



ANNUAL REPORT 2020

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MISSION AND PURPOSE

The purpose of McCaw School of Mines is to provide education on the importance of mining and to promote a positive and responsible image of the mining industry and its partners.

Through interactive tours and exhibits we strive to communicate the maxim, “If it isn’t grown, it must be mined,” and the importance this phrase plays in the everyday lives of those in our communities. We also strive to spark an interest in mining careers to those that visit the Mine and emphasize the many career pathways possible.



HISTORY AND BACKGROUND

Located on 1.4 acres of property adjacent to the Gordon McCaw STEAM Academy campus, the McCaw School of Mines was developed in the early 1990’s through the efforts of then Gordon McCaw Elementary School Principal Janet Dobry. Fashioned in a similar manner as the Indiana Jones Ride at Disneyland, the 5,100 square foot realistic model of a historic underground mine was dedicated in 1996 and is the only simulated underground mine of its kind in the state. In 2000 a 3,000 square foot Visitor’s Center was added to the property. In April of 2018 McCaw School of Mines welcomed their 100,000th visitor.



McCaw School of Mines Foundation is a non-profit educational foundation founded in 1996 and formed under IRS Code 501(c)(3) to oversee McCaw School of Mines. The foundation has been recognized by GuideStar with their highest rating, the Platinum Star Seal of Transparency. McCaw School of Mines is primarily staffed by volunteers under the leadership of Executive Director Philip Luna. Mr. Luna has been the Executive Director since May of 2017.



MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This year has been particularly challenging for businesses, for families, and for our entire society. It has caused everyone to stop and evaluate how they look at the world around them. It has motivated many to re-evaluate the importance of family, friendships and proper priorities. Many businesses and organizations have been forced to reimagine themselves and to adjust to a new and ever-changing environment.

Here at McCaw School of Mines we had to re-think what message we were providing and how we could deliver that message in a way that is conscious of health concerns and sensitive to those that visit us. Most of the year we were unable to host visitors because of directives and mandates from the Governor's office. During those times we were able to focus our efforts on refurbishing exhibits, installing new and better equipment, addressing problem areas and upgrading landscaping. Later in this report you will see some of the changes and upgrades that we have made.

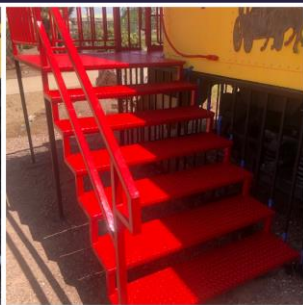
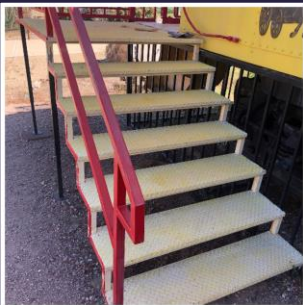
We did experience several highlights this year. In October we launched our [Paving the Future For Our Kids](#) Memorial Brick Program. Many have already begun to make a donation and have a loved one or business name etched in stone to take its place in our upcoming memorial garden. Also we were pleased to have the Fox 5 News crew come out and highlight us on their morning show. They gave us a generous amount of time and made us look good!



We are excited for the future. We know that this current crisis will not last and we look forward to welcoming our community back to our facilities. When they visit they will find a better experience than before. They will understand to a greater measure the importance of the mining industry and they will leave with an even stronger appreciation for the part that mining plays in our everyday lives.

Philip D. Luna, Executive Director

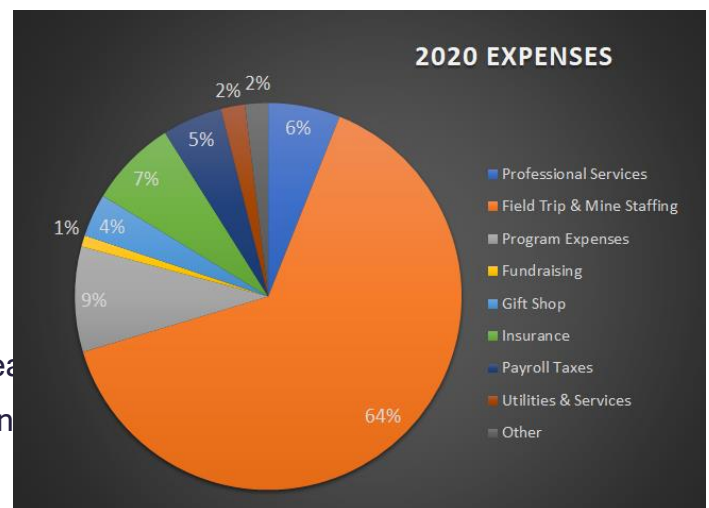
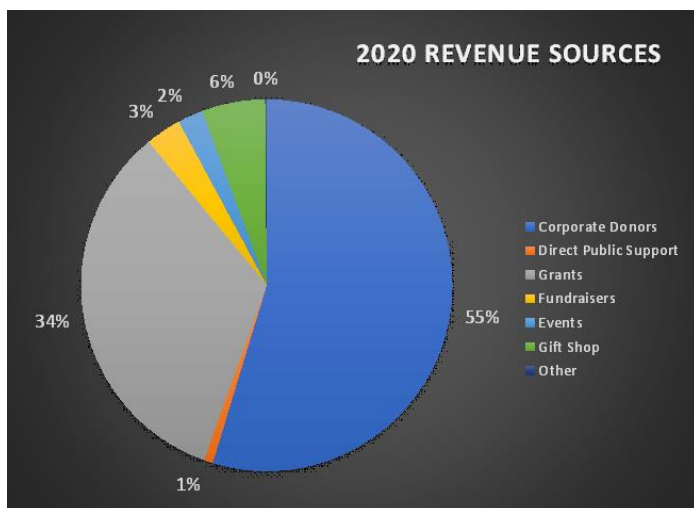




