PARENTS & FAMILY CONNECTION

WINTER 2016
NEWSLETTER

DEPARTMENT OF RESIDENCE LIFE
Living and Learning at Mines

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## 2016 IMPORTANT DATES

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HOUSING SIGNUP (RETURNING STUDENTS AND NEW APPLICATIONS FOR MINES PARK)

Mines Park Apartments
- Application Fee: $50
- Furniture Not Included
- Meal Plan Optional
- Gas/Electric Not Included
- Streaming TV Service and Internet Included
- Free Laundry
- Contract: 8/1/2016 - 5/31/2017
- Sign-Up: Mar 2 - 11, 2016

May the force be with you. Fill out the 2016-2017 application for vacates and renewals.

Sign-Up for Housing via your Student Trailhead.

Upperclass Residence Hall
- Priority is given to students who will be Sophomores in the Fall 2016.
- Application Fee: $50
- Furniture Included
- Meal Plan Required
- Utilities Included
- Streaming TV Service and Internet Included
- Contract: Academic Year (Closed Winter Break)
- Sign-Up: Feb 1 - 4, 2016
SPRING BREAK INFO

Over Spring Break, March 14 - 18, the Residence Halls will remain open. As usual, Mines’ Department of Public Safety is available for emergencies 24/7, 365 days/year. Residence Life Staff will be available on-call during the entire break (similar to that of a weekend duty schedule). All changes in Food Service hours will be communicated to all residents prior to spring break.

END OF SEMESTER FINAL CHECKOUTS

Commencement is Friday, May 13, 2016, and the Residence Halls close at Noon on May 13th. Prepare now! We strongly encourage you and your student to start NOW in making end-of-semester plans – travel arrangements, plans to attend summer school, summer housing, etc.

Unless your student plans to apply to live on campus for summer school, residents must schedule and check out with their respective RA within 24 hours after their last final exam. All Residence Halls officially close at Noon on Friday, May 13, 2016. Unless your Student has signed up for Summer Housing, their Blastercard access to their building will end at Noon on Friday May 13th.

SUMMER SCHOOL HOUSING

Is your student taking summer school class(es) this summer? If so, we will offer housing on campus for students to reside in. We will be sending out emails, posting flyers, and having floor meetings about this once finalized. Summer housing will be offered in one of the residence halls that have kitchen facilities to give students the opportunity to cook their own meals if they so choose! Stay tuned for further announcements from Residence Life as to how to sign up for summer housing on-line, rates, FAQ, etc.

For more information, please visit http://summerhousing.mines.edu
On Saturday February 6th, five RA’s from across campus put on the second annual Bubble Soccer Tournament. Bubble Soccer is essentially soccer, but you are in a giant plastic bubble! 24 different teams of five played in the tournament, and team “It’s Going to Get Messi” (from Randall Hall!) won the entire tournament, narrowly beating team “The Cubes” 3-2 in overtime. In order to play in the tournament, each team had to donate a minimum of fifteen cans of food (in total, the tournament raised over 375 cans of food!), all of which was donated to the Jeffco Action Center. Bubble Soccer was graciously sponsored by the Residence Hall Association (RHA), Weekends at Mines (WAM) and Residence Life. Overall, Bubble Soccer 2016 was a BLAST, and we can’t wait to play again next year!!
WINTER ACTIVITIES IN GOLDEN:

When it snows in Golden, there are always plenty of fun activities to be had! In top left, Morgan Hall celebrated Mines’ fifth ever snow day by building a snow fort. In right, one Resident Assistant shows off his fancy outfit (in addition to revealing that he is Batman!) for the Trad’s Yule Ball. Residents had the opportunity to take Ballroom Dance lessons as well as participate in a GingerBread house competition. Finally in bottom left, two Hall Directors are Volunteering at the annual Ullr Grass Festival, a Bluegrass and Beer festival held every year in Golden!
TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT MAPLE FIRST:

Whether it’s spontaneous trips down to Golden (top left), going to Woody’s for College Night, watching the Denver Broncos beat the New England Patriots (top right), holding paper airplane building competitions, relaxing in the hot tub (bottom), or challenging other floors to snowball duels, you can always count on Maple First to be doing something fun!
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