FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS FROM PARENTS

• WHAT DOES THE CSM CAREER CENTER DO?
  The CSM 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 the best time to get to know the Career Center and our resources. From the
day they set foot on campus, students will find our office helpful. There are many reasons for this,
including:
  o Students find we have many great choices for a major; the Career Center website provides resources
    for learning the connections between majors and future careers; the Career Center’s workshops and
    collaboration with CSM 101 facilitate these decisions; individualized assistance is also available.
  o Students hoping for a 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.
  o 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 CSM 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 CSM 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 many
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 the system and recommend they visit 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 welcome you to visit the Career Center when you are on-campus with your student, peruse our
website for information on many career topics, or contact us with general questions. It is very important
that students take charge of their career exploration and activities; we respect that and ask that you
suggest your student visit us with any career concerns. They can choose to show you DiggerNet, too.

• WILL THE CAREER CENTER FIND MY SON OR DAUGHTER AN INTERNSHIP, OR A FULL-TIME JOB?
  The Career Center is not a “placement office,” but is very active in educating students in the 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 successful job search process. After graduation, we continue to be ready
to serve recent graduates for up to two years following graduation. We work one-on-one with active
jobseekers and even present specialized workshops to assist those who have graduated.

• WHAT IF MY COMPANY HAS JOBS TO OFFER CSM STUDENTS?
  In addition to the many employers who have long looked to CSM for top-quality employees, we
actively seek new companies with needs for the skills that our students can bring to a position. Please
ask your Human Resources department or the hiring manager to contact our staff at 303-273-3233 or
CareerCenter@is.mines.edu. Thank you.