



**DEPARTMENT OF RESIDENCE LIFE**  
Learning Through Living at Mines



# Parent & Family Connection

WINTER 2016  
NEWSLETTER



“Winter is the time for comfort, for good food and warmth, for the touch of a friendly hand and for a talk beside the fire: it is the time for home.”  
Edith Sitwell

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# TRANSITIONS – FALL TO WINTER BREAK

What have you missed the most about your student being gone this semester? Maybe it's their great sense of humor or their nice smile or the friends they brought over?

And what have you not missed? Maybe you don't miss the messy room, arguments with younger siblings, or the smelly shoes by the front door? Whether you have missed your student a little or a lot, the news is that the end of the fall semester is coming up, and your student may be coming home for Winter Break.

Which leads me to ask, what are your plans? Since residents are required to "move out" during Winter Break, most prefer (if at all possible) to spend their Break back home with their families. They may have a seasonal job in their hometown community or they just want to take a break from anything school- or work-related. Needless to say, their room, which is now so empty, quiet, and neat, will be in loud, working order again.

## Your Student Has Matured

But before you make a whole lot of family plans, realize that this will not be like times off from high school. This time at home will be unique because your student has changed since starting Mines in the fall semester. Your "child" has now lived several months of his/her adult life away from home, in a higher ed environment, and has developed in many ways. You may experience "clashes" because you expect them to follow house rules set when they were in high school.



But they are now used to college life, living Adventure Leadership Community students

on their own, and being responsible. Your anticipation is normal, and you are not alone.

Would you like to avoid arguments and misunderstandings? Wouldn't it be nice to make your student's first long break at being back home full of positive memories? Read on for some simple strategies:

## Communication and Compromise

When your student comes home and begins to unpack is a great time to sit down with them and talk about expectations during Winter Break.

Find out what your student wants to get out of this time at home. Tell them what you want to get out of the experience. Share plans, projects, and ideas. You will be surprised at how similar (and how different) some of the answers will be.

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### Discuss Expectations

Next, discuss the things that you don't want to have happen over the break. Perhaps this is where you can say that you don't want them coming home at 3 a.m. and waking everyone up and causing an argument.

And perhaps this is where your student will express that they don't want to be treated like a child or given a curfew.

Get these concerns out into the open and discuss them in detail. Listen to your student and ask them to listen to you with the same respect. From there, you can effectively compromise and develop expectations so that a middle ground is established that respects and takes into consideration every member of the family.

By taking the time to communicate and compromise at the beginning, you will save

your family community from many needless arguments, allowing everyone to have a fabulous "Winter Break" together.

Good Luck! And enjoy – we all know how quickly time goes by, especially during good times, which is what we wish for you during the fast-approaching Winter Break.

[Personal Note: As a parent of two college-age students, some of the ideas in this article, which was taken from the Transitions Newsletter (Ball State University, Muncie, IN) has been my "Go To" article for both Breaks and into the summers! I hope you enjoy it and find it as useful as my family and I have.

~ Debi Pretz

Administrative Coordinator for Mines Park

## WINTER BREAK CLOSING/OPENING INFORMATION

Winter break will be on December 19 through January 8th. Residents are required to "check out" with their RA 24 hours after their last final exam. Students will receive detailed information about the process in their email and through floor/building. If you are picking up your student please know that your student will need to provide you with information about how to park on-campus. Note that Graduation will be on-campus on Friday, December 16th and it is recommended to pick up your student before this date, if possible.

Residence Halls will re-open at 8:00am Sunday, January 8th. Meal plans resume starting with lunch on January 9th. Please note, no dining will be available on Sunday, January 8th on-campus.

Check Mines Dining website ( <https://minesdining.sodexomyway.com/?> ) for updated hours, menus, and nutritional information.

# THANKGIVINGS WEEK DINING HOURS

## Thanksgiving Week - Dining Hours November 22—November 27



Munch Money, Cash or Credit only.  
No meal exchange on these days.

