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Golden State of Mind: Homecoming 2025 is right around the corner on Oct. 3 and 4. Will we see you there?

Come back to campus to celebrate everything that makes the Mines community so special—all leading up to the Orediggers taking on Colorado Mesa on Saturday.

Hear about what's new at the Department Open House, attend Alumni Night @ New Terrain, run or walk in the annual Homecoming 5k, and catch up with Orediggers at the Alumni Tailgate at the new Labriola Innovation Hub. Registration closes next Sunday, Sept. 21.

[Packages, registration and info here.](#)

Featured News



Mini-reunions and giving back at Helluva Welcome Week

Alumni Becky Wall '94, Sabine Brueske '94 and Karena Broman-Ballas '94 became close friends when they started out at Mines in the Trads. In August, the trio had an unexpected mini-reunion while volunteering at Oredigger Camp. They were among 80 alumni volunteers who committed nearly 430 total volunteer hours during Helluva Welcome Week events in August.

[Read the story](#)



Orediggers push for safer, year-round baseball field

As captain of Mines Baseball, **Evan Bilter** has seen how the team builds friendships, grit and leaders. The RMAC



Which alumni reflect the best of Mines? Tell us by Oct. 15!

Now seeking nominations for the 2025 Alumni Awards! The Mines Alumni Board honors graduates based on nominations from the alumni community:

Academic Honor Roll member played in all 47 games last season.

"I've learned how to handle adversity so I can show up each day with a winning mentality," he says. "However, the current state of Darden Field is making it extra challenging for us to train and become championship-caliber players."

Plans are in play to replace the grass with turf, creating a safer, year-round surface, with baseball alumni stepping up with initial funding.

It's a big goal. With further support from the Mines community to build a state-of-the-art field, the program will grow, compete and lead—on the diamond and beyond.

[Pitch in for Turf](#)

Outstanding Alum—professional or leader with a legacy of influence.

Melville F. Coolbaugh—elevates Mines via leadership & advocacy.

Alumni Academic Involvement—contributes expertise and energy to student success.

Young Alum—under age 40, with early career impact and Mines engagement.

Alum of the Future—current student who exemplifies leadership and service.

M Club Leader of the Year—a standout in engaging local alumni.

[Nominate an Alum](#)

Did you see these?



Free startup events this fall at the Beck Venture Center



Rep your city in Oredigger style with new alumni T-shirts

If you're an entrepreneur—or thinking about starting a company—the Beck Venture Center's Startup Forum is a great resource for gaining knowledge and insights for startup success.

The **free, bimonthly program** brings experts to campus to talk about everything from accounting basics to capital fundraising. The events include networking time before and after the speaker, free happy hour and snacks and a robust entrepreneur community.

[Upcoming Startup Forums](#)

Show your Mines spirit wherever you live! Our brand-new alumni T-shirts come in two classic styles: a recycled cotton-poly tee and a fine jersey raglan tee.

The best part? You can customize your tee with your M Club city, printed in bold Oredigger orange. More than 40 cities to choose from!

Rep your city, celebrate your community and wear it loud and proud.

