HOUSING SIGNUP FOR RETURNERS AND NEW APPLICATIONS FOR MINES PARK (FOR 2015-2016)

**TO SIGN UP**
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- **CLICK “CAMPUS LIFE” TAB**
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**Housing Sign-Up Process 2015-16**

**Timeline for Returning Residence Hall Communities (Located in Maple Hall):**
- Monday, January 26 at 10 am: 2015-2016 Application Opens
- Thursday, January 29: Application Closes
- Friday, January 30: Offers out on a first come first serve basis
- Monday, February 2 at 8 am: Complete room selection online

**Maple Hall**
- Application fee: $50
- Furniture Included
- Meal Plan Required
- Utilities Included
- Cable TV/Internet Included
- Contract: Academic Year (Closed Winter Break)

**Timeline for New Mines Park Applicants:**
- Monday, February 2: 2015-2016 Application Opens
- Tuesday, March 31: Application Closes
- Offers out on a first come first serve basis
- 3 business days to accept online once offered a space

**Mines Park Apartments (1,2,3 Bedrooms)**
- Application fee for new applicants: $50
- Furniture NOT included
- Meal Plan Optional
- Utilities NOT included
- Cable TV/Internet included
- Free Laundry

Visit: inside.mines.edu/RSL-housing-signup
SPRING BREAK INFO

March 7-15 Residence Halls will remain open. Mines’ Department of Public Safety is available for emergencies 24/7, 365 days/year. Res Life Staff will be available on-call during the entire break (similar to that of a weekend duty schedule). Any changes in Food Service hours will be communicated to all residents prior to spring break.

END OF SEMESTER FINAL CHECKOUTS

Commencement: Friday, May 8, 2015. Residence Halls close at NOON on May 8th. Prepare NOW! We strongly encourage you and your student to start NOW in making end-of-semester plans – travel arrangements, plans to attend summer school, summer housing, etc. Unless your student plans to apply to live on campus for summer school, residents must schedule and check out with their respective RA within 24 hours after their final exams. Residence Halls officially close at 12 noon on Friday, May 8, 2015. Unless on-campus summer school housing for Summer I has been confirmed with your student, all Blastercard access will be stopped at noon Friday, May 8th.

SUMMER SCHOOL HOUSING

Is your student taking summer school class(es) this summer?
If so, we will offer housing on campus for students to reside in. We will be sending out emails, posting flyers, and having floor meetings about this once finalized. Students will NOT be required to purchase a meal plan; however, summer meal plans will be available to them if they decide to purchase one. Summer housing will be offered in one of the residence halls that have kitchen facilities to give students the opportunity to cook their own meals if they so choose! Stay tuned for further announcements from Residence Life as to how to sign up for summer housing online, rates, FAQ, etc.
# 2015 IMPORTANT DATES

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<td>Upper-Class Housing Applications for Returning Students (Maple Hall only for 2015-2016 AY):</td>
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<td>Mines Park Apartments Applications (New):</td>
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Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Department of Residence Life is sponsoring and distributing Valentine’s Day Care Packages for our Colorado School of Mines’ students. These packages come filled to the brim with Valentine’s themed goodies and will serve as a welcome check-in from home. Packages can be ordered at swaku.com/mines. The deadline to order is February 3rd, but order today as the more popular packages will run out!

*If a package is visible on the website at the time of ordering, the package is still available to be ordered.*

Thank you,
Department of Residence Life
SOCKTOBERFEST

"150 million people post pictures of food and stuff on Instagram"

"Like it doesn't even make sense! Why would people take pictures of food if you can't even eat it there?"

These are the famous words of Kid President, the young YouTube sensation who inspired Residence Life to participate in Socktober. In his hysterical video, Kid President asks his viewers to think critically about how they use the Internet, and all the “evil” things people do with their time and resources - like posting pictures of food or selfies on the internet... something many Res Life staff were certainly guilty of doing.

To help promote positive use of the internet and involvement in things that matter, in October of 2013, Kid President created #Socktober; a movement that aimed to get 1 million people out of their chairs and into their local community to help the homeless. How? Socks. Collect as many socks as possible and donate them to a local shelter, then share your experience using the Socktober hashtag on social media.

