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**The 150: A monthly update on all things Mines at 150**



*GlorE-Days have come and gone, but we sure didn't let them pass us by. Look back at our favorite photos from the weekend's festivities on the [Mines Flickr](#).*



## Greetings Orediggers!

As we head into the final couple of weeks of the school year, I'd like to congratulate you all on another successful year at Mines! Within Student Life, we are celebrating our students' accomplishments and reflecting on all the incredible work from the past year, and we are looking ahead at what's to come in our 150th year and beyond.

Over the coming year, you'll see new and scaled-up signature student experiences, such as our [Helluva Welcome student onboarding program](#), during which our newest undergraduate students will attend Oredigger Camp, complete the M Climb and take part in other traditions that help them understand what it means to be an Oredigger. You'll also see a continued emphasis on professional development, with new opportunities for students to gain experience and skills that will make their resume stand out to relevant employers.

And while Student Life can't take credit for all of the construction around campus, we are thrilled to be expanding our residential capacity! Renovations at Mines Park are nearly complete, [five new Mines Park buildings](#) will open in 2025 and [a new apartment building designed specifically for sophomores](#) is scheduled to open in 2026. Once these projects are completed, nearly 1,400 additional student residents will be welcomed into the immersive residential community here at Mines.

With all we've accomplished so far and all that's to come, we're excited for the year ahead and to continue celebrating 150 years of Mines!

Regards,  
Braelin Pantel  
Vice President of Student Life

## Spotlight on Student Life

### **On-campus housing expansion sets foundation for student success**

Mines will break ground on a 800-bed apartment-style building for sophomores this spring as work continues on the Mines Park redevelopment. [Read about the building.](#)

### **Mines students take top spot at 2024 International Mining Games**

The Mines women's team placed first in the historic mining competition that honors the Sunshine Mine Disaster of 1972. [Read about the win.](#)

### **Mines graduates continue to see overwhelmingly positive outcomes**

The 2022-2023 Mines Career Center Annual Report showed that both undergraduate

and graduate students have seen increasingly higher rates of positive outcomes.  
[Learn about the report.](#)

# *Celebrate* — **150 YEARS** — *with us*

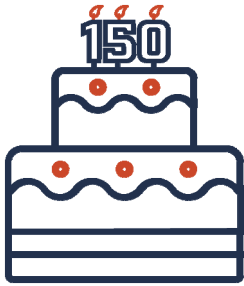
**Happening in May**  
**The 150th Anniversary Hat**



To mark Mines' 150th anniversary and honor this year's graduates — many of whom missed a traditional high school graduation due to the COVID-19 pandemic — all May 2024 graduates have the opportunity to purchase a 150th Anniversary Hat at a reduced cost to mark the completion of their degree.

It is a new hat for a new generation that hearkens back to memories of the Senior Stetson that was a source of pride for many Mines graduates through the 1970s.

Graduating students will be able to customize their hats prior to Commencement by branding a special Mines mark into the brim and crown (choose from a pick and pike, Mines at 150 logo, Mines logo, or Blaster). Learn more at [150.mines.edu/hat](https://150.mines.edu/hat).



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## University Headlines



### Mines planning special ceremonies for Spring 2024 Commencement

The graduate ceremony will be held May 9, followed by three undergraduate ceremonies May 10. [Read about the speakers.](#)



### PHOTOS: Mines celebrates opening of Beck Venture Center

The 31,000-square-foot facility is a key part of the new Mines Entrepreneurship and Innovation Ecosystem. [See the photos.](#)



### Jennifer Miskimins nominated to serve as 2026 president of SPE

A Mines alum, Miskimins has led Petroleum Engineering Department since 2020. [Read about the honor.](#)

## Mines in the News

## 9News Denver

Here's what Xcel could have done to keep folks safe instead of shutting off power to thousands

On a power grid, power lines have reclosers. "Look at them like an automatic circuit breaker," said Omid Beik, Colorado School of Mines assistant professor of electrical engineering.

## The Denver Post

Drinking water for 268,000 Coloradans exceeds new limits on "forever chemicals." How will providers find millions to fix the water?

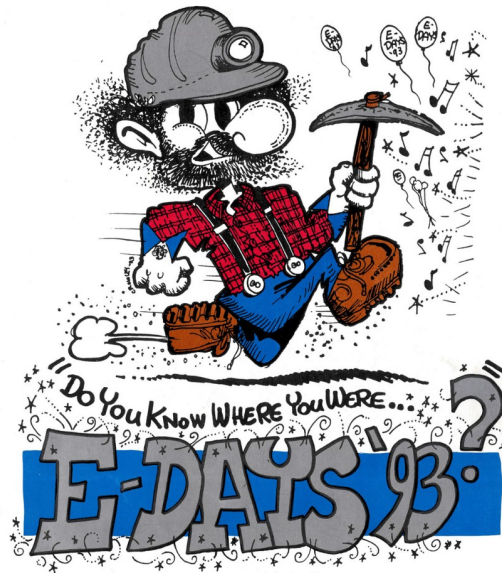
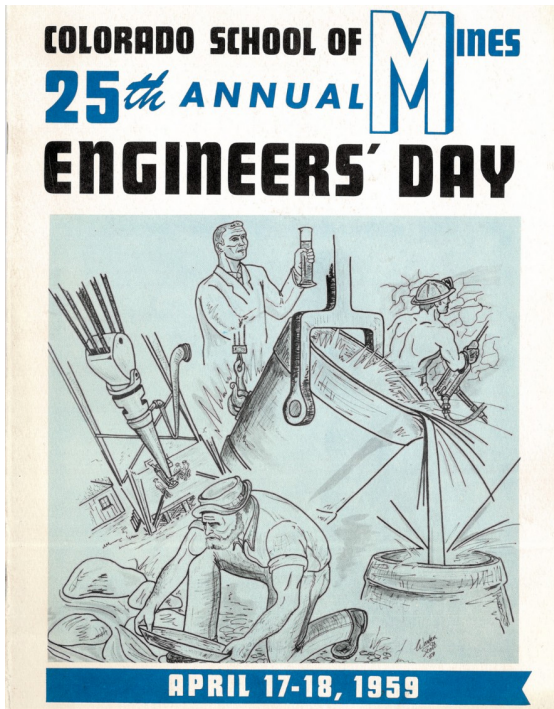
In Colorado, state water regulators have a good idea which water systems have PFAS in their drinking water supplies, said Christopher Higgins, a professor of civil and environmental engineering at Colorado School of Mines.

## Denver Business Journal

Colorado university opens \$25 million entrepreneurship center

"We're already starting to get that kind of synergy where the companies come in, the investors come in, companies bring more investors, investors bring more companies," director Zack Bennett told the DBJ on a tour of the Beck Venture Center.

**#Mines150History**



Did you know that the first E-Days took place nearly 100 years ago? On January 29, 1927, Engineers' Day made its debut and featured talks by council engineers, campus tours, a basketball game, dance and speech from Wyoming Governor Frank Emerson.

Based on its popularity, the celebration became an annual event with programming that has varied over the years. In 1933, E-Day included a geophysics exhibit, which later was displayed at the Chicago World's Fair. For many years, students held an Engineers' Day Dance where they crowned a Mr. Engineer and Engineers' Day Queen. Exhibits, technical sessions, mining contests and a boat race are among the events that were added to E-Day programs as years went on, and soon enough a jam-packed E-Day became the three-day event we now know as E-Days.

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