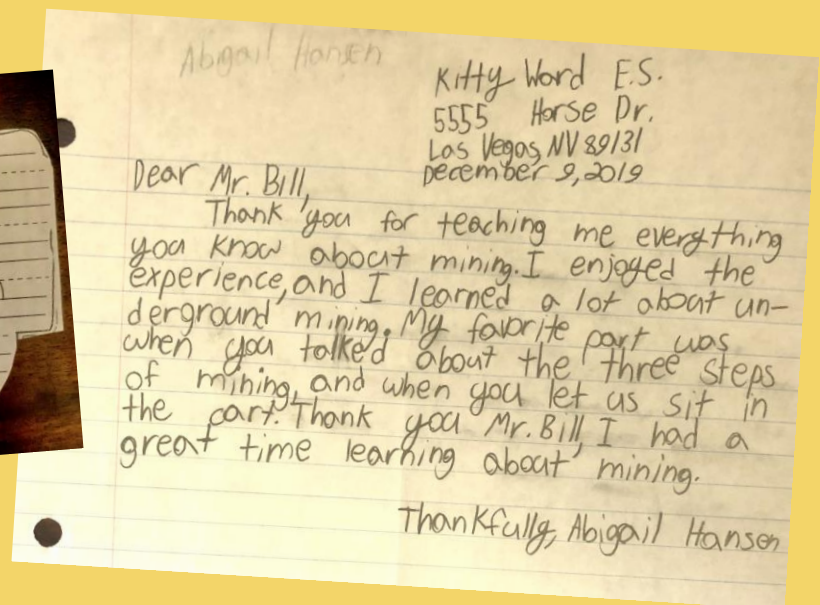
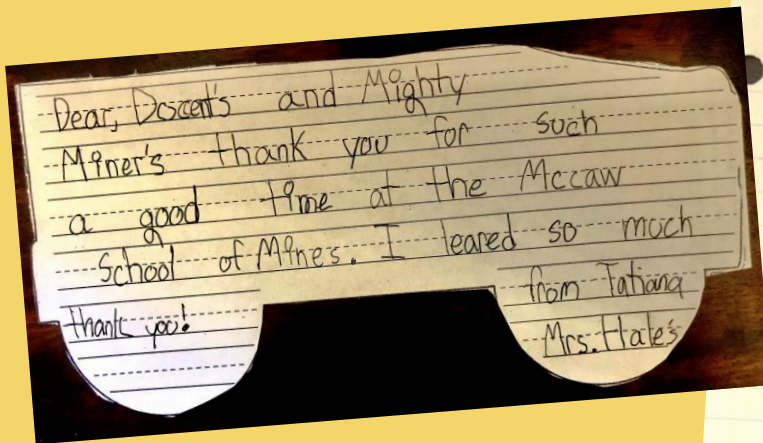
FACTS AND FIGURES

During Calendar Year 2020:

- In this COVID-19 pandemic-shortened year we provided 38 guided field trips for Clark County area schools and groups from January through March 13th.
- 90% of school field trips were provided free of charge to the attending school including all Clark County School District field trips.
- We were able to open our doors to the public 7 times this past year in compliance with the Governor's various mandates and directives. Despite our required closures over 2,000 people visited our Mine Experience. Since 1996 we have educated almost 113,000 students, educators and families on the importance of minerals in our society, mining's role in producing the minerals we need, and how mining has contributed to Nevada's statehood and rich history.
- We were unable to provide our annual Haunted Mines family event this year but our plans for the 2021 event are already underway.
- We continued to upgrade our facilities and property to allow even more for self-guided tours.

