

Mines 25-26 Academic Year Kick-off Schedule and Events

Dear Colorado School of Mines Neighbors,

We will be kicking off the 2025-26 academic year on Monday, August 25, 2025. Before the academic year begins, we have a series of events welcoming our incoming class, as well as welcoming back returning students. Our first-year resident students will move in over the course of three days, which coincides with other welcome events. The schedule for move-in and Convocation is as follows:

- **Saturday, August 16** – Residence Hall move-in from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., followed by Convocation and Welcome BBQ from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- **Sunday, August 17** – Residence Hall move-in from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., followed by Convocation and Welcome BBQ from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- **August 18 - 24** – Residents at our 1750 Jackson Apartments will be moving in during these days. This could result in some traffic around the area on Jackson Street.
- **Mines Park** – Our newest housing addition, the Village at Mines Park, opened on August 1st. Students will continue to move into Mines Park prior to classes starting. We do not anticipate this move in causing any disruptions in the area.

One of our most treasured traditions, the **M Climb**, will take place on **Friday, Aug. 22**. The first wave will depart our South Intramural Field beginning at 7:30 a.m., followed by the second wave at 8:30 a.m. We anticipate traffic delays along Elm St. between 17th and 19th, and delays along the traffic circle, as our new students begin their trek up Mt. Zion.

On move-in days (Aug. 16, 17, & 19), the traffic pattern on 17th Street becomes a one-way street. Please reference the attached diagram.

Convocation is the official ceremony welcoming our newest Orediggers and their families to Mines. We thank you in advance for your patience and support as we introduce these new students and their families to our Mines community and prepare them for what is to come.

On **Saturday, Aug. 16 and Sunday, Aug. 17 Convocation** is held in Lockridge Arena, inside the Student Recreation Center. We anticipate additional vehicle and pedestrian traffic in the area around the Student Recreation Center between Elm & Illinois and 13th & 18th Streets, as well as a general increase of activity around campus.

In addition to move-in, Convocation, and M Climb, we will also be hosting a series of activities as part of our orientation, referred to as Helluva Welcome. This year, most new

students will be attending Oredigger Camp in the Rocky Mountains after they move-in. There will be a large coach bus presence on campus on both Sunday, August 17 and Tuesday, August 19 as our students depart campus. The full schedule of events for Helluva Welcome can be found via this link: <https://www.mines.edu/new-student-transition-services/helluva-welcome/>

If you have questions or concerns about these events, please contact **Lisa Elson**, Sr. Director of Commencement and Strategic Engagement, Office of the President, lelson@mines.edu; **Mary Elliott**, Executive Director of Residence Life and Auxiliary Services, mfelliott@mines.edu; or **Jessica Clark**, Director of New Student & Transition Services, jessica.clark@mines.edu.

Thank you and Go Orediggers!

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