

December 23, 2015

Paul C. Johnson, Ph.D.
President

Mr. Michael N. Lucas
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Dear Michael:

Thank you for your generous support of the new Clear Creek Athletics Complex through the honorary football locker plaque fundraising campaign. We hope that you are as proud of the beautiful new facilities as we are. They are making a great impact on our student athletes, as well as our campus and the local community.

The purpose of the football locker fundraising program, coordinated by the CSM Foundation on behalf of the Colorado School of Mines, was to solicit donations and honor Mines' student athletes – both past and present. Unfortunately, an individual who participated in this fundraising program mistakenly viewed our new football locker room as a public space for free expression. This individual filed a lawsuit alleging that Mines violated his First Amendment rights when we denied his requested plaque inscription. Mines never intended for the new locker room to be a public forum for individual expression, nor do we believe anyone could reasonably assert that a private locker room would be viewed as a public space.

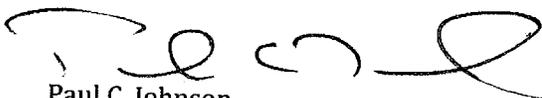
Although we strongly stand behind the merits of the original fundraising program and our decision to maintain the locker room as a private space for the football program, rather than a public space for expression, we also wish to remove any potential for further misunderstanding. As a result, the university has decided to cancel the original football locker fundraising program, remove all existing plaques, and replace them with new plaques. All plaques have been removed, whether or not they contained a quote. We invite you to transfer your gift and participate in this new fundraising program.

The parameters of the new program are set forth in the attached brochure. In summary, it provides all donors with the ability to transfer their gift to inscribe a new plaque in their own name as alumni or in the name of other athletes or family members who donors wish to recognize.

We are truly grateful for your generous support of the Clear Creek Athletics project and the positive impact you have made on our student athletes. If you would like to be part of the new program described above, please complete the enclosed card and/or contact Marv Kay at mkay@mines.edu or 303-273-3363. If you would prefer not to participate in the new program, CSM Foundation staff would be happy to visit with you about how to redirect your gift to a program or initiative that might better meet your giving intentions.

In closing, we sincerely apologize for any inconvenience to you as a result of this unfortunate action. Please be assured we very much value your continued support of Mines, and our athletic program and facilities. We hope that you will decide to continue to be a visibly recognized supporter of our beautiful new facility and future generations of Mines student athletes. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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INSCRIPTION FOR GIFTS TRANSFERRING TO A NEW PLAQUE

All new plaques will be located on the same locker locations as previous plaques with **no free text quotes**.



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Please transfer my gift to a new plaque with the same inscription, per the new donor acknowledgement criteria.

Please transfer my gift to a new plaque with an updated inscription as follows below:

My information:

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Class Year _____

Email _____

Personal information: 50 character maximum per line, including spaces

Jersey # _____

Name _____

Player Years _____

Position _____

City, State _____

High School _____

Athletic Awards, Recognitions, Honors _____

In Honor Of/In Memorial Of/In Recognition From: 30 character maximum per line, including spaces, and may include first, last and middle name of any current or former CSM student, staff member, donor or their family member

In Honor Of (optional) _____

In Memorial Of (optional) _____

In Recognition From (optional) _____

Mines will exercise final approval authority over donor plaques. By offering donor acknowledgement, Mines is not creating a public forum.