Provost's News

EMAIL. That great communication engine to which we have become addicted. Email brings efficiency, it brings convenience, and it provides an easy means for targeted communication. The use of email has become ubiquitous. Like all of you, I personally get an overwhelming amount of email daily. Email regarding your work-life and responsibilities, email from all members of your family, email from any vendors that you have used in the last several years, and of course, those insidious emails that slip through the spam filter and offer untold riches if you just reply with a bit of personal banking information.

All of these emails have simply become a part of our lives. Campus-announce emails are a part of this inbox clutter. In the “Mines-by-the-Numbers” section below, we can see that the amount of campus announce email is significant. As many campuses have done, we are examining a “Daily Digest” email model that will lower the number of announce emails, provide users with a quick snapshot of the announcements for the day, and archive announcements in a searchable central site so that they can be accessed quickly. The concept is simple: a daily digest consists of a very short description for each announcement along with a clickable link that will provide more details. In the coming months, we intend to pilot the daily digest for the campus. As we move from concept to reality, we need your input which you can provide by sending us, ironically, an email.

As always, thanks to all for all that you do for Mines!

Faculty Achievements

Teaching Professor Linda Battalora (PE) received the 2015 Rocky Mountain North America Distinguished Achievement Award for Petroleum Engineering Faculty at the SPE’s general meeting on October 21st. The award recognizes Dr. Battalora for her exceptional service and leadership to the society, as well as her major professional contributions to their technical disciplines at the regional level.

Professor Corby Anderson (MME) has been chosen to receive the 2017 EPD Distinguished Lecturer Award by The Minerals, Metals and Materials Society. The award recognizes an outstanding scientific leader in the field of nonferrous extraction and processing metallurgy, and the winner is invited to present a comprehensive lecture at the TMS Annual Meeting. Read more
Number of emails received in a month
The table below shows the number of email messages sent to the various announce lists (classified list, faculty list, undergraduate list, and graduate list). Messages to lists intended for small segments of the campus community (such as Physics club, Sigma Kappa, and club volleyball), to the optional subscriptions lists (such as Special-Activities, Campus-Notices, and Sporting-Events), or specific departmental email lists are not included in these counts.
State Support for Public Higher Education

In the past two years, the national conversation about college tuition and affordability has intensified and with an upcoming presidential campaign, we can expect even more public scrutiny of higher education costs. One can easily ask, “What changed in the past ten years?”

Mines has prospered in the past decade and it is easy for us to lose sight of the dramatic shift in the funding for higher education in the U.S. The plot below shows inflation-adjusted funding changes for public higher education over a fourteen year period. The decline in public funding for higher education has been balanced in part by increases in tuition. This in turn produces the obvious pressure on college affordability, access, and financial aid. Mines has prospered in this competitive, higher tuition cost environment. The national conversation on college affordability and access will continue and we as, a campus, must respond by always being mindful of the value of a Mines degree and continuously supporting improvements to our degrees and curriculum.

![Percentage Change in State Support for Public Higher Education](image)


**Mines’ Values**

A student-centered institution focused on education that promotes collaboration, integrity, perseverance, creativity, life-long learning, and a responsibility for developing a better world