Inspired by the young man’s words, Brice, Ryan, and I decided to set out some large moving bins and put up promotional flyers for the #Socktober movement. Excited by the idea, the Mines Residence Life Student Staff began putting on events such as blanket tying parties and fashion shows to promote the #Socktober. In no time, students began donating their shirts, jackets, blankets, and of course, their socks.

In 2013, Residence Life was able to collect over 1,300 items on behalf of the #Socktober initiative. A few members of student staff had the privilege of taking the donated items to the Denver Rescue Mission, a non-profit helping the nearly 6 million homeless individuals and families in the Denver metro area by serving meals, providing clothes, and finding homes. Seeing the friendly, grateful staff and patrons of the Mission was nothing short of inspiring. In an age where expensive gizmos and gadgets constantly entertain us, it is incredible to watch someone’s eyes light up because they receive a bag filled with shoes.

Motivated by seeing all the good people humbly accept the donations, we knew we would have to put on the event again in 2014, this time extending it from October through the end of the semester. By December, nearly three times as many donations were given as the previous year, resulting in about 3,500 items, and it took a small fleet of students and staff members to get all the donations to Denver Rescue Mission.

Admittedly, a few clothing items can seem minuscule when thinking about the millions of people who are homeless. The Director of Residence Life, Brent Waller, likes to tell the following short story, and I can’t think of a better way to communicate how Mines, a school of just over 5,000, can have an incredible social impact:

“A man walks along the beach at low tide. As he walks, he sees a young boy walking toward him. As they get closer, the man sees the boy continue to lean over, pick up starfish which have been stranded in the low tide,
The Residence Hall Association (RHA) has had a blast planning and organizing programs across campus, and we are looking forward to an amazing Spring semester! To recap, last fall RHA put on many events including Paint It Up, an arts and crafts nights for students to socialize and get creative; Grocery Bingo, an event of intense Bingo competition for a chance to win the key to every college student’s heart – free food; Walk to Aware, a chance for students to raise awareness for the causes and organizations they are passionate about; and Break-B4-Break, a relaxing social event that included a variety of holiday activities before the stress of finals. Thank you to our wonderful RHA members that helped make these programs so fantastic!

We are also excited to announce that this semester is filled with passion projects, programs that have been suggested, voted on, and designed by our community members. So far we have started off the semester with a bang with our first passion project, Karaoke Night. RHA partnered with many other organizations around campus to host a massive Black Light Night event that took over the Student Recreation Center. RHA served refreshing mocktails as brave students shared their favorite songs and talented voices.

The next event coming up is a returning passion project, the RHA Cook-Off. Students have the opportunity to share recipes from different families and cultures in this friendly cooking competition. As a new dimension to the program, RHA will be creating nutrition labels for all of the dishes entered to educate students on the importance of nutrition. We have also invited a professional chef from Sodexo to give us a cooking demonstration. We can’t wait to try some tasty dishes as we decide which recipe will win Most Healthy, Most Original, and Most “Residence Hall Friendly.”

As we look ahead for the rest of the semester, we welcome all residents to come to our meetings (Mondays at 7 pm in the Maple Community Room) to help us plan a Muggle Quidditch Tournament, a Murder Mystery Masquerade, Office Supply Jeopardy, and our annual Casino Night as part of E-Days. We can’t wait to bring all of these great events to campus and hope to see as many residents there as possible!
RHA’s 2nd Annual Cook-Off is here!!

Sign up now to cook your favorite recipe for the chance to win prizes!

When:
Saturday, Feb. 7th, 11:30 AM

Where:
Maple Community Room

All participants/teams must REGISTER their recipe by January 30th at noon and will be financially compensated for ingredients. Follow the QR code or link to sign up and for more information.

http://goo.gl/Hi22h5
We are excited to announce the official opening of the Campus Living Office. It is now located at 1795 Elm Street (West side). This office serves as the hub for Residence Life, Mines Dining, and BlasterCard services. Our business hours are as follows:

Campus Living Office Hours
Monday – Friday: 8 am – 8 pm
Saturday and Sunday: 10 am – 5 pm
Campus Living Office Phone Number: 303.869.LIFE (x5433)

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