We hope you are enjoying the first few weeks of Spring!

This is an exciting, albeit nerve-wracking time for all of you as National College Decision Day approaches. Just know that no matter what you choose, there isn’t a "wrong" decision.

Check out the video below featuring one of alumnae, Cassidy Steen, talking about why she chose Mines and what she loves most about our Oredigger community.

As Cassidy mentioned, E-Days is a long-standing tradition and the Mines community is gearing up for E-Days 2019. Check out the student-created 2019 E-Days Theme Release video below. **YOU** will get to enjoy this three-day celebration next year!
Admissions

Make it Mines!
Are you ready to be an Oredigger? Submit your enrollment decision form and $200 deposit by logging into your Applicant Portal (login info below) and make it official!

If you are still deciding, that's perfectly fine, the National College Decision Day is Wednesday, May 1st. Of course, feel free to reach out to us if there's any info you need to help make that final decision.

Applicant Portal Login: provided in email
PIN: provided in email

Accepted & Incoming Student Visit Opportunities

Find your fit with a visit!
If you haven't already done so, please consider attending one (or more) of our accepted or incoming student events.

We offer everything from our Meet Me at Mines to be First at Mines event for first-generation students to Women in STEM online chats and a tour of a functioning Mine (we are CO School of Mines, after all). Check out the accepted and incoming student visit options below.
Ask an Oredigger

Date: April 3

One of our current students will give you a call to talk one-on-one, answer your questions and tell you more about their Mines experience.

Edgar Mine Tour

Dates: April 19 & 26

The Edgar Mine Tour provides accepted students and a guest with an opportunity to see a functioning mine that our faculty and students utilize to learn how to find, develop and process the world’s natural resources. You will view equipment displays, research projects and more on this 1.5 mile walking tour.

Launch

Dates: May 13, 17, 24, 31 • June 7, 15, 17, 24 & July 1, 12, 15

Launch is an orientation event for incoming students and their families to prepare for a smooth and successful transition to Mines. Highlights of the day include academic advising, learning about support services, snagging your new, shiny college ID/Mines swag and of course, getting to know fellow incoming students.

This event is strongly recommended if you have made the decision to join the Oredigger community.

Make it Mines Online Chats

Dates: Most Mondays through April 22

Join us for an hour-long chat and hear from current students about their experiences, Mines resources and have your questions answered.

April 1: First @Mines
April 8: Multicultural Programs @Mines
April 15: The Out-of-State Experience
April 22: Women in STEM

Makerspace Tours

Dates: Most Fridays

This one-hour tour will give you an in-depth look at our hands-on student spaces. The tour is guided by Maker Society officers (a student club that runs our primary makerspace) and will highlight many of the spaces where students gather to collaborate on research and design.

Residence Hall Tour

These one-hour tours are available most Mondays through Fridays at 11:00am and 12:00pm.

Weekday Accepted Student Info Sessions and Campus Tours

We also offer an hour-and-a-half accepted student programs featuring an info session and campus tour on most Mondays through Fridays.

Making the Connection

Date: April 5 @ Mines

Making the Connection is a visit program for accepted women and their families who are interested in learning more about Mines and connecting with other women at Mines.

Meet Me @ Mines to be 1st @ Mines

Date: April 6

Meet Me at Mines is an exclusive, on-campus event for accepted first-generation students and their families. You will experience an interactive and informative day with current Mines students, faculty and staff to learn more about what it is like to be an Oredigger!

Meet Ups Across the Country

Date: April 6 in Chicago, IL

Meet Ups are family-run events and a great way to connect with other incoming Mines students and their families, talk about your college decisions and maybe even find a roommate! If you live near Chicago and have recently decided to enroll at Mines but didn’t receive an invitation to the Meet Up, please email Amanda Rodriguez, Admissions Counselor, at arodriguez@mines.edu.

Oredigger Camp

Dates: July 29-31, July 31-August 2 & August 13-15

This student only, two-night adventure will be held just outside of Rocky Mountain National Park. There will be lots of fun, exploration and bonding, while learning more about what it means to be an Oredigger. Most sessions will be led by our upper class Peer Mentors.

Registration is open!
Click the button below to view these visit opportunities and register today.

Department of Residence Life

As of today, April 1st, first-year students who have deposited can access the housing application through their Trailhead accounts to submit personal contact information, emergency contact information, create a roommate profile and search or select a roommate(s).

The applications for Theme Learning Communities (TLCs) can only be accessed through the housing application through May 1st. Please note: if you plan to live in a TLC, you are required to attend the 8/13-15 session of Oredigger Camp. Please see the New Student and Transition Services section below for more information.

The housing application and roommate search/selection will close on May 15th.

Dates and time slots will be assigned to all incoming students during the month of June for students to self-select hall and room. Dates and time slots are based on the Admissions enrollment deposit submission date. Roommate(s) that selected each other during the application period will receive the same time slot and need to communicate during the self-selection process because each student must select their own room assignment.

Living on campus is an exciting part of the college journey and Colorado School of Mines’ Department of Residence Life is looking forward to welcoming all of you to your new home!

Learn more about residence life for new students.

Mines Dining

As the housing portal opens and you begin to look at dining options, please take a moment to review our dining FAQs to help you with the decision-making process.

