



Hello Student and Family,

We continue to send our well wishes your way as we navigate our nation and world's response to COVID-19. This is an exceptionally challenging time in our lives and making difficult college decisions adds to the stress. We recognize that and are here for you. Please take some time to read this newsletter to learn more about important resources and opportunities to help you make the most informed decision possible over the next month or two.

Our community created the video below to welcome back our current Orediggers to classes (they just had spring break). We thought you might enjoy this message – it certainly relates to your situation too.



Helluva school. Helluva community. #HelluvaEngineer. We'll get through this together!

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Office of Admissions

Enrollment Decision Extension

We understand that these are very uncertain times and May 1st is right around the corner. If you would like more time to make your college decision, we can offer you an extension until June 1, 2020. Please email admissions@mines.edu, include your CWID with enrollment decision extension request and we will update your record.

Enrollment Deposit Update

In an effort to be flexible with our enrollment process during the current COVID-19 situation, as of April 8, 2020, we are no longer requiring a \$200 enrollment deposit to confirm your enrollment at Mines. By confirming your enrollment, you are securing a spot in our fall 2020 class and we will register you for a full load of classes. Registering for classes will create a tuition/fees bill if you do not withdraw your enrollment confirmation prior to the first day of classes in August.

If you would like to request a fall 2020 enrollment deferral to spring or fall 2021 semesters, please submit your Enrollment Decision Form first and then [submit our Deferral Request Form](#).

Accepted Student Visit Opportunities

Unfortunately, on-campus visit experiences are now cancelled through May 17, 2020, likely longer.

BUT, fortunately, we are pleased to share a variety of ways we can connect with you from the comfort of your own home! It's really amazing "meeting" so many of you virtually. We hope the opportunities and resources below help you get to know Mines and our Oredigger community.

- **Accepted Student & Family Virtual Information Sessions**
- **Ask An Oredigger Calls with Current Students**
- **One on One Transfer Advisement Sessions**
- **Make it Mines Webinars** (including topics such as Residence Life/Theme Learning Communities, the Out of State Experience, Women in STEM, First @Mines for First-Generation Students, etc.)

Please have your Campus Wide ID (CWID) handy as you will need it to register for these events.

Click the button below, select the date on the calendar and register for one (or more) of our virtual visit opportunities.

Accepted Student Virtual Events & Registration

Online Resources

- **Accepted Student Webpage:** We are loading a bunch of videos and resources onto our accepted student webpage. Here you can find our residence hall tour video, a video about Golden, and surrounding area, newsletters, etc. Please visit this page regularly.
- **Accepted Student & Family Facebook Groups:** If you haven't already joined, there are active conversations happening on our student and family Facebook groups. Search for the groups: "Family of

Accepted Students - Fall 2020" and "Colorado School of Mines Accepted Students - Fall 2020" and request access. Join the conversation!

- **COVID-19 Webpage:** You can [stay up-to-date on Colorado School of Mines' COVID-19 announcements on this website.](#)

Office of the Registrar

The Office of The Registrar would like to address any questions and hopefully alleviate concerns that you may have regarding Advanced Credit such as college transfer credit, Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) and dual enrollment. The Registrar is committed to grant all applicable credit for coursework earned during the spring 2020 term.

- **International Baccalaureate (IB):** We are anticipating in the coming weeks the Colorado Department of Higher Education will provide guidance on IB credit.
- **Advanced Placement (AP):** The College Board recently announced that the [AP exam schedule](#) for May 2020. If you are taking an AP exam be sure to have the scores sent to Mines. If you have previously taken an exam (in your sophomore or junior year), also release those to school of Mines. Mines will receive exam scores from the May 2020 cycle in early July. [Review the Mines AP placement guidelines.](#)
- **Dual Enrollment:** We understand that some institutions of higher education converted letter grades to P/F. Students who are receive a "P" grade from the institution they are attending for the spring 2020 term will be given credit to applicable courses. Don't forget to request an Official Transcript from the higher education institution that taught the class. [Review our current policy accommodations.](#)

We welcome you to learn more about our [transfer credit guidelines](#) at Mines. If you have any additional questions please send them to admissions@mines.edu.

Residence Life Department

Congratulations on your acceptance to Mines! We are looking forward to a new year with our new students living in the residence halls. The dates are listed here now are subject to change as the needs of our students change. The COVID-19 crisis has impacted all of us and we know that flexibility will be needed in the months ahead. Please keep up to date by checking your email and the [Residence Life website](#) regularly.

