Spring has sprung, which means longer and warmer days! We hope you are enjoying it as much as we are here at Colorado School of Mines.

This is an exciting and nerve-wracking time as National College Decision Day approaches. Whether you have #MadeItMines or you are still determining what the best fit is, just know that no matter what you choose there isn't a wrong decision.

Check out the video below featuring a few of our students sharing why they chose Mines.

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**Planning a return**

Have you heard the news? All fall 2021 classes and labs are being designed for in-person delivery! Mines will continue to closely monitor the COVID-19 situation, and adapt to changing conditions if needed. The fall semester is set to start on schedule. For more information check out the news release or visit our COVID-19 resource website and take a look at our 2021-22 academic calendar.
What's your vaccination plan? It's time to explore your options.

At Mines, we are a community of scientists and engineers. Science tells us that in order to provide the distinctive on-campus experience and education that Mines is known for, we need as many Orediggers as possible to get vaccinated against COVID-19.

Widespread vaccination among the Oredigger community is the key to our return to campus and normal activities in the fall. And that includes all of you, our amazing class of incoming students.

At this time, Mines is not requiring COVID-19 vaccinations. That said, we highly encourage all current and future Orediggers to get vaccinated in their home communities as soon as they become eligible this spring and summer.

For incoming students, that means completing your vaccination (both doses of the Pfizer/Moderna or the single-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine) at least two weeks before residence hall move-in in August.

Mines is pursuing on-campus vaccination options for students, but we are still unsure of the availability of vaccines for this purpose. The Pfizer vaccine is FDA-approved for anyone over 16, and the Johnson & Johnson and Moderna vaccines are approved for anyone 18 or older.

So, let’s all roll up our sleeves and do our part. Get your shot. Only together can we ensure Mines has the 2021-22 academic year we all want.

Empowering and inspiring women engineers

In their last semester, Colorado School of Mines alumnae Amanda Field and Claire Knight created A&C Designs Company. The goal: to inspire women to enter and to be proud to be pursuing a career in STEM-related fields. We invite you to visit the A&C Designs Company website, follow them on Instagram @acdesignscompany and learn more about their story in our Newsroom.

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Office of Admissions

Are you still deciding if Mines is the right fit for you?
Join us on April 10, 2021, for our Virtual Discover Mines event. At Virtual Discover Mines, you will have the opportunity to interact with faculty and current students, learn about campus resources and support services, discover all the ways to get involved and hear from New Student and Transition Services and Residence Life.

Check out the event agenda.

Date: April 10, 2021
Time: 9:15 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Mountain Time (MT)

April 10 Event Registration

Please have your Campus Wide ID (CWID) handy as you will need it to register for this event.
Your CWID is: (provided in email)

Join us for a Virtual Town Hall with Mines President Paul C. Johnson
This is a great opportunity for students and family members to learn more about the fall semester and have your questions answered by our very own Mines President!

Date: April 22, 2021
Time: 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (MT)
Register for the Virtual Town Hall with President Johnson

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 Saturday, May 1, 2021. Of course, feel free to reach out to us if there's any info you need to help make that final decision.

Accepted/Incoming Oredigger Checklist
Please make sure to review the Incoming Oredigger Checklist which can be found in your Applicant Portal.

Want to Chat One-on-One with the Office of Admissions?
Our team is available for one-on-one appointments to help get all of your questions about Mines answered. Whether you are on the fence or #MadeitMines - our team is here to help! Register for a 30-minute phone or video appointment by visiting this website.

Online Resources

- **Accepted Student Webpage**: Here you will find videos, resources, information about computer specs, what to pack, a video about Golden and the surrounding area, past newsletters, etc. Please visit this page regularly.
- **Accepted Parent & Family Webpage**: Here you will find a bunch of resources to help ensure a smooth transition to Mines, including links to the Applicant Portal and student support services, tuition payment options, videos ranging from how to complete your next steps to why students choose Mines and so much more!
- **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 2021" and "Colorado School of Mines Accepted Students - Fall 2021" to request access. Join the conversation!
- **Follow Us**: Learn more about life at Mines through our Instagram and Twitter pages.
- **Interested in Receiving Texts from Us?** Text "Opt-In" to (720) 575-2949 if you haven't opted in for text messaging.
Did you know CASA has a chat widget staffed by real-life Mines students?
Visit the CASA website to chat with one of the CASA Front Desk Assistants or Peer Advisors. They are online Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and can answer your questions! All you have to do is click on the chat box in the lower right-hand corner of the screen. You can ask them what it's like to be a student at Mines, how to prepare for your transition to campus or what they like best about campus. Say hi today! If you have questions after hours visit the CASA website for specific information relating to registration and advising or email us at casa@mines.edu.

