Hello Student and Family,

On behalf of the Colorado School of Mines community, we are thinking about you in these challenging times. For the past couple of weeks, the news has been dominated by the tragic death of George Floyd and the ensuing protests, civil unrest and destruction. It has been difficult to watch and to process—the wrongness of the death, the intense anger and emotion of the protestors and the widely varying responses of our elected leaders. Events like this and others over the past few years force us to face the uncomfortable reality that racism and bias are prevalent and persistent. They also provide the impetus for us, as individuals and the Mines community, to reflect on who we are, what we stand for and what we should do going forward.

We are a caring community that has embraced and is working toward achieving the aspirations expressed in our strategic plan for diversity, inclusion and access. We naturally feel for victims of racism and bias, we hurt when members of our community are hurt and we have pledged to create a community that supports the education and careers of students, staff and faculty from all backgrounds.

Every Oredigger cares. Every Oredigger thrives. Every Oredigger succeeds.

At Mines, we climb together.

See What Our Recent Grads have to Say about Mines

Congratulations,

Class of 2020

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

Learn the latest: View the Town Hall recording from June 8, 2020

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Accepted/Incoming Student Visit Opportunities
On-campus visit experiences are now cancelled through July 3, 2020, possibly longer.

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.

Upcoming Web Chats
Register for the Women of Mines Webinar and Panel Discussion
Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. (MDT)

Final, Official High School and/or College Transcripts
Please don't forget to request your final, official high school and/or college transcripts at the end of the semester (and before your school closes for summer break) and have them sent directly from your institution via the following methods:

- Electronically through SENDedu, Parchment or Naviance (preferred method)
- Postal Mail: Colorado School of Mines - Office of Admissions, 1812 Illinois Street, Golden, CO 80401.

Transcripts that are hand-delivered or not directly sent to us from the institution are considered unofficial and you will need to have them redelivered via one of the methods above.

Official Test Scores
As part of the Mines admissions application, you either self-reported or provided official SAT and/or ACT scores. If you haven't already done so, we need your official, highest composite test score, sent directly from the testing institution.

- ACT: Contact them by calling 319.337.1313 or create/log into your ACT Web Account.
- College Board (for SAT exams): Contact them by calling 866.756.7346 or log into your College Board account.

Tuition Classification Form
Completion and submission of the Tuition Classification Form, found on your Applicant Portal, is required for all incoming students. If you are under 23 years of age, your parent/legal guardian must assist you with completing this form. Applicant Portal Link

If you have any questions about this requirement, please contact the Office of Admissions by calling 303.384.2027 or emailing admissions@mines.edu.

Mines.edu Email Account
Please start checking your mymail.mines.edu email account. Many departments will only communicate with you via this address so we don't want you to miss any important updates. Your Trailhead account must be activated
in order to access this email address.

**Update your Email Address**
If you are currently using a high school or college email address that will be terminated, please ensure that we have your most up-to-date email address on record. To inform us of an update, please email admissions@mines.edu with your CWID () and new email address.

**Photo/Multimedia Release Form**
The Mines Photo/Multimedia Model Release Form is on your Applicant Portal checklist. Please complete this form prior to arriving on campus in August (it will take less than a few minutes to read, indicate your preference and sign).

**Not Planning on Attending Mines?**
If you are no longer planning on attending Mines, please let us know as soon as possible by emailing admissions@mines.edu or calling us at 303.384.2027. Please provide your name and CWID ().

**Need to chat one-on-one?**
Set up a one-on-one chat with a Mines Admissions Staff member. These thirty minute sessions will answer your most pressing questions (or point you in the direction of someone who can help) as you transition to the Oredigger community. Contact admissions@mines.edu to schedule an appointment.

**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.

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**Office of the Registrar**

The Registrar's Office staff is excited to help you with your next steps toward your Mines experience.

Here is a short timeline of what to expect as it relates to registration:

- **First week in July:** AP and IB scores are received and loaded into the student information system.
- **Second week in July:** All AP, IB and college transfer credits will be reviewed and awarded transfer credit will be posted to student records.
- **Third and fourth week in July:** We create all schedules for incoming students. During this time, you may have a schedule in your Trailhead account but it could change during this time.
- **August 1st:** All schedules are finalized.

We create your schedule for your first semester based on your declared interest (degree), AP and IB, college transfer work and other interests such as R.O.T.C., varsity athletics and music ensemble.