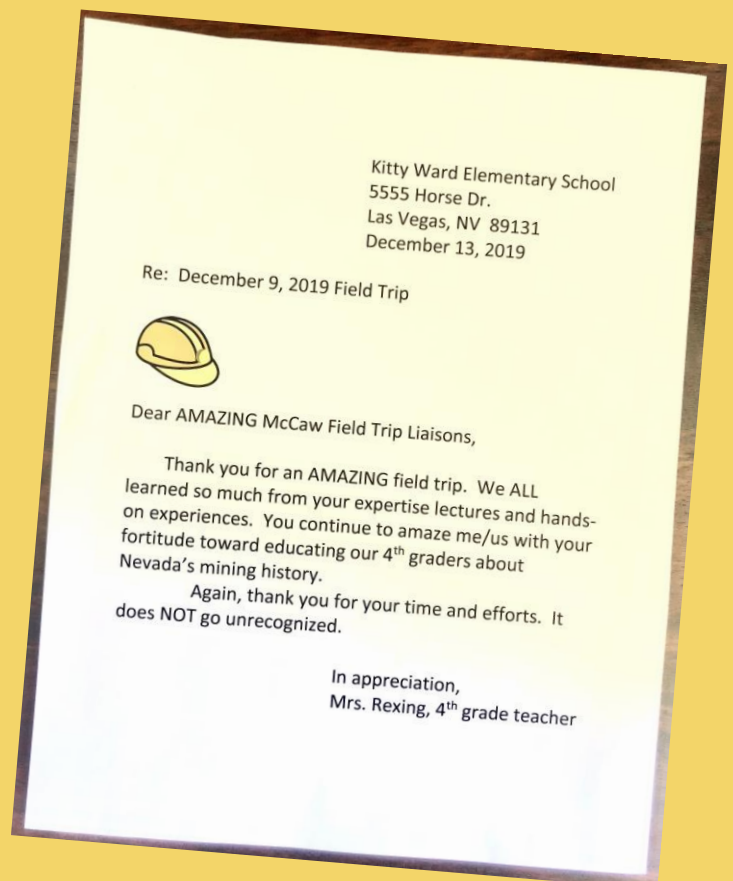
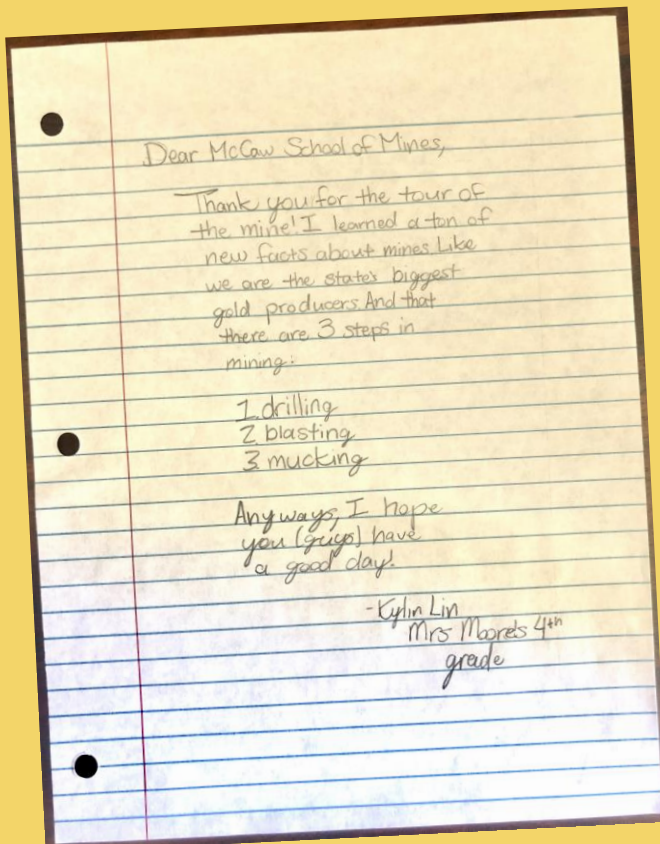


FROM OUR VISITORS

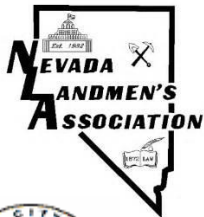
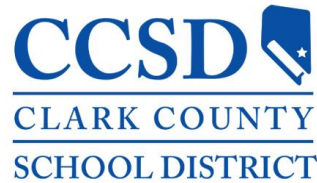


"Thank you for giving us the opportunity to tour your mine. We feel fortunate that the fees were covered by our partnership with you and the mining companies."

- Levi, 4th Grade Student, Lamping Elementary School



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