Greetings!

It has been an unbelievable year for our family! We truly feel that we've become a part of the Mines community as much as our son, Nick has, even if from a distance. Nick immensely enjoyed his first year at Mines and has learned so much, but is ready to enjoy a break so he can spend more time outdoors hiking, off-roading, and clay shooting.

Mines has also had an amazing year – below is a snapshot with some quick highlights. We hope you continue to stay connected to Mines' latest news through this tri-annual Parent Report.

Cheers to a wonderful summer!

James Kastenholz and Jennifer Steans
The Parents Fund Chairs

Current News and Updates

The Parents Fund
It's been a record-breaking year for parent giving! More than 600 parents have already supported Mines this fiscal year – that's an incredible increase of 150 parents over this time last year. As parents and family members, we have a unique opportunity to be engaged with our children's education. Join us with your gift today or by June 30, to ensure all students are provided with the tools, opportunities and experiences to help them succeed.

Spring 2017 Commencement
Congratulations, graduates! Steeped in tradition, commencement is a time of celebration and one of the most revered events of the year for our graduates and their families. This year, we are honored to welcome John Coors as our commencement speaker. Graduate Commencement takes place on May 11, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Student Recreation Center's Lockridge Arena. Undergraduate commencement will be held in the Marv Kay Stadium on May
12, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.  Click here to learn more about tickets, parking & shuttle pick-up locations, and the inclement weather plan.

**Mines Tiny House Nearly Complete**
A group of students have spent nearly two years building a 220-square-foot home that generates as much energy as it consumes in preparation for the international Solar Decathlon competition in 2019. The students are nearing the final stages of their project, working to furnish the tiny house with high efficiency cooking appliances and lighting.

**Master’s Student in Guatemala on Fulbright**
David LaPorte, a master’s student in the Department of Geology and Geological Engineering, is working to help mitigate landslide risk in Guatemala after the devastating landslide of 2015 that killed an estimated 350 people.

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Learn more about Mines latest research, student projects, award-winning professors and students, events and stories that have made national news.

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