	The Periodic Table Ben Parker Student Center				Brown Hall	CTLM	Student Rec Center	Elm Hall	
	ELEMENTS	WOW CAFE	STARBUCKS COFFEE	HABANEROS	BLASTER'S BREW	JUST IN CASE	SUBWAY	Jamba Juice	Mines Market
<b>Tuesday</b> 11/22	9:00am to 10:00pm	10:30am to 9:00pm	7:30am to 11:30pm	10:30am to 5:30pm	7:15am to 3:00pm	7:15am to 3:00pm	10:30am to 3:00pm	10:30am to 3:00pm	7:00am to 10:00pm
<b>Wednesday</b> 11/23	9:00am to 4:00pm	10:30am to 2:00pm	7:30am to 4:00pm	10:30am to 2:00pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	7:00am to 8:00pm
<b>Thursday</b> 11/24	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
<b>Friday</b> 11/25	9:00am to 12:00pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	2:00pm To 8:00pm	Closed	Closed
<b>Saturday</b> 11/26	9:00am to 12:00pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	12:00pm to 8:00pm	Closed	Closed
<b>Sunday</b> 11/27	11:00am To 10:00pm	11:00am To 7:00pm	10:00am To 11:30pm	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	11:00am To 7:00pm

## FINANCIAL AID PROCESS FOR 2017-2018

With the recent changes to the FAFSA Process, we thought it might be helpful as you plan for your FAFSA. Contact Financial Aid Phone: 303-273-3301 or 1-888-446-9489, email: [fnaid@mines.edu](mailto:fnaid@mines.edu), or go to the first floor - north end - of the Ben Parker Student Center. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8 am to 5 pm.

### CHANGES TO THE FAFSA PROCESS FOR 2017-18

**SUBMIT A FAFSA EARLIER:** Students will be able to submit a 2017-18 FAFSA as early as Oct. 1, 2016, rather than beginning on Jan. 1, 2017. The earlier submission date will be a permanent change, enabling students to complete and submit their FAFSAs as early as October 1 every year. (There is NO CHANGE to the 2016-17 schedule. The 2016-17 FAFSA became available Jan. 1, 2016.)

**USE EARLIER INCOME AND TAX INFORMATION:** Beginning with the 2017-18 FAFSA, students will report income and tax information from an earlier tax year. For example, on the 2017-18 FAFSA, students (and parents, as appropriate) will report their 2015 income and tax information, rather than their 2016 income and tax information.

Here's a summary of key dates for submitting the FAFSA depending on when you plan to go to school:

IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND COLLEGE FROM	YOU WILL SUBMIT THIS FAFSA	YOU CAN SUBMIT THE FAFSA FROM	USING INCOME AND TAX INFORMATION FROM
July 1, 2015–June 30, 2016	2015–16	January 1, 2015–June 30, 2016	2014
July 1, 2016–June 30, 2017	2016–17	January 1, 2016–June 30, 2017	2015
July 1, 2017–June 30, 2018	2017–18	October 1, 2016–June 30, 2018	2015
July 1, 2018–June 30, 2019	2018–19	October 1, 2017–June 30, 2019	2016

Federal Student Aid  
AN OFFICE OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[StudentAid.gov/fafsa](http://StudentAid.gov/fafsa)

# FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE FALL 2016

In making plans for Winter Break, please visit the following link regarding your student's final exam schedule:

<https://inside.mines.edu/UserFiles/File/academicAffairs/registrar/Final%20Exam%20Grids.pdf>

	Dec 10, 2016 Saturday	Dec 12, 2016 Monday	Dec 13, 2016 Tuesday	Dec 14, 2016 Wednesday	Dec 15, 2016 Thursday
8:00 am - 10:00 am	LAIS100 MEGN351	EBGN201 MWF 3PM	PHGN100 PHGN200	TR 12:30PM	MEGN471 PEGN311 CBEN210 MWF 12PM
10:15 am - 12:15 pm	CBEN430 CSCI101 TR 3:30pm & after	CHGN121 CHGN122 CHGN125	TR 11AM	MATH201 MEGN361 MWF 2PM	MWF 9AM
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	MATH213 MATH224 MATH307	MWF 1PM	CEEN241 CEEN311 CBEN307 B&C MEGN315	MWF 11AM	TR 8AM
3:15 pm - 5:15 pm	MWF 10AM	GEGN101 CBEN110	TR 2PM	CBEN357 A&B MATH332 EENG281	Make-up Exams
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	MATH111 MATH112 MATH122 MATH225	TR 9:30AM	CSCI261 CSCI262 MWF 4PM & after	MWF 8AM	Make-up Exams