Beginning **April 1st**, new first-year students who have submitted their enrollment deposit can access the 2020-2021 Residence Hall housing application through the Housing Portal on their [Trailhead](#) accounts. This is the housing application, where our new students will submit personal contact information, emergency contact information, create a roommate profile and search or select a roommate(s). Please keep in mind that if you have recently submitted your deposit with Mines, it may take a few days for the housing portal to open for you. Please be patient as the systems upload your information.

The applications for [Theme Learning Communities \(TLCs\)](#) can only be accessed through the housing application through **May 15th**. We cannot extend TLC applications past this date, so unfortunately students who are asking for extensions to June 1 to deposit cannot apply for a Theme Learning Community. Please note: if you are applying for a TLC, you are required to attend the August 18-20 session of Oredigger Camp. Please see the New Student and Transition Services section below for more information and again keep in mind that plans for Oredigger Camp may change.

The housing application and roommate search/selection will close on **May 15th**. If you are requesting an enrollment decision extension from Admissions, you may also extend your housing application to June 1. We strongly encourage you to make your decision as soon as you are able to and confirm enrollment with Admissions as soon as you're able to make a decision.

Dates and time slots will be assigned to all incoming students during the month of June for students to self-select hall and room. Dates and time slots are based on your enrollment decision submission date. Roommate(s) that selected each other during the application period will receive the same time slot and need to communicate during the self-selection process because each student must select their own room assignment.

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 to your new home

New Student and Transition Services (NeST)

The [New Student & Transition Services](#) (NeST) staff supports new and continuing Colorado School of Mines students through their transitions to campus and beyond. Specialized programs allow students to become acquainted with campus, traditions, expectations and processes while getting a head start on their community building. We will provide you with news and updates throughout the spring and summer, but please consider registering for one of our upcoming events!

Launch

Launch is our traditional student and family spring orientation event for incoming students. There are 7 dates to choose from between May and July, though due to considerations of the safety and wellness of our students, families, and community with Covid-19, **all of these events will be virtual and will include a combination of web information and live interactive webinar panels**. Participants can expect to hear from the Center for Academic Services and Advising (CASA), Residence Life, Financial Aid, Student Activities and many others. We are excited for this opportunity to connect and share information with you in this format. Registration for these dates will open by April 17th.

There is also a virtual Launch date specific for incoming transfer students on July 10th. If you are an incoming transfer student (you have attended a community college or four year institution not as dual enrollment), [please ensure you register for this date here](#). Please visit our [website](#) for more information about Launch.

Oredigger Camp

Oredigger Camp is an optional two and a half day adventure experience in the Rocky Mountains. This event is meant to create community for our incoming students as they learn more about themselves and Mines culture. Students can expect to play games, complete engineering challenges and get to know current Mines students, staff and faculty. There are three sessions to choose from: August 3-5, August 5-7 and August 18-20. Please note that if you are accepted into a Theme Learning Community, you are **required** to attend the August 18-20 session. Spots in each session are limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration will open on May 1st.

Office of Financial Aid

All student financial aid awards are available to view on your [Trailhead](#) account. If you have yet to set up this account, please [claim your Mines account](#) to then view your most up-to-date information. Financial Aid will begin communicating about loans and next steps in May.

While Mines is on a Virtual Campus Mode, you are still welcome to talk with a financial aid counselor! We are available by email Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm to answer your questions at finaid@mines.edu. If you wish you can also set up a zoom chat one-on-one by completing our [Virtual Meeting Request Form](#). We know financial aid can be challenging and we are here for you!

Subscribe to the Financial Aid Newsletter!

For parents/guardians and students to receive quarterly information about Financial Aid dates and deadlines, [sign up for our newsletter](#).

Center for Academic Services & Advising (CASA)

Greetings from CASA!



We are the Center for Academic Services & Advising and your home for advising and academic support services. We'll be your advising team through your first two years on campus and will provide you with academic support like tutoring, academic coaching, Faculty in CASA and Bounce Back. We're housed in a *casa*, or your home away from home. Our first order of business is helping you explore the majors and minors mines hats offer. You'll be asked to confirm or change your intended major in the beginning of May and we always want you to make an educated decision. Please visit the [undergraduate programs website](#) to explore the academic programs Mines has to offer. We know you might have an idea of what you might want your major to be, yet we encourage you to explore now so you'll be sure when it comes time to officially declare your major (typically during the middle to end of your second year at Mines.)

The Registrar's Office will build your schedule based on your intended major and we will contact you once you have your schedule later this summer. In the meantime, we wish you the best during this unprecedented time of COVID-19: we wish you health and safety until we get to see you in person!

Capstone Design@Mines 2020

You're invited to check out Capstone Design projects virtually.