First-semester schedule registration
The Registrar's Office will register you for your first semester schedule based on your intended major, so remember to look at our available majors. You'll have an opportunity to update your intended major in the early part of the summer. We hope you have a great month and we will connect with you again in May!

Department of Residence Life

The application for housing is now live!
Log into your Trailhead account to apply for housing. The deadline for applications is June 1, 2021. While you have until June 1st, we encourage you to get into the system and apply as early as possible since your application is also your roommate profile. Once your application is complete, you will be able to see other student profiles and how compatible you are with those students so that you can find roommates!

Apply to join a Theme Learning Community
Learn more about Theme Learning Communities (TLC) on our website. The deadline for applying for TLCs is May 1st! The application for TLCs is inside the housing application. If you want to be in a TLC you must complete both the housing and TLC application by May 1, 2021.

Make sure you are checking your Mines email for communications from us!

Last but certainly not least
We encourage all of you to get a vaccine as soon as you are able to! Having our students vaccinated against COVID-19 will enable us to provide you with the experience that you have been looking forward to in the residence halls. Take care of this as soon as you are able to where you live so that you are fully vaccinated when you get to campus in August.
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 who have paid their deposit and intend to enroll at Mines. There are four dates for first-year students to choose from between June and July. However, due to considerations of the safety and wellness of our students, families and community, 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 Residence Life, Financial Aid, Bursar and many other resources. Additionally, new students will meet with their academic advisor and participate in peer discussions. Registration is now open for these dates. You can learn more about Launch by visiting our Launch website. Keep in mind, the July 16 date is reserved for incoming transfer students only and registration will close one week prior to each date. If you are unable to attend any of the first-year Launch dates, please email nest@mines.edu.

In addition to participating in the virtual Launch sessions, all new students will automatically be enrolled in our online orientation course within the learning management platform, Canvas. You will use your Mines multipass (Trailhead) credentials to log in. You will be able to learn about majors, resources, offices on campus, meet your Launch Leaders and more! If you have not already set up your Mines email account, please do so, as that is the way you will be enrolled in the course. This online orientation course will go live on Saturday, May 1, 2021. Your families and guests will also be sent a link to participate in the online orientation course and will not need credentials to view the material.

Oredigger Camp
Registration for Oredigger Camp, a leadership and community building experience, will open on Saturday, May 1, 2021. Oredigger Camp is designed to enhance teamwork skills, meet other students and learn about what it means to be an Oredigger! Plans for this year’s camp are still in development and will meet all state and local COVID-19 regulations. Registration for the sessions is first-come, first-serve for new students. Be on the lookout for more information, including dates and details, in future newsletters.

Office of Financial Aid

Financial Aid Next Steps
After you have committed to Mines, you should review any outstanding financial aid requirements in Trailhead. Once in Trailhead, click on the financial aid tab then requirements, which is the light blue box. Requirements need to be completed by July 31, 2021. Information about loans will be sent in early June; you do not need to make any loan decisions at this time.

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.

Contribution Reviews
If the information reported on the FAFSA no longer reflects your financial or family financial situation, we may be able to help. Please review our Contribution Review page to view your options.
Have Financial Aid Questions?
We are available Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. to help! Please include your CWID in all correspondence. Your CWID is: (provided in email). We can also be reached through email at finaid@mines.edu or by phone at (303) 273-3301. You can also request a Zoom appointment with our office.

Geophysics Department

Our mission is to educate undergraduates in the application of geophysics to help meet global needs for energy, water, food and minerals and to mitigate natural hazards and their impact by exploring and illuminating the dynamic processes of the earth, oceans, atmosphere and solar system. We approach the study and exploration of the earth's (or other planetary or planet-like bodies) interior through physical measurements collected at the surface, in boreholes, and from aircraft and satellites. We then combine mathematics, physics, geology, chemistry, hydrology and computer science to analyze these measurements to infer properties and processes within these bodies. Think of geophysics as analogous to medical imaging on the earth ranging from the molecular scale to the planet scale. If these areas of study excite you, please visit the geophysics website or email us at geophysics@mines.edu to learn more.

Petroleum Engineering Department

More than just oil, petroleum engineering focuses on the safe and environmentally sound exploration, evaluation, development and recovery of oil, gas, geothermal and other fluids in the earth. Petroleum engineers work on drill rigs, design simulators, and with large data sets or delve into why and how rocks, gases and fluids react to various stimuli.