## CARE PACKAGES

The Residence Hall Association here at Mines has sent you all a letter offering you the opportunity to send your student a finals care package with a personal note from you. This is always a fun surprise for your student, and it's a great way to support the students of the Residence Hall Association, which is an organization that serves all of the residential students by organizing lots of events and programs throughout the year to help your student have fun, interact with the campus community, and build friendships here at Mines. This is a great opportunity to surprise your student AND support them by supporting an organization that gives back to the students every day.

# PARENTS' GUIDE FROM STUDENT ACTIVITIES OFFICE

Families check out this great online resource. Its our campus Parent Guide, right at your finger tips, with great resources, coupons and links to the campus website. We hope that it will be a great addition and easy to use resource while navigating you and your students needs about campus.

[Colorado School of Mines on UniversityParent.com](http://Colorado School of Mines on UniversityParent.com)

## RESIDENT ASSISTANT APPLICATIONS



The Resident Assistant/Community Assistant is a student hired to provide leadership and carry out the Residence Life mission on a part-time basis in the residence halls. RA/CA staff specifically engage students in personal development while promoting an inclusive, safe, and academically conducive environment for students who live in the Colorado School of Mines (Mines) Residence Halls and Mines Park Apartments. Resident Assistants receive room, board, and a monthly stipend.

Resident Assistant/Community Assistant Applications are now available for all students. The application closes January 15th, 2016 at 12pm. Students are strongly encouraged to attend an informational session. November 29th at 7pm in Student Ballroom A, December 1st at 7pm in Student Ballroom A, or January 12th. at 7pm in Student Ballroom A.

More Information can be found at: <http://residencelife.mines.edu/RSL-RA-Application>

## IT'S ON US

Colorado School of Mines has officially partnered with It's On Us, a national campaign to change the culture surrounding campus sexual assault.

As a Campus Innovation Partner School, Mines is committed to upholding and implementing the three pillars of the It's On Us campaign: support for survivors of sexual violence, bystander intervention and consent education.

"A positive, safe and inclusive campus community is critical to the success of our students, faculty and staff," said Karin Ranta-Curran, Title IX coordinator and executive director of institutional compliance and equity at Mines. "We believe this partnership will help Mines foster such an environment for years to come."

Mines has been focusing on educating the campus community with increased training for faculty, staff and student leaders on how to best support survivors of sexual violence. There has also been increased training for incoming students on bystander intervention and consent.

"We're excited to launch our partnership with our It's On Us Campus Innovation Partner Schools and collaborate more directly with campus administrators, said Rebecca Kaplan, director of It's On Us. "This program will spark innovation and highlight institutions that are taking creative approaches to prevention education."

Over the next year, It's On Us will continue to build

infrastructure across the movement to ensure that students feel safe and supported across campuses. The campaign will also expand the organization's work beyond campuses and into the national conversation around ending rape culture.

Launched in September 2014, It's On Us works to educate, engage and empower students and communities across the country to do something—big or small—to end sexual assault. More than 380,000 people have taken the It's On Us pledge online, and students have hosted more than 1,700 events on 534 campuses nationwide.

