

CCHS Newsletter

College and Career High School: We Turn Dreams Into Degrees



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Pictured above is the new CNM Student Success Center!

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CCHS Winter Ball will be on Friday, January 31st

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Do you have a sibling that wants to attend CCHS? The application closes on Feb 23!

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Congratulations to Jordan Aguilar, Zach Beck, Melanie Garcia and Garrick Tam for making the Dean's List at CNM last term.

CCHS Seniors to Present Capstone Projects in April

Senior year is a time of transition. Seniors at CCHS have their hands full, not only finishing up their degrees at CNM, but also looking to the future trying to decide what to do next year. This doesn't always allow for time for students to reflect on their four years here and see how far they have come.

The senior capstone project, being introduced for the first time this year, is giving students a chance to bridge both where they are going and where they have been.

The project, which students began working on in August, will be completed in April. Students will present their project to their peers, as well as have an opportunity to present to families and friends. The Senior Capstone will ask students to reflect on four areas: Personal Growth, Academic Growth, Accomplishments/Acknowledgments, and Hopes/Plans for the Future.

This work is being completed in English 12 and is overseen by Dr. Melton. "I hope that students have an opportunity to reflect on where they have been the past few years and where they are going. I think there is real benefit in putting experiences



Pictured above is Dr. Melton with his 2nd period

into words, and I hope that helps them have a strong sense of accomplishment while also deepening their exploration of their future," explained Melton.

"Asking if this project has made me reflective is like asking Mrs. Baca if she likes math," senior Evan Prior stated. "It has made me look at all my work, my successes, my failures, and my growth. I think that I've been given an opportunity to show everyone how much I've accomplished, and for that I am grateful."

The plan is for this to be a tradition at CCHS and a culminating experience for our students to showcase all their hard work.

STUDENT PROFILE OF THE MONTH: DAVINY AMO KWAO

This month we are profiling 12th grader Daviny Amo-Kwao (pictured to the right), who is finishing up her Integrated Studies Degree at CNM this spring.

What do you like the most about your major and your CNM classes? I came from a different high school, and even though I liked it there, I wasn't being challenged. I choose Integrated Studies because it is a way I can try out a bunch of classes I'm interested in, without having to commit to one major. And I'll still get a degree by the end of it so it was a win win for me. My favorite thing about the classes is all the different professors I've had. Even if I didn't like them, they all were passionate.

What will you do after you graduate this spring? My plan for the future is ever changing but right now I plan to study Theology or Linguistics at UNM.

What advice do you have for CCHS underclassmen? I would say relax, college classes aren't as scary as they sound. As cliché as it sounds, all the people here want to help you, and want to see you succeed. Your college professors are no different. Also, know your limits.