[View our students' Capstone projects in our Live Virtual Gallery Thursday, April 23, 2020](#)

Mines Dining

As the housing portal opens and you begin to look at dining options, please take a moment to [review our dining FAQs to help you with the decision-making process.](#)

Thorson First-Year Honors Program

The [Thorson First-Year 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 Program and more.

- If you have received an offer to participate in the Thorson program, [be sure to complete the Acceptance Agreement by May 1st](#). 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 2nd deadline, you will receive a decision no later than mid-April.
- If you missed the March 2nd deadline but would like to participate in other Honors and Scholars Programs, be assured that you will have opportunities to apply to our other programs during the freshman year.
- Contact us at thorson@mines.edu with any questions you may have.



Department of Chemistry

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

The Chemistry Department is offering Principles of Chemistry I (CHGN 121) June 22-July 31, 2020. This four-credit course with lab is required for all students and 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](tel:303.273.3610) or emailing chemistry@mines.edu.

Career Center



The Mines Career Center is here for every student. We believe early contact with the Mines Career Center, and a four-year career plan, is essential for making a fulfilled career decision as well as a smooth transition to professional life.

Our initial goal is to help Mines students in their career exploration process and in gaining work experience through internships, co-ops and research while they are in school. Did you know that over 75% of Mines students participate in an experiential opportunity related to their field before graduating? In order to achieve this goal, the career center supports students through workshops, one-on-one advising sessions, resume and cover letter development, practice interviews, proactive recruiting outreach, student presentations and continuous communication. Students are strongly encouraged to attend the fall and spring Career Day events, company information sessions and on-campus interviews as well as use the online recruiting database to interact with the over 1,320 employers who actively recruit and hire at Mines.

We look forward to working with you!
[Learn more about Career Center Services.](#)

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

Are you planning to enroll in Army or Air Force R.O.T.C. at Mines?

If you plan to attend R.O.T.C. classes, please email faguilar@mines.edu and let us know. We will create rosters and let the Registrar's Office know which class to place you in.

If you would like more information about R.O.T.C. at Mines, please check out our [R.O.T.C webpage](#), [watch our video](#) and feel free to give us a call at [303.273.3380](tel:303.273.3380).



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Student Health Center

We look forward to welcoming you here in August. In order to ensure a smooth transition, please send the following **required information** in English, via the Mines Health Portal (it's a bubble on your [Trailhead](#) main page) **prior to June 30, 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 so they may be verified.

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 five-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? Feel free to email us at shc@mines.edu or call us at [303.273.3381](tel:303.273.3381) - we are happy to help. If we have questions for you, we will email your @mymail.mines.edu account. We are working remotely and will reply to you as soon as possible. Stay well and we will see you soon!



Making the Connection

Below is a video featuring a current student panel discussion at our March 13th Making the Connection event. This event is designed for accepted women to connect with other accepted and current women students. Check it out to learn more about student life at Mines from our students!



WILD New Student Orientation Backpacking Trips

Join the Outdoor Recreation Center (ORC) on our Wilderness Instruction and Leadership Development (WILD) Backpacking Trip this summer. We have two trips with dates that line up with Launch Dates for this summer. The first trip is June 22-27 and the second trip is July 13-18. These trips will be backpacking through the majestic Rocky Mountain National Park. By carrying everything you need for your expedition on you back, up and over the rocky ridges and down through lush stream drainages you will have an opportunity to discover a world beyond where the pavement ends. You will camp in tents or sleep under the stars, see wildlife, cook in groups and have opportunities to learn about back-country travel, navigation, group leadership and life at Mines. [Register now on our website.](#)



Humans of Mines
December 12, 2019 · 🌐

"I've wanted to be a biochemical engineer ever since high school. That's really just because I want to go into pharmaceuticals. I'm really down for changing the world, and I want to make a difference in the medical industry. I want to develop my own pharmaceutical company one day.

"I've been itching to get out into the world and follow my dreams. It sounds a little corny, but that's why I came here.

"I'm really grateful for all the opportunities that have been given to me at Mines, especially for my family, my parents, my fiancé, Clinton. You guys really helped me become who I am, and I promise I won't let you down."

Skye Kim
Chemical & Biochemical Engineering, Class of 2019
[Photo: A. Bradford]

[Click here to access all past accepted/incoming student newsletters.](#)





WANT TO SEE EVEN
MORE MINES?



STUDENT LIFE



EVENTS



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Mines is committed to providing a fully accessible experience to all students and their families. If you're planning to attend a forthcoming campus event and may benefit from any disability accommodation, please proactively communicate with the Office of Admissions at admissions@mines.edu. If you would like more information about Disability Support Services at Mines or the process for requesting accommodations, please visit: disabilities.mines.edu.

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