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 Kylie Williamson, Assistant Director of Admissions - Marketing & Communications.

What's it like to be an Oredigger? We're glad you asked!
Watch the video below to find out.

Mines Climbs Together

Colorado School of Mines is actively working to protect its students, faculty and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic. For the most up-to-date information on our COVID response visit our COVID-19 website. You will find information on the campus case count, mask policy, resources for parents and future Orediggers and a place to sign up for COVID-19 email updates. We take the Oredigger promise seriously; to protect ourselves and our community.
**Systems, Systems, Systems**

Wondering what comes next? Do Applicant Portal, Trailhead, the housing portal, Registrar and Bursar sound like a foreign language? This video will explain the various systems you will navigate. How to look at your scholarships, pay tuition, turn in your documents to the health center and so much more!

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**Office of Admissions**

**Accepted/Incoming Oredigger Checklist**
Please make sure to review the Incoming Oredigger Checklist which can be found in your applicant portal.

**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 Student Visit Opportunities
We have several different visit opportunities for you!

- Virtual Discover Mines for all accepted students & families: March 20, 9:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. (MT) & April 10, 9:15 a.m. to 2:15 p.m. (MT)
- Virtual Making the Connection for all accepted women & their families: March 11, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (MT)
- Virtual Meet Me @ Mines for all first-generation and/or underrepresented students & their families: March 13, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (MT)
- Webchats and more!

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

**Virtual Events & Registration**

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

**Want to Chat One-on-One with the Office of Admissions?**
Set up a one-on-one chat with an 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:** You will find a bunch of videos and resources on our [accepted student webpage](#). Here you can find our residence hall tour video, information about computer specs, what to pack, a video about Golden and the surrounding area, prior newsletters, etc. Please visit this page regularly.
- **Accepted Parent Webpage:** You will find all the resources you need to contribute to your students success on our [accepted parent and family webpage](#). Here you will find links to the applicant portal, tuition payment options, links to student support services on campus, 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" and 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.

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**Parking Services**

First-year student parking is available on a lottery basis. All incoming students will be placed into the lottery. If you are awarded a parking permit you will be notified on, or about, August 1st. If you would like additional parking information, please visit the Parking Services website. If you are unable to find the information you are looking for, contact us by emailing parking@mines.edu or calling (303) 273-3100.

Keep in mind that there are a number of transportation options available to all Mines students, including:
**Student RTD Pass**
RTD is the mass transit system for the Denver Metro area and features light rail and bus options that can even take you to the airport. Passes are available for Mines students and are supported through Mines student fees. More information can be found on the RTD website.

**Zip Car**
Zipcar is a car-sharing network that allows its members to access cars at any time. Cars are available on the Mines campus and in downtown Golden. More information can be found on the Zip Car website.

**Mines’ Outdoor Rec Center (ORC)**
The ORC hosts a number of excursions including trips to the local ski resorts, hikes up Colorado Fourteeners and even to places like Peru and Iceland. More information can be found on the ORC website.

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**Department of Residence Life**

Living on campus is an exciting part of the college journey and Residence Life is looking forward to welcoming all of you to your new home here on campus! We will communicate with you through your @mymail.mines.edu email address so it is imperative that you check that email. This will assure that you are well informed about our processes as you get ready to come to campus. Please visit the Residence Life website regularly, as we are working hard to make sure we have answers to ALL of your questions on the site.

- **Check out the housing sign-up timeline for incoming first-year students.** The application for housing opens up on the 1st of April. You can complete the application any time between April 1 - May 15th. However, once you do apply it will allow you to get in touch with potential roommates and find other Mines first-year students you could be compatible with for housing, so keep up with the roommate finder in the housing portal.

- **Explore on-campus living options by viewing our Residence Hall pages.**

- **Learn about opportunities to live in a Theme Learning Community (TLC) in all of our Residence Halls on campus!**

- **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. Email us at housing@mines.edu.

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**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**
Registration for Launch, the one-day virtual summer orientation program is now open. Launch is a program organized by the Office of New Student & Transition Services and is designated to prepare incoming undergraduate students and their families or guests for a smooth and successful transition to Mines. Highlights of this program include sessions with support services, residence life, peer to peer discussions, and academic advising. Students and their families or guests only need to attend one of the sessions throughout the summer. The virtual Launch dates for summer 2021 are as follows:
- Monday, June 14
- Friday, June 25
- Friday, July 9
- Monday, July 12
- Friday, July 16 (This session is designated for transfer students)

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

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. Keep a lookout for more information, including dates and details, in future newsletters.

Office of Financial Aid

General Foundation Scholarship
Recipients of the Mines General Foundation Scholarship will be notified via email and mail by 5:00 p.m. MDT on April 5, 2021. Financial aid awards can be viewed through your Trailhead account. Please email finaid@mines.edu if you have questions about your awards. Please include your Campus Wide ID (CWID) in your email. Your CWID is: (provided in email).

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.

Center for Academic Services & Advising (CASA)
We are your "home" for academic advising and academic support at Mines, and will partner with you as you pursue your undergraduate studies. Our advising team consists of first-year advisors and major advisors: the first-year advising team will support you in your transition to Mines through your first year, and the major advising team will advise you in partnership with faculty mentors in academic departments from your second year on campus until graduation.