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

Launch is the traditional student and family spring orientation event for incoming students. This conference-style event has tracks for students as well as parents and families. Participants can expect to hear from the Center for Academic Services and Advising (CASA), Residence Life, Financial Aid, Student Activities and many others. There are 12 dates to choose from between May and July. Participation is highly suggested, but not mandatory. For
those students and families that are unable to attend, sessions will be recorded and put online to view in June.

**Oredigger Camp**

Oredigger Camp is an optional 2 ½ day adventure experience in the Rocky Mountains. This event is meant to create community for our incoming students as they learn more about themselves and Mines culture. Students can expect to play games, complete engineering challenges and get to know current Mines students, staff and faculty. The $75 cost includes lodging, meals and transportation to and from camp from the Mines campus.

There are three sessions to choose from: 7/29-31, 7/31-8/2 and 8/13-15. Please note that if you plan to live in a Theme Learning Community, you are **required** to attend the 8/13-15 session. Spots in each session are limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Registration is open! Click the links below to access the registration forms.

- **Oredigger Camp Session I**: July 29-31
- **Oredigger Camp Session II**: July 31-August 2
- **Oredigger Camp Session III**: August 13-15

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**Office of Financial Aid**

All student financial aid awards are available to view on your Trailhead account. If you have yet to set up this account, please claims your Mines account to then view your most up-to-date information. Financial Aid will begin communicating about loans and next steps in May.

**Subscribe to the Financial Aid Newsletter!**

For parents/guardians and students to receive quarterly information about Financial Aid dates and deadlines, [sign up for our newsletter](#).

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**Center for Academic Services & Advising (CASA)**

We here at CASA are excited to be your academic advisors throughout your first two years on campus. With the arrival of spring comes the question on everyone’s mind:

**When and how do I register for classes?**

Great question! The Registrar’s Office will register all incoming students for their fall semester courses in late July and you will receive your schedule on Trailhead on August 1st. Stay tuned for more information in the May newsletter.

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**Career Center**

We believe early contact with 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 Mines students in their early career exploration process and gain work experience through internships, coops and research while they are in school. In order to achieve this goal, the Career Center supports the students through workshops, one-on-one advising sessions, round tables, resume and cover letter development, practice interviews, proactive recruiting outreach, student presentations and continuous communications. Students are strongly encouraged to attend the huge fall and spring Career Day events,
company information sessions and on-campus interviews as well as use the online recruiting database.

We look forward to working with you!

Learn more about Career Center services

Join the Conversation

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 would like more information about R.O.T.C. at Mines, please check out our R.O.T.C webpage, watch our video and feel free to give us a call at 303.273.3380.
Parking Services

Due to space limitations, parking is unavailable for incoming freshman. Waivers may be granted under extreme circumstances. If you are granted a waiver request or would like additional parking information, please visit the Parking Services website. If you are unable to find the information you are looking for on the website, please 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:

College 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. RTD college passes are provided to all Mines students so they can enjoy unlimited rides for free, thanks to support from the Mines student fees. Learn more about public transportation and the Call-and-Ride program.

Zipcar
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. Learn more about Zipcars.

Mines' Outdoor Rec Center (ORC)
The ORC hosts a number of excursions - from trips to the local ski resorts to hikes up Colorado Fourteeners and international trips to places like Peru and Iceland. Learn more about the ORCs programs and excursions.

Learn more about campus transportation.
Congratulations on your acceptance to Mines! We look forward to welcoming you here in August. 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.

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 (two vaccines – both received on or after your first birthday AND at least 28 days apart).
- TB Screening Questions ("Forms" tab found on the Health Portal) – Tuberculosis testing results if indicated by form.
- Proof of all immunizations must be UPLOADED to the Health Portal so they may be verified.

**Additional requirement if you are living on campus**

- Meningococcal ACWY Vaccine (given within the past four years) or Meningococcal Waiver Form. If your Meningitis ACWY vaccine is within the last four years and is listed on your immunization record, you do not need to do anything else. If you choose to waive the Meningitis requirement, please upload this form after completion.

**If you are under age 18 as of August 19, 2019**

- Consent to Treat Minor ("Forms" tab found on the Health Portal). Please upload after completion.

Questions? Call us at 303.273.3381 – we’re happy to help. If we have questions for you, we will email your Mines @mymail.mines.edu account.
"This is my last semester at Mines. I remember when I first came here, I was really homesick. Being away from home for too long, I tried finding 'home' in other places—in the places I've been, people I met along the way, books I've read and songs I've listened to.

"But I found home here at Mines, in a place far from comfort. It kept me on my toes and forced me to become an adult. It taught me to chase my dream, and because of that, I've always worried about what was coming next. There were days I stumbled or became tired, and it stinks. But I've learned that growth isn't supposed to be comfortable, and with every mistake and sacrifice, I'm a stronger person than I was yesterday.

"Mines is a place that pushed me to become a proud Malaysian and Muslim woman and also a workaholic. Most importantly, I became a person who is able to withstand whatever comes, and I found myself again. This place will always have a special place in my heart."

Farah Husna Mustafa Kamal
Petroleum Engineering, Class of 2019

[Photo: Wan Jun Aida Wan Ahmad Johari]