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 about what comes next.

Please take time to read it in its entirety as you will find important information about next steps and other interesting Mines tidbits. If there's any additional information you would like to see in a future newsletter, please email your suggestions to admissions@mines.edu.

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

**Spotlight on Mines - The College Tour**
Have you seen our beautiful and dynamic campus through the eyes of nine current students? Or the cameras of the new series, *The College Tour*, which is dropping on Amazon Prime Video in April? Probably not. But that's about to change. The College Tour is a popular new show that offers an inside look at a dozen U.S. colleges and universities each season, and you're invited to watch the Mines episode before it launches!

[Watch the Mines Episode]
Becoming an Oredigger - Updates from the Office of Admissions

**Applicant Portal Login**

**Accepted/Incoming Oredigger Checklist**
The Oredigger Checklist is updated regularly and available in your Applicant Portal within the Application Resources tab. Make sure you're checking the boxes each month for a successful and smooth transition to campus!

**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, if you haven't already. If you are still deciding, that's perfectly fine! National Decision Day is **May 1, 2022**. Of course, please reach out to us if there's any information you need to help make your final decision.

**Transfer Credit**
Are you planning to transfer credit into Mines? Students who have submitted their enrollment confirmation, $200 deposit and official transcripts from all colleges attended can access transfer credit evaluations via Trailhead by selecting Degree Works. Transferrable courses will appear in Degree Works within two weeks of receipt of official transcripts by Mines. Courses and credit can only be evaluated using official college transcripts (unofficial transcripts are not sufficient).

Students who have been admitted to Mines for fall 2022 but have not yet submitted the enrollment deposit will receive more information on how to access transfer credit evaluation by the end of March. If you have not already done so, please request an official transcript from all colleges attended to be sent to Colorado School of Mines Office of Admissions.

Questions? Contact Admissions by emailing admissions@mines.edu.
**Accepted/Incoming Student Visit Opportunities**

We have several different visit opportunities for you! Some highlights include:

- Explore Mines for all accepted students & families/guests
- Making the Connection for all accepted women & their families/guests
- Meet Me @ Mines for all first-generation and/or underrepresented students & their families/guests
- Webinars
- And more!

Click the button below, select your preferred date on the calendar and register for one (or more) of our visit opportunities. We can't wait to connect with you!

[Register for Upcoming Events]

**Chat One-on-One**

Want to chat with the Office of Admissions? [Schedule 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.

**Online Resources**

- **Accepted Student Webpage**: You will find a bunch of videos and resources on our [accepted student webpage](#), such as our residence hall tour video, information about computer specifications, what to pack, a video about Golden and the surrounding area, prior newsletters and more. Please visit this page regularly.
- **Accepted Parent & Families Webpage**: You will find all the resources you need to contribute to your student’s success on our [accepted parent and families 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!
- **Join the Conversation**: If you haven't already joined, active conversations are happening in our [Mines Class of 2026 Discord group](#) (for students) and [#Mines2026 Parents, Families & Guardians Facebook group](#).
- **Follow Us**: [Learn more about life at Mines by following us on our social channels](#).
- **Interested in receiving texts from us?** Text "Opt-In" to (720) 575-2949.

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**Living on Campus - Department of Residence Life**

Living on campus is an exciting part of the college journey and Residence Life is looking forward to welcoming you to your new home on 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.

- [Explore on-campus living options by viewing our Residence Hall pages](#).
- [Check out the housing sign-up timeline for incoming first-year students](#). The housing application opens on April 1. **Complete the application any time between April 1**
**May 15**, though some options, such as TLCs (more below) have earlier deadlines. Once you 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.

- Learn about opportunities to live in a Theme Learning Community (TLC) in all of our Residence Halls on campus.
- View the proposed 2022-2023 Residence Halls rates and see the meal plan options.

Questions about the housing process? Contact us at (303) 869-LIFE (5433) or housing@mines.edu.

