



# COLLEGE CONNECT CHRONICLE

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## A MESSAGE FROM DEJA

Happy November, College Connect! The weather is getting colder, the days are getting shorter, and more holiday fun is on the way! November is a month of gratitude so let's celebrate by being grateful for being more than halfway done with the Fall 2022 semester! We are so close to the end of 2022. Make sure to take time to reflect to see all that you are grateful and thankful for. I know for myself, I am thankful for all of you for doing your best everyday to succeed in all you do. I am also thankful for the College Connect team who provide you support each day to make sure you are on track for success. As we continue to share our gratitude and prepare for the upcoming holiday fun, continue to stay focused on your academics, especially as we prepare for the Winter 2023 session and Spring 2023 semester. Thank you for all that you do and continue to do it with passion!



Warm regards,  
Deja Duong, M.Ed.,  
Regional Manager

## IMPORTANT DATES

### COLLEGE CONNECT

#### **Veteran's Day Closure**

Friday, November 11

College Connect will be closed in observance of Veteran's Day.  
We will resume operations on Monday, November 14.

#### **Friendsgiving Outing**

Friday, November 18 | 12:30pm-2:30pm

Location: College College Main Office

For more information, please contact your student facilitator

#### **Thanksgiving Break Closure**

Thursday & Friday, November 24-25

College Connect will be closed for Thanksgiving break.  
We will resume operations on Monday, November 28th

Please note all College Connect  
services beginning January 1, 2023  
will be in person only

# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Felix



College Connect Chronicle is pleased to highlight our October student spotlight, Felix! Felix is currently majoring in Music at Citrus College. His goals are to get a job and graduate with his degree. College Connect is proud to highlight Felix's continuous academic and personal growth.

## WHAT DOES COLLEGE CONNECT MEAN TO YOU?

"It means getting to connect with peers and staff. For instance, like going to events and sessions. They help me with selecting and registering for my classes.

## WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE MOMENT BEING IN COLLEGE CONNECT?

"My favorite moment is going to events. I like the Legends Outing, Halloween Bash, and Spring BBQ. "

## WHAT WAS YOUR GREATEST CHALLENGE AS A STUDENT? HOW DID YOU OVERCOME IT?

"When I first started College Connect, I had difficulty connecting with peers and not being aware of events. I kept persevering and I became better at doing them."

# TEAM SPOTLIGHT

Natalie Robles



College Connect Chronicle is pleased to highlight our Student Facilitator, Natalie! Natalie received her Bachelor's degree in Kinesiology from Cal State Fullerton. Her goal is to become an academic advisor at the college level and help students achieve their academic goals. We are excited to have Natalie as part of the College Connect team!

## WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR PROUDEST/FAVORITE MOMENT AT COLLEGE CONNECT SO FAR?

"My favorite moment at College Connect so far is when we celebrated the 10 year anniversary of the company and the team went out for lunch together. "

## WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES?

"My hobbies include traveling, shopping at Costco and Target, and spending time with my cats at home."

## WHAT ARE YOUR TOP 3 LIFE HIGHLIGHTS?

"My top 3 life highlights are: buying my first car, graduating from college, and being an older sister to my 3 siblings."

## College Connect Gratitude Board

*"I am grateful for having family and friends who support me."*

*"I'm grateful for working."*

*"I am grateful for my job."*

*"I am grateful for having support."*

*"I'm grateful for my grandma."*

*"I am grateful for having good people in my life."*

*"I'm grateful for my cat."*

*"I am grateful for being able to go to college, and having food to eat."*

*"I am grateful for College Connect."*

*"I'm grateful for my health."*



# COLLEGE CONNECT



## October in photos



10/28/22

Staff all dressed up in their Halloween costumes!



10/28/22

Pumpkin Pong Time!



10/28/22

Melissa S., Shane, and Betteena cutting their Birthday cake!



10/28/22

College Connect Halloween Bash!



Our annual Staff Pumpkin Carving Competition. Congrats to our winners: Shane and Jenn!

10/27/22



10/14/22

Our Regional Team, Deja & Megan at the Frostig Transitional Fair!



10/01/22

Our campus lead, Chelshy representing College Connect!



# [OCTOBER SNAPSHOT]

October was a month full of treats! We started the month off with a trip to our favorite diner, Legends, where students gathered to have lunch. Students ate burgers and indulged in delicious milkshakes. Some students even enjoyed ice cream sundaes. We welcomed three new Student Facilitators to the College Connect Team: Angelica (Rio), Angela (Citrus), and Jung (Mt. SAC). We also had two promotions within the College Connect Team: Melissa B. to Campus Lead Trainee and Shane to Campus Lead Assistant! We then ended the month with our annual Halloween Bash! Students enjoyed games such as the Mummy wrap game and Pumpkin pong, while eating pizza, Halloween cookies, and candy! Students were all dressed up in their costumes while hitting up the dance floor. We had a costume contest, where Coraline won 1st place, Michael Myers won 2nd place, and a Kitty won 3rd place. Green Goblin received Most Challenging as the costume was hand sewn! We also had The Sticky Bandit receive Most Creative, a costume inspired by the movie, "Home Alone". October is the start of all the holiday fun so stay tuned as we continue to celebrate the upcoming holidays!

## COLLEGE CONNECT CORNER

### PUMPKIN PIE RECIPE

#### Ingredients

- 1 (9 inch) unbaked pie crust
- 1 (16 ounce) can pumpkin puree
- 1 (14 ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice

#### Directions

- Preheat the oven to 425 degrees F (220 degrees C). Fit pie crust into a 9-inch pie dish and place it on a baking sheet.
- Combine pumpkin puree, condensed milk, eggs, and pumpkin pie spice in a large bowl; mix until combined. Pour into the pie crust.
- Bake in the preheated oven for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C) and continue to bake until filling is set, 35 to 40 minutes.
- Remove from the oven, set on a wire rack, and cool completely before serving.
- Enjoy!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Favorite Holiday Movie

We want to hear from YOU! College Connect Chronicle would like to know how your favorite holiday movie to feature in our next issue!

Please submit to your student facilitator or to Jianne at [oa@collegeconnectsupport.com](mailto:oa@collegeconnectsupport.com)

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