As an incoming Oredigger, your first-year advisor will be assigned to you by your last name. This alphabetical pairing will allow you to explore the majors, minors and other academic and co-curricular opportunities at Mines until you commit to a degree. You may have selected an intended major on your admissions application or you may have selected undecided; either way, your first-semester schedule will be created by the Registrar's Office and will be based on your intended major or general courses if undecided. We will host webinars and provide additional information to you throughout the summer to help you explore your major opportunities at Mines. You will also have an opportunity to update your intended major to ensure your fall schedule is aligned with your degree requirements. Your fall schedule should be available to you near the beginning of August and will take into consideration any applicable AP, IB, A-Level or dual enrollment/transfer credits.

In addition to advising, CASA offers a variety of academic support services to help you succeed in and out of the classroom. Our offerings include tutoring, core review sessions, faculty connections, academic coaching, major exploration and more. Check out our CASA website for more information.

We are so excited to be your home away from home at Mines for academic success-- mi casa es su casa. Until we meet, stay healthy and safe!

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**First Year Semester Abroad Experience**

Are you ready to start your college career with a bold first step? There's still time to apply for the First Year Semester Abroad Experience. Take Mines-approved classes during your first semester in Antibes, France and transition back to Mines with a global experience on your resume! Visit the FYSAE website for details, and the Global Education website for details about all our study abroad options. To apply, complete the FYSAE application, applications are due by 11:59 p.m. (MT) on March 15, 2021.

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**Society of Women Engineers (SWE)**

The 2020 – 2021 academic year has been an eventful year for the Mines section of the Society of Women Engineers (SWE). This year our section had to learn how to adapt many of our events to work using virtual
platforms. Our weekly meetings with women working in the industry continued using Zoom where members were still able to interact with the speakers by asking questions.

In November, SWE officers had the opportunity to attend WE20, SWE's national conference, virtually. At the virtual conference, officers were able to attend keynote sessions, a virtual career fair, networking suites and more. Many of the sessions focused on learning how to grow your leadership, communication, and networking skills. One of our officers, Courtney Smoljan, was chosen to participate in the collegiate research competition! The collegiate competition is a great opportunity for SWE members to share their research and gain confidence in presenting.

During the fall, our section hosted two online outreach events that are historically held in-person - Girl Scout Engineering Day and Girls on the Rise. For these events, SWE volunteers packed boxes with supplies that the girls used for various STEM-related activities. SWE volunteers also recorded YouTube videos of the Girls on the Rise activities for the middle school girls to watch as they completed the activities asynchronously. For Girl Scout Engineering Day, SWE volunteers led different activities in breakout rooms on Zoom for the grade school girls to follow along and ask questions. This February, another annual outreach event, Girls Lead the Way, occurred virtually. Departments at Mines led different activities in breakout rooms on Zoom for high school girls to learn more about different majors offered at Mines.

While being virtual, we still earned many awards! Our section earned the Gold Level SWE Mission Award for 2020 recognizing our embodiment of SWE’s core values and our demonstration of continuous improvement and growth. We also received the SWE WE Local Outstanding Outreach Event award for 2021.

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 elementary school all the way to high school through the many hands-on outreach events during the year. There are many scholarship opportunities through SWE, and incoming first-year students are encouraged to apply to the National SWE scholarship that opens March 1, 2021, and is due May 1, 2021. We hope you'll join us in fall 2021 as our newest member. Learn more about SWE by visiting our website!

Mining Engineering Department

Would you like to use your education and experience at Mines to make an impact addressing some of the world’s biggest challenges and exploring new frontiers beyond Earth? Are you interested in a high-paying job, travel, great adventures and experiencing many different cultures in the US and around the world? If so, you should consider a major in Mining Engineering!

Mining is essential for the world, in fact, mining is hiding in plain sight. Everything that we have in life is either made from metals or minerals, or it has been touched by tools and equipment to prepare them for our use and enjoyment. And today, mining is one of the highest tech industries of all! Mining will also be essential for life on other worlds, too! In fact, Mines just announced the formation of an undergraduate minor in Space Mining. Learn more about this exciting new program by visiting our website.

To learn more about Mining Engineering at Mines please visit our website.

Mining Engineering Highlight

Meet Dr. Sebnem Duzgun, a Professor in the Department of Mining Engineering at Mines. Her expertise involves a broad range of topics in mining--robotic and autonomous operations; AI in mine safety and monitoring mine environment; virtual, augmented and mixed reality; serious gaming and digital twinning of mining systems ranging from underground to surface and from space to deep sea. Dr. Duzgun is among the 100 Global Inspirational Women in Mining for 2020. She is an entrepreneur, author of four books, over 15 book chapters and more than 250 scientific papers, mother of two sons, ceramic artist and drummer. To learn more about Dr. Duzgun connect with her via email at duzgun@mines.edu.
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.

Mines 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.

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**Student Activities, Involvement & Leadership (SAIL)**

The Office of Student Activities, Involvement & Leadership (SAIL) provides oversight to multiple organizations including the Mines Activities Council (MAC), the Board of Student Organizations (BSO), seven fraternities, four sororities, and over 250 registered student organizations. 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. Some of the benefits that come with belonging to a student organization are learning a variety of skills that will help you beyond college and throughout life, a space to make connections and friends, and a way to have fun outside of the classroom. [Learn more about student clubs and organizations on our website.](#)

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**The Office of Institutional Equity & Title IX**

The Office of Institutional Equity & Title IX supports efforts to uphold Mines’ commitment to creating and maintaining a working and learning environment that is inclusive and free of discriminatory conduct, harassment, violence and retaliation.

The Office provides supportive measures, resources and resolution options to both students and employees. Please reach out to the Office via email titleix@mines.edu or phone (303) 273-3260 if you need support, including for conduct that occurred prior to starting at Mines.

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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 our 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.