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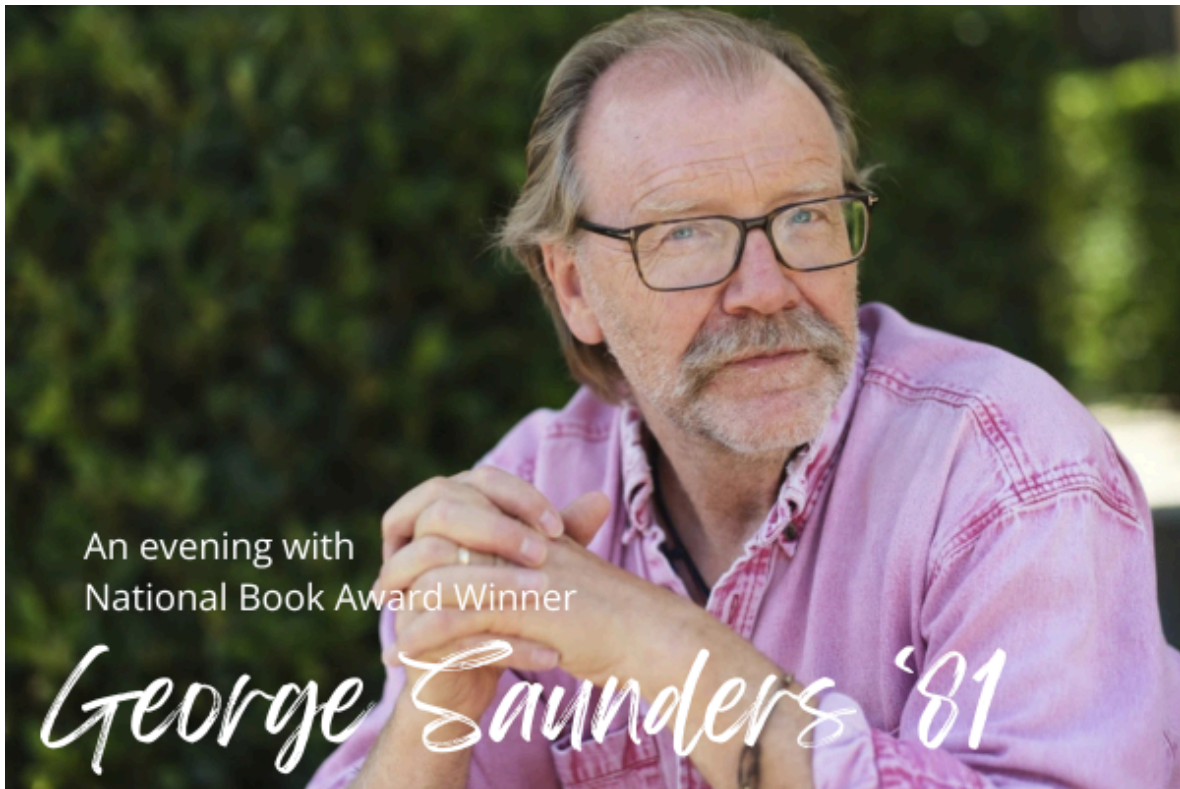
Aaron Gordon's foundation connects students to STEM

Since 2022, the Gordon Family Giving Foundation has provided \$100K Mines for a program that brings Denver-area high school students to a STEM-focused summer camp. World Wide Technologies, which supports the Mines computer science program, led students through a coding exercise during July's camp.

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Featured Event



NYT bestselling author George Saunders on campus Sept. 19

George Saunders '81 left behind a career in geophysics to become one of America's most lauded literary authors. Saunders returns to Mines on Sept. 19 to talk about his career and life, followed by a book signing. Bring your literature-loving friends and family (limit of four tickets per order).

Saunders won the 2017 Booker Prize for his first novel, *Lincoln in the Bardo* and has been lauded for his short stories and other work. Last month, he won the National Book Award for Distinguished Contributions to American Letters.

When: Fri., Sept. 19 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Where: Bunker Auditorium, Mines campus

[Get Tickets](#)

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 afternoon 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!

Sep

State of Mines

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Hear the latest from President Johnson on Mines' newest Orediggers, Oredigger Camp, fall athletics and the new East Classroom.

Register today!

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Beck Venture Center Startup Forums

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Join the Beck Venture Center's Startup Forum series for expert insights, networking and happy hour refreshments that empower entrepreneurs and strengthen Mines' startup community.

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.

Register today!

Oct

Homecoming 2025 Virtual 5k

04

Join alumni around the U.S. for our virtual Homecoming 5K—you can run, jog or walk wherever you are during the week of September 29 through October 4.

Register today!

Oct

Mines USG Meet Up in DC

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Meet Mines' student government leaders in DC this October for an afternoon of conversation, networking and Oredigger connection.

Register today!

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Help students shine—one conversation (or fork) at a time

Looking for a fun way to give back? **Mines VIP** has two upcoming professional development events where you can help students grow their social, networking and communication skills. No prep required—just bring your experience and willingness to connect. Food and drink will be served, too.



5th Annual VIP Etiquette Dinner

Your Job: Host a table while students practice dining etiquette, small talk and first impressions with guidance from etiquette expert Katherine Mason Young.

When: Oct. 15 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Where: Mines Campus

[Info & Sign Up](#)



Small Talk, Big Impact

Your Job: Mingle with students as they build networking skills alongside communication expert Debra Fine.

When: Oct. 27 from 5 to 7 pm

Where: Mines Campus

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