If you are planning on utilizing VA Education Benefits, please email registrar@mines.edu to begin the process if you haven't done so already.

If you want to join R.O.T.C., please contact Fran Aguilar, University R.O.T.C. Liaison, by emailing 303.273.3380 before July 1st. She will let us know that you need to be in specialized classes.
If you are a varsity athlete and signed up for a fall sport, we will receive this information from athletics and we will put you into the correct courses.

If you would like to participate in a music ensemble including band, choir, orchestra or any of the other musical opportunities, please send an email to registrar@mines.edu before July 1st. We will take this information and create a schedule for you that includes the music ensemble you wish to join.

On August 1st your schedule will be final. Please do not drop or add courses as there may not be seats open in the courses that you prefer. If you feel there has been a genuine mistake in your schedule (such as transfer work not showing on your record or your major is listed incorrectly), after August 1st please send an email to your advisor at casa@mines.edu or to the Registrar’s office at registrar@mines.edu so that we can assist you.

We look forward to helping you be successful at Mines!

Residence Life Department

Residence Life and Mines leadership is currently reviewing options for housing for next year. We thank you for your patience as we do not have a decision as of June 10, 2020. We are working through logistics to ensure physical distancing within the halls. Keeping our community safe and healthy is the responsibility of everyone who lives within our halls, and everyone will be called upon to participate in that continuing effort.

• We have suspended the live-on requirement for first-year students for this year. If you have decided not to live in campus housing this year, we ask that you let us know by clicking the following link and completing the First-Year Off-Campus Residency form no later than June 26, 2020.
• Housing assignments will be made this year manually by the Residence Life Office. We will consult your housing application in the assignments process, but keep in mind that while we will make every effort we can to follow your preferences, we cannot guarantee that your preferences will be matched perfectly.
• We are working on a plan to expand move-in to last from August 16-20 to ensure physical distancing and keep our volunteers and families safe.
• Each student will be assigned a move-in date and time slot based upon their housing assignment.
• We will work diligently to get information out about both assignments and move-in dates as soon as decisions are made about housing options.

We know that waiting to find out what next year will look and feel like in the residence halls can be frustrating. We want to thank you for your patience as we work to make your home next year as safe as possible for you all.

Operation Oredigger Challenge

Get excited and join with us in Operation Oredigger, a ten week challenge program which is open (via Canvas) to all new and continuing students that want to have some fun this summer. Operation Oredigger will begin on June 8th with a weekly challenge that needs to be accomplished. Each Monday, a new challenge will be posted and you will need to complete and post your evidence each week. The program will conclude August 14th.

All participants that complete all 10 challenges will be entered to win some great prizes including free parking passes, munch money, gift cards, meals and more.

Challenges are fun, and encourage you to step away from your screen and get your creative energy flowing.

Join us, with Operation Oredigger this summer, you won’t want to miss out on a chance of winning some great prizes to start your fall semester off right. We look forward to seeing what you can do!

Canvas is a platform used at Colorado School of Mines for academic courses, both face-to-face and online. Mines students use Canvas to access their courses, submit assignments and communicate with instructors and peers. Faculty will use Canvas to grade assignments and communicate with students.
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

There are 4 Virtual Launch dates left for first-year students. All of these events will include a combination of web information and live interactive webinar discussions and panels. Participants can expect to hear from the Center for Academic Services and Advising (CASA), Residence Life, Financial Aid and many others. Register for a Virtual Launch date if you have not already. There is also a virtual Launch date specific for incoming transfer students on July 10, 2020. 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. Please visit our website for more information about Launch.

Virtual Oredigger Camp

While we were heartbroken about having to cancel our in-person Oredigger Camp sessions, we are incredibly excited about the virtual event that is replacing it this year. Connect with your peers, as well as current Mines students, as you take on fun challenges, think creatively, and learn more about what it means to be an Oredigger. Compete for prizes and earn fun swag, all from wherever you are in the world! Registration is currently open for the 8/3-8/5 session and the 8/5-8/7 session. Most events will occur during the 2.5 days of the session you register for, although there will be lead up events throughout July as we get closer to your camp date. View additional information and register.

