FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FROM PARENTS

- **What does the Mines Career Center do?**
  The Mines Career Center’s educational mission is to teach all students the lifelong skills of career development that will help them plot a course for success at Colorado School of Mines and beyond, with specific techniques for finding and getting good jobs fitting their education and personal interests.

- **When should students first contact the Career Center?**
  Early in Freshman Year is a great time to get to know the Career Center and resources. From Day One, students will find our office helpful in many ways, including:
  
  - Students find Mines has many great choices for a major; the Career Center website provides resources for learning connections between interests, majors and future careers; our workshops and collaboration with CSM 101 facilitate these decisions; individualized assistance is also available.
  
  - Students hoping for a freshman summer internship that makes academics even more relevant and interesting will want to be ready well before Fall Career Day to begin networking and interviewing.
  
  - Students who have received Financial Aid with Work Study awards will find opportunities for good on-campus employment by uploading a resume and applying through the DiggerNet system.

- **What is DiggerNet?**
  DiggerNet is the Mines on-line recruitment system that allows approved employers to post opportunities and students to quickly and easily apply for them. In addition, it is a resource center for creating great resumes, practicing interview skills, and staying informed about workshops and other events on campus.

- **What is the best major for a student to pursue at Colorado School of Mines?**
  All the majors offered at Mines are valued in the world of industry, government, and academia as being essential to help solve the problems of our society and our world. Students should investigate several options and make their decisions based on their interests, abilities, and values. Resources are available.

- **Can parents use DiggerNet or come to Career Day at Mines to help their students?**
  The DiggerNet system is only for current Mines students and recent graduates; interested parents are encouraged to ask your student about their process and suggest a visit to us for assistance in using it to maximum benefit. Career Day is also restricted to current students and alumni of Colorado School of Mines. Entrance is by student ID only; you will find that similar policies exist at other universities.

- **Can I talk with the Career Center about my student’s career development needs?**
  We understand you care and want to be helpful, and invite you to visit the Career Center with your student, ask us general questions, or peruse our website for information on many career topics. It is imperative and legally required that we work directly with students as they take charge of career exploration and activities. We ask that you suggest your student visit us and share information with you.

- **Will the Career Center find my son or daughter an internship, or a full-time job?**
  The Career Center is not a “placement office.” We are very active in educating students in lifelong skills that will promote their careers. We have many ways of helping students find and acquire jobs for themselves. Students who use the Career Center are glad they did.

- **What if my son or daughter does not find a job after graduation?**
  Many factors can influence the student’s job search process. Even after graduation and up to two years following graduation, our mission is to serve those who have earned their Mines degree. Our staff works one-on-one with active jobseekers and presents specialized workshops to recent graduates.

- **What if my company has jobs to offer Mines students?**
  In addition to the many employers who have long looked to Mines for top-quality employees, we actively seek new companies with needs for the skills that our students can bring to a position. Whether it is for internships, part-time, or full-time positions, you can be effective in networking to benefit both your company and Mines students. Please ask your Human Resources department or the hiring manager to contact our staff at 303-273-3233 or CareerCenter@mines.edu. Thank you.