

CCHS Newsletter

College and Career High School: We Turn Dreams Into Degrees



CCHS hosted our first assembly on August 22. Above are our most recent college graduates (current CCHS 11th and 12th graders) who received their CNM Associate's Degree or Program Certifications over the summer.

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CNM Fall Semester began on August 26

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CCHS College Night/Open House will be on September 18

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CCHS was just recognized as a Magnet School of America Certified School

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CCHS also recently renewed our status as a NM Early College High School

CCHS Students Are Taking Advantage of Our New Internship Program

This year CCHS is offering a class where students can earn high school credit while getting a paid internship through CNM.

“I am hoping to get experience in a job that corresponds with my degree that isn’t like a regular fast food job. I want experience that can help me determine my future career,” explained 12th grader Jordin Aguilar.

Mr. Richard is teaching this class and partnering with CNM to help find these students paid internships that align with their majors. We currently have 10 students taking advantage of this program with hopes of expanding in the Spring term.

“I plan on moving to a 4 year college and pursuing my Bachelor’s Degree in Cyber Security. I know the internship will help me in the future because it will help me see which paths I want to take and what work will look like in Cyber Security,” Senior Vicente Ordaz stated.



Mr. Richard shows seniors Jordin Aguilar and Vicente Ordaz a recent email from CNM regarding a job posting

In this class students build their resumes, write cover letters, apply for internships and prepare for job interviews. Once they get a paid internship, Mr. Richard will work with them to ensure they are having success by meeting with them weekly and doing site visits.

“Joining the workforce is a huge part of growing into adulthood. Here we not only learn the hard skills of our job, but we also develop the skills that aren’t as easy to teach: self-confidence, integrity, pride,” said Mr. Richard.

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity please reach out to Mr. Kraus, Mr. Richard, or Ms. Thrush for more information.

STUDENT PROFILE OF THE MONTH: EZEKIEL BENAVIDEZ

This month we are profiling 12th grader Ezekiel Benavidez (pictured to the right), who is a Pre-Medical Major at CNM.

Why did you choose Pre-Med and what do you enjoy about that major? “I chose pre-med because it was something that I felt like I could dedicate myself to. I felt like I could still choose a lot of different pathways and that no matter what I chose I could feel pride in what I do and feel like I was doing something good for the people around me”.

What made you decide to come to CCHS? “I wanted something that would challenge me. Instead of “wasting time” on getting good grades or AP classes, I realized I could start working towards my college degree right now.

What advice do you have for 9th and 10th graders at CCHS? “You can do it. It will be hard but if you utilize your resources and put in the work you can achieve what you want. Nothing comes easy, but it will be worth it in the end”