Fall Kickoff
While we are still busy planning your Fall Kickoff event, we can share that your activities will start on Thursday, August 20th and will go through Sunday, August 23rd. During this time, you will meet new friends, get settled into campus and have fun. Please remember to bring your 10-pound rock from home, as we will be maintaining the spirit of the M Climb tradition! All new incoming first year and transfer students are invited to participate, even if you will not be living on campus. More information about Fall Kickoff and the schedule of events will be released in the weeks leading up to fall semester.

Office of Financial Aid

Newsletter Sign Up
Parents and family members are strongly encouraged to subscribe to our newsletter so they can stay up-to-date on important deadlines and information about financial aid. Sign up for our Financial Aid Office Newsletter.

Outside Scholarships
Students receiving scholarships from a source outside of Mines must report the scholarship to the Financial Aid Office. Report outside scholarships here.

Scholarship checks should be made payable to Colorado School of Mines and mailed to the Financial Aid Office. Please include the student’s CWID () on the check for timely processing. Our mailing address is: Mines Financial Aid, 1301 19th Street, Golden, CO 80401.

Scholarship funds are credited to student accounts once the check is received. Scholarship funds will be credited half to the fall and half to the spring semesters, unless otherwise designated by the donor. Checks made payable to both the student and the school require the student to endorse the check.

Students can check Trailhead regarding the status of their scholarship: Trailhead → Financial Aid (in left-hand toolbar) → Award → Award for Aid Year → 2020-2021 → Resources/Additional Information.

Scholarships that checks that have been received will have “Paid” to the right of the title of the scholarship. To see the official payment go to “Award Overview,” which is the tab located to the left of “Resources/Additional Information.”

Student and Parent Loan Information
Once you have made your housing decision (on campus/off campus/with parent) you can apply for loans to cover your expenses. We recommend applying for loans by July 31st to ensure timely processing. Please visit our website for more information about student loans and parent loans.

All available fall semester aid will disburse to student Trailhead accounts three days prior to the start of fall classes.

COVID-19 Income Related Changes
If you have been financially impacted by COVID-19, please do not adjust your FAFSA! Mines Financial Aid can help you evaluate how those changes could affect your aid. Visit our webpage for more information and steps.

Center for Academic Services & Advising (CASA)

CASA is your home for advising at Mines, and we’re excited to begin working with you after your first semester schedules are out on August 1st. Before that time, we know you have questions about your major and schedule.

Here’s some helpful information:

If you haven’t already done so, please review and confirm your current major or update it to reflect your new choice by Friday, June 19, 2020, so the Registrar has time to update your information before schedules are created. If you are still deciding your major, visit the program page to review your options.

You can learn about the classes you’ll take by visiting the Catalog. Click on your major from the left hand menu.
and then select "Major" to see the full list of courses required for graduation. You can even start checking off any applicable AP/IB/TR/Dual Enrollment coursework you have completed to start personalizing your academic plan.

We look forward to working with you soon!

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**Diversity, Inclusion and Access (DI&A) at Mines**

**BlasterCard**

Your BlasterCard is the official identification card for the Colorado School of Mines community and is your key to accessing services, buildings, and events on campus. The BlasterCard identifies you as a member of the MINES community and says you are part of the family.

The [BlasterCard Program](#) is part of Student Life Services and located in the Ben Parker Student Center (room E140). It is our job to issue you your first BlasterCard along with any replacements that you might need while here at MINES. We are also responsible for assisting you with problems that you might have with your BlasterCard use. You can find more information about the [BlasterCard on our website](#).

The COVID-19 crisis has caused us all to review how we go about our daily tasks and the BlasterCard Program is no exception. In an effort to ensure safety, it is now **REQUIRED** that all new students and staff members provide an electronic photo for BlasterCard production. [Visit the BlasterCard website for the download process](#). Once you have completed this process you will receive an e-mail stating that we have your photo. After it is approved, you will receive another e-mail telling you when and how you will receive your BlasterCard.

