As one of the first buildings you encounter upon arriving on campus, the Starzer Welcome Center serves as an introduction to the Mines community for prospective students and parents touring campus for the first time and a welcome back to alumni on a nostalgic visit to the place they once called home.

The Welcome Center is the starting point for all campus tours and home to Admissions, where you can find the information you need to begin your Mines journey.

The Mines Alumni Association and Mines Foundation offices are also located in the building, and graduates are always welcome to stop by and learn about their benefits, share what they have been up to since graduation and otherwise stay connected to Mines.

With its elliptical arched columns, the Cecil H. & Ida Green Graduate and Professional Center is perhaps one of the most architecturally distinctive buildings on campus. Built in 1971, it represents a blending of the humanities and technology and was designed as a space for meetings, performances, receptions and banquets, in addition to being an exhibition and conference space.

Performances often take place in its 1,100-seat Bunker Auditorium, with other large events held in Friedhoff Hall. The Green Center also houses the Geophysics Department on the second floor and has classrooms and lecture halls.

With a population of exceptional students pursuing diverse interests, it’s no surprise that life on campus is so dynamic. From big traditions such as E-Days, to more than 160 student organizations, Greek life, pep band, the arts — music, photography and theatre — plus on- and off-campus recreation, there’s plenty to keep our Orediggers engaged when they’re not busy with school work.

Mines promotes an inclusive community and provides a safe and secure environment that allows students to immerse themselves in what matters to them.

The Colorado School of Mines Geology Museum, in its current location since 2002, has been a “gem” on campus since 1874. Its two floors of minerals, fossils, gemstones, meteorites and historic artifacts serve as the state repository of Colorado’s mining heritage, encouraging scientific curiosity through education and research while inspiring appreciation of the earth and responsibility for its natural resources.

Visit the main floor to see special exhibits and specimens from numerous Colorado mining districts. The lower level features exhibits on radioactivity, fossils, basic geology, gemstones, meteorites, ultraviolet minerals and underground mining illumination. And don’t miss one of the two Goodwill moon rocks collected during the Apollo 17 mission, one of the museum’s highlights.

There’s no better place to demonstrate your school pride than the Clear Creek Athletics Complex, cheering Mines’ teams on to victory.

Mines has some of the top facilities in NCAA Division II, including the new Marv Kay Stadium at Campbell Field and Stermole Soccer Stadium. Jim Darden Field, home to the baseball team, was originally built in 1937 as a Depression-era project of the Public Works Administration. Recent renovations restored the original seating bowl and added a new press box, dugout and scoreboard. The complex also houses the Stermole Track & Field Complex and Mines Softball Field.

With most Mines teams ranked at the top of Division II, there are many opportunities to celebrate.

Need some textbooks or a Mines T-shirt? Want to get involved in campus events? Your one stop for most things student-related, the Ben H. Parker Student Center houses Student Life, Student Activities, Mines Activities Council, Student Government, Financial Aid, the Registrar, International Programs, the Bursar and Cashier, Career Center, Graduate Studies, Mines Internet Radio and the Oredigger newspaper.

The Mines Bookstore, on the main floor, has a wide range of apparel and gifts, as well as textbooks for all classes. If you’re hungry, stop by the Periodic Table food court on the upper level, which offers a variety of meal choices and includes a Starbucks. The Student Center also has several study spaces and five ballrooms for events.

The Student Recreation Center, or SRC, is a hub for fitness and recreation and a great place to blow off steam in between classes or just hang out. It houses a gym with an elevated jogging track, a rock climbing wall, two multipurpose dance studios and more. Take a dip in the pool or cheer on the Mines swim teams.

Inside the SRC, Lockridge Arena hosts the basketball and volleyball teams, in addition to commencement ceremonies. After a workout, use the lounge and study spaces on the main floor or check out the dining options on the upper levels. For off-campus adventures, the Outdoor Recreation Center often sponsors hiking and ski trips and can hook you up with equipment.