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Mines is helping shape the future of critical minerals—research, education, policy and more—and you can see it in action during **Critical Minerals Week**, Sept. 8 to 13. From our leadership in the Department of Energy’s Critical Minerals Innovation Hub to the Payne Institute’s work tackling technical and policy challenges, our experts are making an impact.

Critical Minerals Week includes panels, industry collaboration, student research and thought leadership, ending with the Payne Institute Critical Minerals Symposium. Events are open to alumni and the Mines community. Come connect, share ideas and explore solutions.

[See the full schedule and symposium agenda](#)

Featured News



Mines celebrates record-breaking \$589M fundraising in historic Campaign for MINES@150

Mines has raised **\$589 million** in the most ambitious and successful fundraising initiative in the university's 150-year history. The campaign launched publicly in fall 2020 and ended on June 30, 2025.

This achievement is especially remarkable given our alumni base of just 40,000 graduates. Here's some top-level impact:

- \$225M for student support, including 264 new undergrad scholarships and 41 new graduate fellowships
- \$55M to support non-academic programs, like honors programs, student professional development, clubs and teams
- \$33M to build an Entrepreneurship and Innovation Ecosystem that is unmatched at any other university
- \$103M for departments, programs, faculty and facilities support

Whether you gave of your time, talent or treasure during the campaign, thank you!

[Read the story](#)

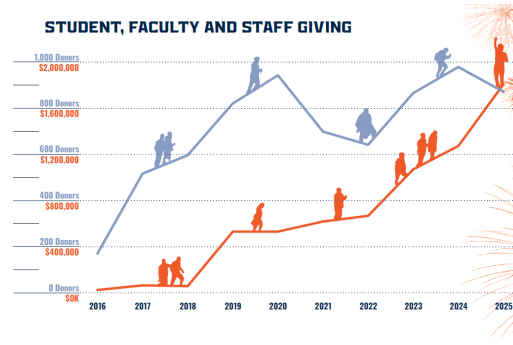


Celebrating Campaign Champions in the Impact Report

Campaign Champions—those who made the most transformational campaign gifts—are front and center in the final Campaign Impact Report.

Dig into their stories, learn how the campaign has impacted areas of Mines through giving data. Then see what's next Beyond MINES@150 from Mines President Paul Johnson and Foundation President and CEO Brian Winkelbauer.

[Campaign Impact Report](#)



Student, faculty and staff giving scales new heights

Students, faculty and staff gave nearly \$9 million—plus countless hours through Blaster's Basket food drives and other volunteer efforts during the campaign.

This remarkable result shows how deeply giving back through time, talent and treasure is part of campus life.

Hear what faculty and staff say about this outpouring of support.

[Read the story](#)

Did you see these stories?



Nominate an Oredigger for an alumni award by Sept. 20

Know an alum who goes above and beyond? The Mines Alumni Awards honor Orediggers whose leadership, service, innovation and dedication advance Mines and the world.

Through professional achievement,



Remember your back-to-school week?

Estevan Gonzalez, Class of 2026, is about to begin his senior year at Mines. Next week, he'll dive into Helluva Welcome Week—move-in days, Oredigger Camp, the M Climb and more.

academic involvement, community leadership or student impact, nominees are Orediggers leading with purpose.

Nominations close Sept. 20, 2025.

Help us celebrate alumni who embody the Oredigger Spirit!

[Alumni Awards Info & Nomination Form](#)

He's excited to reconnect with friends in the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers and the Mines Foundation Dignitaries, where he's found a true sense of belonging.

Read Estevan's thoughts on what makes Mines unforgettable.

[Estevan's Mines Experience](#)



Village at Mines Park redefines student housing on campus

The redeveloped and renovated Village at Mines Park has more than doubled on-campus housing for graduate and upper-division students. The apartment-styled community has 1,058 beds, a cafe, a fitness center, study spots and an Ore Cart shuttle to campus.

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Volunteer Opportunities



Inspire future Orediggers at Discover Mines in Your City

Share your story and shape the future! Mines Admissions hosts Discover Mines in Your City events around the country, and they need help from alumni volunteers to connect with prospective students and families

Your job: Inspire future Orediggers while enjoying great food and time with fellow alumni.

Volunteers needed: About 5 per event

Upcoming Cities

- Sept. 13: Costa Mesa and Dallas
- Sept 14: San Jose
- Oct. 4: Scottsdale
- Oct. 25: Austin
- Oct. 26: Houston

[Get more info & sign up](#)

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Featured Event



Join us for football tailgates all season long

There's nothing better than a Mines game day, and tailgating with fellow alumni, families and fans is the perfect way to get into the Oredigger spirit. Join us throughout the 2025 football season as we cheer on the Orediggers at home and on the road.

Tailgates are set for every home game and select away match ups, bringing the Mines community together for good food, great company and Oredigger pride. Whether you're a longtime season ticket holder or just catching a game or two, we can't wait to see you this fall.

Tickets for home games can be [purchased online](#), with options for general admission and reserved seating.

[Tailgate Schedule](#)

Aug

August Lunch Bunch

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Lunch Bunch is back! Join returning Head Coach Bob Stitt as he gives an insider's look at Oredigger football. Bring your questions and plenty of team spirit as we kick off the fall semester!

[Register today!](#)

Aug

Mines Road Show: Salt Lake City

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Connect with fellow Orediggers at Templin Brewing! Enjoy a free first drink, appetizers, Mines swag giveaways and campus updates from alumni staff.

[Register today!](#)

Sep

Mines Road Show: Chicago

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Mines is returning to Chicago! Meet us at the Chicago Athletic Association as we bring together all the alumni, students, families and friends of Mines in the Chicago area.

[Register today!](#)

Sep

Career Days and Alumni Happy Hour

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Join us for Fall Career Days on September 16–17, and stick around for the Alumni Happy Hour on the evening of the 16th.

[Register today!](#)

Sep

September Lunch Bunch

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Meet Mines' new Provost, Dr. Stefanie Tompkins, and learn about her journey from DARPA Director to campus leader. Hear how she'll help shape the future of academics and innovation at Mines.

[Register today!](#)

Oct

Homecoming 2025

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Celebrate Homecoming in Golden with fellow alumni! Reconnect with classmates, engage with students and show your Mines pride all weekend long. Registration opens July 7!

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