Contact:

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# Transportation to DIA



## RTD Skyride: Free with RTD College Pass (Pick this up at the Campus Living Office)

- To Union Station to A Train to Airport
- RTD Light Rail from Jefferson County Gov't Ctr to Union Station to A Train- 'Train to Plan'

<http://www.rtd-denver.com/skyride.shtml>

## Golden West Shuttle: \$42 to \$45

- \$10 for each additional passenger

<http://www.supershuttle.com/Locations/DENAirportShuttleDenver.aspx>

## Parking Options

- East and West Garage: \$24 per day
- East and West Economy: \$13 per day
- Shuttle Lots: \$8 per day

[http://www.flydenver.com/parking\\_transit/parking/estimator](http://www.flydenver.com/parking_transit/parking/estimator)

Colorado School of Mines does not necessarily endorse all of these resources and maintains this list solely as an informational resource for its students

## UBER & Lyft: \$45(est.)

## Taxi: \$95 to Airport

<http://www.flydenver.com/taxi>

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**DIRECTIONS:** Contact Andra Persson at 303-273-3358, or email us at [andra.persson@sodexo.com](mailto:andra.persson@sodexo.com) for additional information. To place an order, visit [minesdining.sodexomyway.com/shop](http://minesdining.sodexomyway.com/shop) and navigate to "Gifts & More."

**In the comments section please include the student's residence hall and your special message. Cookies will be an assorted variety.**



# CARE AT MINES

Crisis Assessment, Response, and Education

Living, learning, and working at Colorado School of Mines can cause stress and may be the reason that someone is displaying distressed or disruptive behavior. The CARE Team at Mines provides assistance to the campus community to help access and find solutions for managing these difficult situations.

Colorado School of Mines is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for the members of the campus community. If you find yourself in a state of distress, we encourage you to seek out relevant services for assistance. The CARE at Mines website provides information on campus and community resources that are available.

Distressed and disruptive behavior usually includes a change in a person's performance, appearance, or emotional state and may be symptomatic of a person's inability to manage personal or emotional difficulties. Behaviors may include:

- Sleep disturbances (too much or too little)
- Class attendance or participation issues
- Change in personal hygiene
- Altered performance in academic/organization pursuits
- Difficulty making decisions
- Heightened emotional response
- Over dependence on others
- Self-harm behaviors (cutting, burning)
- Expressed suicidal thoughts
- Engaging in risky behaviors that are out of character/context
- Alcohol and Drug Abuse

If you have noticed any of these behaviors in yourself or others, or other behaviors for which you are concerned, please click on the "Report" link above to start the support process and seek assistance.

<http://inside.mines.edu/Student-Life-Care>



# 2017-2018 HOUSING SIGN-UP IS COMING!

Below is some basic information for Housing for the 2017-2018 school year. We will send out more details at the end of December for more details and FAQs. Our theme this year is coming from the Game of Thrones show.

**RESIDENCE HALLS**

- \$50 Application Fee
- Furniture Included
- Meal Plan Required
- Free Laundry
- Streaming TV and Internet Included
- Sign-Up : Feb 1, 2017

**HOUSING SIGN UP IS COMING**

**MINES PARK**

- \$50 Application Fee
- Furniture Not Included
- Gas/Electric Not Included
- Meal Plan Optional
- Free Laundry
- Streaming TV and Internet Included
- Sign-Up Mar 6, 2017

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND IMPORTANT DATES

- Registration for Spring Classes: Week of November 14-18
- Thanksgiving Break: November 23-27 (No classes. Campus offices closed November 24& 25). Residence Halls remain open with staff.
- Last Day to Withdrawal- December 2
- Final Exams: December 10, 12-15 <https://inside.mines.edu/UserFiles/File/academicAffairs/registrar/Final%20Exam%20Grids.pdf>
- Undergraduate Commencement: December 16
- Winter Break: December 19 through January 10. Residents required to “check out” with their RA 24 hours after their last final exam. Residence Halls re-open at 8:00am Sunday, January 8. Meal plans resume starting with lunch on January 9.
- Spring Semester: Classes resume Wednesday, January 10.
- Census Day: January 25. Last day to freely add or drop classes without receiving any penalty.
- Spring Break: March 27-31 (Residence Halls stay open).
- E-Days: April 13 – April 16
- Last Withdrawal – Continuing students: April 28. Last day to drop classes in order to receive a “W” on transcript instead of a letter grade. Fees may apply.
- Registration for Summer and Fall Classes: April 3-7
- Last Withdrawal – Freshmen and transfer students: April 28



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