We know this is a strange time for everyone and we will do our very best to assist you in any way we can as you prepare to begin your adventure at MINES. If you have any BlasterCard questions, please don’t hesitate to contact the Director of Campus Card Services at Rmask@mines.edu

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**Mines Dining**
Here are THREE WAYS to set yourself up for wellness and success as you prepare to start college:

1. Let’s get SOCIAL
   a. Follow us on social media for the latest tips, techniques, tools, and encouragement! This is also where you’ll find details about our services, online workshops, how to make an appointment, etc.!
   b. Parents can follow us too: Facebook: Student Wellness Center at Mines
   c. Instagram and Twitter: Search WellnessatMines

2. Preview our Counseling Center Webpage
   a. Here you’ll find tons of resources, description of services, suggestions for how to help a friend, and can e-meet our team, plus find upcoming programs and events
   b. Be sure to check out our “Services” tab for more information

3. Focus on SELF-CARE
   a. It’s important as you prepare to start college, that you have and continue self-care practices. Here are some tips for you to consider (or see attached image for suggestions to self-soothe, another way we can take care of ourselves!)
   b. Have an artsy side? Watch a short video about using art to de-stress made by one of our very own Counselors
   c. Remember that it’s important that we all continue self-care, especially given all the changes happening within the world, our nation, and ourselves. Plan to continue taking care of yourself as you prepare for a big change of starting college. We can help!

Although in-person visits at the Counseling Center are currently suspended, we have made our Counseling Center Office Hours virtual for the summer. This mental health service option will likely be expanded for additional offerings once you arrive on campus!

Let’s work together. You are not alone.
Welcome to Mines from the Career Center!

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 an easy transition to professional life. Our initial goal is to help our students in their early career exploration process and gain work experience through internships, co-ops and research while they are in school. In order to achieve this goal, the Career Center supports the students through a one-credit class (Engineering Your Career Path), over 50 job search workshops, individual career advising about resume and cover letter development, practice interviews, proactive job search, networking and salary negotiations. In line with Campus COVID-19 response, The Mines Career Center has moved all operations online. View the full list of our virtual services.

Students are strongly encouraged to attend the Fall and Spring Career Day events which hosts more than 400 companies, WIRED Professional Development event, employer industry panels, 100+ company information sessions and thousands of campus interviews as well as using the online recruiting database, DiggerNet. Your credentials and instructions to access DiggerNet will be sent in August.

Learn more about Career Center Services.

We look forward to working with you!

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 have questions or would like to discuss your options further, feel free to email us at ROTC@mines.edu or call 303.273.3380.

Air Force ROTC classes are also available through Mines. Visit https://www.colorado.edu/afrotc/ or email det105@colorado.edu for more information.
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 - 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!
**Student Activities, Involvement & Leadership (SAIL)**

**E-Days 2020** wasn’t what we’ve seen in years past, but the students still celebrated the weekend and proved why it’s so special to be an Oredigger! Check out our [2020 Virtual RealitE-Days](#) highlight video!

**Fraternity & Sorority Life**
Did you know that 16-17% of our students are in a fraternity or sorority? Check out our organizations.

Mines fraternities and sororities provide a great connection amongst their members that offers a home away from home and sense of belonging. Finding your people is important now, more than ever, and we want you to see what we are all about! Here are our recruitment opportunities:

Interested in joining a sorority? Sign up for [Panhellenic Recruitment](#).
If you have any questions, please contact Viviana Verde at minessororityrecruitment@gmail.com.

Interested in joining a fraternity? Please contact Doyle Smith at doylesmith@mymail.mines.edu.

**Clubs & Orgs**
At Mines, we currently have over 220 active organizations. If you find an organization that interests you, you can send a message to the club leadership or request admission by clicking the “Contact” or “Join” buttons on the right side of the club’s page. Browse the current organizations.
**WILD New Student Orientation Backpacking Trips**

We regret to inform you that our Wilderness Instruction and Leadership Development (WILD) Backpacking Trip has been cancelled. Visit the [Outdoor Recreation webpage](#) for updates on future events and we look forward to exploring the Rockies with you at a later date.

**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 as soon as possible.

Please visit the [DSS website](#) for additional information and contact information. Assistance is available through email, phone, a virtual meeting or chat with us online on the DSS website.

**Mines Club Sports**

Clubs Sports at Mines offers 19 different clubs sports (men’s, women’s and co-ed). [You can check out all the different sports and their current schedules here](#).

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 team camaraderie and stay active throughout your collegiate career.
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.

While Mines ABET accredited engineering degrees are not designed to lead to licensure, these degrees will meet the educational component for obtaining a Professional Engineering (PE) license in Colorado. Mines has not determined whether its degree meets specific educational requirements for professional licensure in other states. If you plan to seek professional licensure in a state other than Colorado, it is strongly recommended that you contact the appropriate licensing authority in that State for additional information.

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