at Mines offers 19 different (men's, women's and co-ed) club sports. Check out all the different sports and their current schedules.

Over 600 students participate in club sports each semester and travel to collegiate competitions all over the United States. These clubs range from "no-experience" necessary to "try-outs required." For the first few weeks of each semester, students are welcome to attend practices and tryouts of various clubs to see where they would fit best. Club sports offer a great way to meet new people, build new team camaraderie and stay active throughout your collegiate career.

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**Department of Chemistry**

**Want to get a jump-start on your classes before fall?**

The Chemistry department offers Principles of Chemistry I (CHGN 121), a required course for all students, during the summer (June 22-July 31, 2020). This four-credit course with lab will run Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 1:00-2:50 pm for the class and Tuesday and Thursday 8:30-11:50 am for lab (both class and lab must be taken concurrently). Please feel free to contact the Chemistry department with any questions by calling 303.273.3610 or emailing chemistry@mines.edu.

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**Student Health Center**

Congratulations on your acceptance to Mines! 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, 2020. 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: Colorado law requires every student to submit proof of two (2) valid vaccinations for measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) given no earlier than four days
before the student’s first birthday. There must be at least 28 calendar days between the two vaccinations.

- TB Screening Questions: Completion of the Tuberculosis questionnaire (Forms tab of the Health Portal) is required. In some cases, TB testing may also be indicated.

- Proof of all immunizations must be UPLOADED to the Health Portal for verification.

**Additional requirement if you are living on campus**

- Colorado law requires all students *living on campus* in student housing to submit proof of a Meningitis ACWY vaccine given within the last five years, **OR** to sign and upload the Meningococcal waiver form. If the 5-year period will expire while the student is living on campus, we recommend receiving another Meningococcal ACWY. Students will have a hold placed on their account five years after the date of the most recent Meningitis ACWY vaccine. Currently, Meningitis ACWY is required, not Meningitis B.

**If you are under age 18 as of the first day of class**

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

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

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**Disability Support Services (DSS)**

Disability Support Services (DSS) is committed to providing equal access to university courses, programs and activities for students with a disability. If you are a student who receives accommodations in high school and/or has a need for disability accommodations at Mines, register with DSS by completing an [online application](#).

- In preparation for registering with DSS, please consider collecting and/or requesting updated disability documentation from your provider including diagnostic evaluation records, current school disability records (IEP/504, if applicable) and any medical documentation to support your request for reasonable accommodations.
- While students can register with DSS at any time, early submission facilitates the possibility for accommodations at the start of the semester. Since housing accommodations are subject to availability, students in need of accommodations in the residence hall are encouraged to register with DSS prior to May 1, 2020.

Please visit the [DSS website](#) for additional information and contact information.
The 2019 – 2020 academic year has been a big year for Mines section of the Society of Women Engineers (SWE). Last November, 14 officers had the chance to attend WE19, SWE's national conference in Anaheim, California. At the conference, officers were able to network with other SWE members, attend a huge Career Fair with hundreds of companies and participate in sessions designed to advance leadership, communication and networking skills.

Last month, members from our section also attended WE Local in Salt Lake City, Utah. At the conference, our section won the Outstanding Professional Development Event Award for Evening with the Industry and the Outstanding Outreach Event Award for our high school outreach event, Girls Lead the Way. In addition to winning these awards, one of our officers, Bomseah Seong - Vice President of Special Events - was invited to host a session Beyond Cookies: Sparking STEM Curiosity in Girl Scouts and share best practices with collegiate members from across the country on how to successfully run an interactive half-day conference for our Girl Scout Engineering Day outreach event!

There are many perks to being a SWE member, whether serving in an officer role as early as your second semester and attending conferences, to inspiring STEM in girls in grade school through the many hands-on outreach events during the year. Our community in SWE is making an impact. We hope you'll join us in fall 2020 as our newest member. Learn more about SWE!

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**Mines Dining**

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!
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.

Big thanks to alumnus, Billy Ciccone, for creating this video.
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 Buffalo Battalion 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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Leadership Training – Physical Fitness Training – Future Professional Opportunities – Extracurricular Opportunities – Scholarship Opportunities

Air Force opportunities are available as well. Learn more on the Air Force ROTC website.

Title IX Office

At Colorado School of Mines, we believe in the importance of creating a safe and healthy environment for all community members. To that end, we have partnered with EVERFI to provide online trainings that help us all be informed on topics vital to achieving our goal.

Incoming first-year and transfer Orediggers can expect an invitation to these required online modules to arrive in their inbox mid-summer. Questions? Email: titleix@mines.edu.

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. Personal development
2. Initial visit/consultation
3. Skills-based seminars and workshops (over 7 topics)
4. Counseling Center Office Hours (a brand new service)
5. Drop-in support groups (including a peer drop-in support group co-facilitated by our Peer Educators)
6. Short-term individual therapy
7. Care coordination assistance
8. Online mental health screening and resources
9. Self-help tools

We’re excited for the expansion of our building and our team as we implement our Stepped Care Model. Stay tuned for more information about our support services at Launch and Orientations. You can also 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. Be sure to also check out our recently released Spring 2020 Counseling Center Newsletter! You are not alone. We’re here for you. Learn more about the Counseling Center services and programs.

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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

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