

CCHS Newsletter

College and Career High School: We Turn Dreams Into Degrees



CCHS hosted our open house on September 18th. Our theme this year was college night. Parents learned how they can support their students at CNM. Pictured is our staff presenting on how they support our mission in their roles.

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Spirit Week will be from October 21-25

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10th graders will take the PSAT on October 3

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Did you know? You can earn a bilingual seal at CCHS. Ask Mrs. Beltran for more info

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CCHS Fall Break will be on October 11th, CNM is still in session on that day

CNM Lab Helps CCHS Students Get Back on Track

For the third consecutive year CCHS has built in a CNM lab into our schedule to assist students who are struggling at CNM, as well as those who are new to CCHS that are taking college classes for the first time.

The lab is ran by our Dean of Students, Veronica Andrade. She reinforces good academic habits, teaches the students how to navigate CNM's online platform, helps them prioritize assignments, and checks on their grades weekly.

"The most fulfilling part is seeing the students gain confidence as they improve their skills. Watching them go from struggling to feeling capable and prepared for their classes brings me a lot of joy," explained Mrs. Andrade.

If a student has a rough semester at CNM they are placed in the lab to get extra assistance. One of those students was Yulezzy Valenzuela, who will graduate this spring from CCHS and has already finished multiple degrees at CNM

"Ms. Andrade was always there for me. We had really good conversations in the lab. When I needed



12th grader Yulezzy Valenzuela with her 4 CNM Degrees

help with certain assignments I knew who to go to without second-guessing myself," Valenzuela explained.

Due to her hard work and applying the lessons she has learned at CCHS, Valenzuela has already earned a Certificate of Spanish language, Associate Degree of Applied Science in Integrated Studies, Certificate in General Studies, and American Heart Association Basic Life Support at CNM.

"Being in the CNM lab taught me how to talk to adults more confidently and use my time more effectively," Valenzuela said

This year all new 10th-12th graders were placed in the lab as we recognized a need to give more support to new CCHS students who are transitioning into a dual credit high school.

STUDENT PROFILE OF THE MONTH: JULIA RODRIGUEZ

This month we are profiling 12th grader Julia Rodriguez (pictured to the right), who is a Pre-Health Sciences/Pre-Nursing Major at CNM.

What do you like the most about your major and your CNM classes? "With my major specifically, my classmates have been a huge help in getting me to where I am! It was super daunting to be around older peers but taking classes at CNM has made me get out of my comfort zone and ask for help from the people around me and take advantage of tutoring and study groups."

What are your plans following graduation? "I hope to attend nursing school at UNM or NMSU to get my Bachelors in Nursing. Afterwards, I want to work as a labor and delivery nurse and potentially get my Masters degree in Midwifery."

What advice do you have for 9th graders at CCHS? "Be involved! Join clubs, go to events, and make friends. High school is so short and you'll regret not doing more when you had the chance. I was lucky enough to run FYL with my best friend and it has had a lot of ups and downs, but I'm really proud of what we have accomplished."