One of our objectives in the Petroleum Engineering Department is to prepare students to succeed in an energy industry that is evolving into an industry working with many energy sources. Besides developing technical competence in petroleum engineering, you will learn how your education can help you contribute to the development of alternative energy sources such as geothermal. In addition to exciting careers in the petroleum industry, many petroleum engineering graduates find rewarding careers in the environmental arena, law, medicine and business, to name a few.

In addition to the Petroleum Engineering major, the department also offers a Petroleum Data Analytics minor, an important next frontier in Petroleum Engineering. Find out more about the Petroleum Data Analytics minor.

Visit the Petroleum Engineering Department website to learn more or contact us at petroleum@mines.edu.

Department of Applied Mathematics and Statistics

Want to get a jump-start on your math classes before fall? The Department of Applied Mathematics and Statistics (AMS) is offering several courses during the Summer I (May 5 to June 25) and Summer II (June 28 to August 6) sessions. These courses include Calculus II, Differential Equations, Probability and Statistics for Engineers, Introduction to Scientific Computer, Linear Algebra and Introductory to Probability. See the attached flyer for specifics. There is face-to-face, remote (online but synchronous) and fully online (asynchronous) options. Please feel free to contact Professor Deb Carney in the AMS Department with any questions by calling (303) 273-3977 or by email at dcarney@mines.edu.

Mining Engineering Department

The Mining Engineering program at Mines has been ranked as the #1 Mining Engineering program in the world by QS Rankings in each of the past five years. Our graduates are highly sought after by companies in a wide variety of challenging, high-paying positions globally.

While Mining engineers are skilled in the design, construction and management of mines that provide the essential minerals critical for our society, they also play key roles in professional activities and countless entrepreneurial opportunities that support the extractive industries. Whether the minerals are derived from conventional deposits or look to the future of space and marine mining, the industry is heavily dependent on the development of skilled
engineers capable of working in dynamic and challenging environments. Mining Engineers also are stewards of Earth’s resources and are focused on the core values associated with environmental management and social/community engagement.

Our signature experience program provides students with the opportunity to participate in numerous professional organizations and other types of hands-on learning activities. The size of the department provides for an intimate educational experience, where faculty take a sincere interest in your professional development. To learn more about Mining Engineering at Mines, please visit our Mining Engineering website.

Mining Engineering Highlight

Meet Martina Gilbert, a senior who will enter a management associate position with an aggregate mining company after graduation in May 2021. Martina is a founding member and President of the Mines Women in Mining Chapter, Chief Technician and Fresh-Air Base of the CSM Mine Rescue Team and a member of the Society of Mining Metallurgy and Exploration. Her involvement with student organizations within the Mining Engineering Department has provided her with numerous opportunities for networking with industry, travel and technical training. She completed two internships in the aggregate industry and has been an ambassador for the Mining Engineering program since her first year at Mines.

Chemistry Department

Want to get a jump start on your classes? The Mines Chemistry Department will offer Principles of Chemistry 1 (CHGN 121), a required course for all students, this summer session (June 28-Aug 6). This four-credit course with the lab will run Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10:00 - 11:50 a.m. for class and Monday and Wednesday 1:00 - 4:30 p.m. for the lab (both class and lab must be taken concurrently). Please feel free to contact us at chemistry@mines.edu or (303) 273-3629 with any questions.

Club Sports

Interested in playing sports at Mines? Consider joining a Club Sports team. With 20 sports to choose from, you are able to continue the sports you played in high school or try something new! The clubs range from no experience necessary to competitive try-outs. Over 600 students participate in club sports each semester, and many get to travel to collegiate competitions all over the United States. Each club is student-run, providing great opportunities for leadership development. You will also get to meet new people, build team camaraderie and stay active throughout your collegiate career. Be on the lookout for more information regarding Club Sports at Mines. Until then, check out our Club Sports website.
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, 2021.

Access complete details regarding the immunization requirements and a “how-to” guide for submitting them here. 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.

An 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, Meningitis B is recommended.

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

- Please fill out the Consent to Treat Minor form, found in the "Forms" tab found on the Health Portal in Trailhead. 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.
**Student Activities, Involvement & Leadership (SAIL)**

As a part of our mission, we strive to make sure that every student has a place that they feel like they belong on our campus, and we do that by providing you with opportunities to become involved with our over 250 active student clubs and organizations! During the month of March, our student clubs and organizations collaborated with our office to host "SAIL Spring Break: Let's Get Tropical." The activities ranged from in-person and virtual treasure hunts, lawn games, karaoke contests and so much more! Follow @minessail on TikTok, Instagram and Facebook to review all the fun that was had during "SAIL Spring Break: Let's Get Tropical" and to stay up to date on our future involvement opportunities.