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**Apply for First-Year Honors Experiences - University Honors & Scholars Programs**

Are you passionate about the complex issues that challenge our world? Are you interested in learning in new and active ways? Do you enjoy projects that integrate the social and technical aspects of design and scientific inquiry? If you answered YES to any of these questions, you may be a great fit for the **First-Year Honors Experiences** at Mines!

First-Year Honors is a community, an integrated and interdisciplinary educational experience, and a space to shape your education through creative exploration of the questions and problems that spark your passion. Each pathway replaces a component of your core curriculum requirements, offering you a unique and interdisciplinary educational experience without delaying your time to graduation.

You may apply for *either* the Thorson or Grandey experience. Apply today! Links to each application are below. Use your Applicant Portal login credentials to access the applications.

- **Thorson: A World of IDEAS**
- **Grandey: Leadership By Design**

**Applications close on Monday, March 28 at 11:59 p.m. (Mountain Time).**

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**Spend Fall 2022 in France - First Year Semester Abroad Experience**

Do you want to start your college career with a bold first step? There's still time to apply for the First Year Semester Abroad Experience (FYSAE). Take Mines-approved classes while spending your first semester studying in **Antibes, France**, and transition back to Mines with a global experience already on your resume! Visit the FYSAE webpage for more information and the Global Education website for details about all our study abroad options.

To apply, **complete the FYSAE application by 11:59 p.m. (Mountain Time) on Sunday, March 13.**
Join the CS@Mines Programming Competition
Calling all students with programming experience! CS@Mines hosts an annual High School Programming Competition each year and YOU, dear accepted Mines student, are invited to participate. Our 2022 competition will be offered both in-person and virtual on Saturday, April 9 from 8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (Mountain Time). Want to join in the programming competition fun? If yes, recruit a couple of friends/peers (one to three people) who want to participate with you AND a teacher to complete the registration form. Register your team by Thursday, March 17.

Getting Ready to Come to Campus - Office of New Student & Transition Services
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 you to become acquainted with campus, traditions, expectations and processes while getting a head start on community building. We will provide more information throughout the spring and summer, but please register for one of our upcoming events in the meantime!

Launch
Registration for Launch, the one-day summer orientation program is now open! Launch is designated to prepare incoming undergraduate students and your families/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. You only need to attend one of the sessions throughout the summer. In-person and virtual options are available.

NEW for 2022: Oredigger Camp Abroad in Peru
Get acquainted with Mines traditions, expectations and excellence while getting a head start on building your community, all while in Peru! This collaboration between NeST and the Outdoor Recreation Center is one of a kind. You will explore Peru, meet fellow incoming students, and learn from one of our Oredigger Camp Counselors. Registration is now open for Oredigger Camp Abroad, and space is limited. Questions? Please email Austin Dyer, Director of Outdoor Recreation. Please note: if you sign up for Oredigger Camp Abroad, you may not sign up for another Oredigger Camp session.

Oredigger Camp
Stay tuned! You don't want to miss Oredigger Camp! Information regarding camp sessions in Colorado is coming in the April newsletter.
General Foundation Scholarship
Recipients of the Mines General Foundation Scholarship will be notified via email and mail by 5:00 p.m. (Mountain Time) on April 10, 2022. Financial aid awards can be viewed through Trailhead. Please email finaid@mines.edu if you have questions about your awards. Please include your Campus Wide ID (CWID) in your email.

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.

Need help understanding loan options?
This 14-minute video can help you understand the types of loans available and help you weigh the pros and cons of each option. More information about loans is coming in June, and there is nothing you need to do 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.

Important Immunization Information from the Student Health Center
Congratulations on your acceptance to Mines! In order to ensure a smooth transition to campus, please send the following required information via the Mines Health Portal (it’s a bubble on your Trailhead main page) before June 15, 2022. Access complete details regarding the immunization requirements and a "how-to" guide for submitting records. If you are currently under age 18, please have your parent/guardian complete the forms for you.

Required for ALL students:

- **COVID-19 vaccination** - Details are available on the COVID-19 webpage.
- **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 (4) 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 (Available in the "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 (5) 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 classes in August** please have your parent/guardian complete and sign the Consent to Treat Minor form, found in the “Forms” tab on the Health Portal. **Please upload your form to the Health Portal after completion.**

We communicate by secure email to your Mines (@mines.edu) account. Please watch for important information and reply promptly. You may also access our messages through the Health Portal. Questions? Call us at (303) 273-3381. We are happy to help.

Your Home for Academic Support - Center for Academic Services & Advising

Congratulations on your acceptance to Mines from the 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. Watch for more information about advising and your fall 2022 schedule in upcoming newsletters.

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 the 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.

Summer Math Courses - Department of Applied Mathematics & Statistics (AMS)

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 15 – June 24) and Summer II (June 27 – August 5) sessions. These courses include Calculus II, Calculus III, Differential Equations, Probability and Statistics for Engineers, Introduction to Scientific Computing, Linear Algebra and Introduction to Probability. Some of these are in-person; many are online (asynchronous) options. [Please email Professor Mike Nicholas in the AMS Department with any questions or for more information.](#)
Summer Chemistry Courses - Department of Chemistry
Want to get a jump start on your chemistry classes? The Mines Chemistry Department is offering Principles of Chemistry 1 (CHGN 121), a required course for all students, this Summer Session (June 28 - August 6). This four-credit course (with lab) is Monday through Thursday from 10:00 - 11:50 a.m. for class, and Monday and Wednesday 1:00 - 4:30 p.m. for lab (both class and lab must be taken concurrently). Please contact chemistry@mines.edu or (303) 273-3629 with any questions or for more information.

Explore New Frontiers - Department of Mining Engineering
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 United States 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, and all of the exciting mining engineering programs in the Department of Mining Engineering.

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 the 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.

Accommodations at Mines - 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 needs disability accommodations at Mines, please register with DSS by completing our 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 and request accommodations with DSS at any time, early submission
helps to facilitate the coordination of accommodations by 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 early and preferably before May 1, 2022.

Please visit the DSS website for additional information, or contact us
at disabilitysupport@mines.edu or (303) 384-2270.

Multicultural Engineering Program (MEP)

The Multicultural Engineering Program (MEP) provides support to
historically underserved and underrepresented students, and provides
professional development as related to equity and inclusion for
students, staff and faculty at Mines. We work to enroll and graduate
underrepresented students, and continue to build a community of
support through our many partnerships and advocacies. In addition to
professional development workshops, student events and industry
engagement opportunities, MEP supports the following professional
societies and student organizations:

- American Indian Science & Engineering Society (AISES)
- National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE)
- Mines African Student Union (MASU)
- Out in Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics
  (oSTEM)
- Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers (SASE)
- Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE)

Please visit the MEP website to learn more. We look forward to seeing
you on campus!
Get Involved - Student Activities, Involvement & Leadership (SAIL)

Students and guests at the Homecoming bonfire.

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), Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL) and over 250 registered student organizations. The SAIL Office promotes student success by supporting the development of one's whole self via co-curricular growth opportunities. We enhance student learning through social, cultural and community engagement, and leadership programs. As a part of our mission, we strive to make sure that every student has a place where they feel like they belong on our campus. 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 available student clubs and organizations.

Looking for something cool to do next time you're in Golden?
Visit the Mines Museum of Earth Science

The Mines Museum of Earth Science is FREE to all visitors. The museum serves as the state repository for Colorado's mineral heritage and showcases the most extensive public collection of minerals from Colorado. Take in over 15,000 square feet of rocks, minerals, fossils and other fascinating earth science-related objects, pass through our indoor cave, and visit one of Colorado's two Goodwill moon rocks collected from the Apollo 17 mission. With more than 2,000 items currently on display and more than 40,000 total items in our collection, there will always be something new to see, and we regularly rotate exhibits to provide fresh educational experiences and displays for our visitors to enjoy. Come by Monday - Saturday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Sunday from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Students checking out the displays at the Mines Museum of Earth Science.

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