Interested in learning more about our student clubs and organizations? Visit our website to browse the over 250 active student clubs and organizations and learn more about the benefits that come with being involved, such as making friends for life and developing a variety of lifelong skills. [Learn more about student clubs and organizations on our website](#).

**Mines Fraternity & Sorority Life**

Colorado School of Mines Fraternity & Sorority Life would like to congratulate you on your acceptance to one of the best engineering schools in the country! One of our favorite things about Mines is the common bond we all share as Helluva engineers and the tremendous work that goes into our academics. A way to make connections outside of the classroom is by joining one of our many clubs and organizations along with one of our fraternities and sororities.

17% of current Mines students are in a fraternity or sorority. We have seven fraternities and four sororities on our campus. You can learn more about our community and chapters by [visiting our Fraternity and Sorority Life website](#) or reading our informational [Panhellenic Council brochure](#) or [Inter-Fraternity Council brochure](#).
The Inter-Fraternity Council (IFC) and Panhellenic Council are governing bodies that oversee our fraternities and sororities on campus and work to foster relationships within the chapter and on campus. COVID-19 brought about unprecedented challenges but throughout it all, we have worked hard to keep our community and campus safe and we are looking forward to continuing this in the fall.

**Fraternity Recruitment will be held August 27 through September 3**
A schedule of events and locations will be shared on our website and on Instagram at @mines.ifc closer to the start of the fall semester. For any questions, please contact the IFC Recruitment Chairman, Doyle Smith at csmifcrecruitment@gmail.com.

**Panhellenic (Sorority) Recruitment will be held virtually from August 28 through August 31**
Registration will open May 31 with links sent out closer to that date. The schedule will be available on the registration page you will receive closer to May 31. You will be connected with our Recruitment Counselors closer to the start of school. For any questions please contact the Panhellenic Vice President of Recruitment, Sarah Vaugh at minessororityrecruitment@gmail.com or follow us on Instagram at @csmsorority.

*Due to the fluidity of COVID-19, in-person events are not guaranteed and are subject to change. The health and safety of our students is our top priority. Follow us on social media for the most up-to-date information leading up to recruitment.*

For any general questions or inquiries about our fraternities and sororities, please contact Alexis Lakers at alakers@mines.edu.

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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, please register with DSS by completing an online application. Visit the DSS website to access the form.

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 halls are encouraged to register with DSS prior to May 1, 2021.

Please visit the DSS website for additional information and contact information.

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**Counseling Center**

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COUNSELING.MINES.EDU
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:
- Short-term counseling
- Consultation
- Wellness programs and workshops
- Crisis intervention
- Care coordination assistance
- Online mental health screening and resources
- Self-help tools
- Outreach and trainings

We're excited for the expansion of our Stepped Care Model and will be sharing more about this at Launch and Orientations. Please follow us on Instagram at @WellnessAtMines 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 by visiting our website.

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**Diversity, Inclusion & Access**

Curious to see how Mines has improved its diversity, sense of inclusion and accessibility over the past 10 years? We are excited to announce the first DI&A Annual Report is available today, so you can see it for yourself.

Included in the report is an overview of high-level data spanning as far back as 2010, updates to the Strategic Plan for DI&A as a result of the BIPOC listening sessions with leadership and updates on the progress made on each of the 24 strategic plan recommendations. There is also a two-page "data snapshot" where you can see some of the big-picture trends, which can be downloaded as a separate PDF and distributed to friends and colleagues on campus.

Check out the Mines DI&A website to download your copy today!

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**Career Center**

The Mines Career Center is here for every student. 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? The Career Center supports finding these internship opportunities and gaining the skills to be successful through strong employer partnerships.

Expert career advisors work with students through workshops, one-on-one advising sessions, resume and cover letter development, practice interviews, proactive recruiting outreach and continuous communication. Students are encouraged to attend the fall and spring Career Day events, employer information sessions and on-campus interviews as well as use the online recruiting database to interact with the over 1,200 employers who actively recruit and hire at Mines. Additionally, on-campus employment can be found through the Career Center. Access to DiggerNet will begin in mid-August.

We look forward to working with you! Learn more about the Career Center services.