



COLLEGE CONNECT CHRONICLE

Issue No. 25 | May 2022

What's Inside

A MESSAGE FROM JIANNE

CAMPUS & PROGRAM UPDATES

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

TEAM SPOTLIGHT

YEAR-IN-REVIEW

GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENTS

APRIL SNAPSHOT

COLLEGE CONNECT CORNER

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A MESSAGE FROM JIANNE

Dear College Connect community,

Happy 2-year anniversary College Connect Chronicle! The month of May is an exciting time for College Connect Chronicle as it marks the anniversary of its launch! We started College Connect Chronicle in 2020, at the peak of the pandemic, with the hopes of sharing some positivity in times of challenges. I always look forward to engaging with our amazing staff and students to highlight all their achievements. Time has really flown since then with so many exciting changes happening here at College Connect! With that, I wanted to reflect the growth of this program by revamping the College Connect Chronicle design and content! In this issue, you will find familiar topics such as campus updates, outing information, student and staff spotlight, and monthly snapshots. We have also added a new segment to the newsletter titled the "College Connect Corner" where we showcase different and relevant topics every month for the College Connect community.

In closing, thank you so much for your continued engagement and support. It has been such a rewarding experience being able to create and curate this newsletter each month. I look forward to continuing to highlight your accomplishments, talents, interests, and stories in the future issues of our newsletter!



Best regards,
Jianne Gonzales, MPA
Office Administrator

IMPORTANT DATES

College Connect

Lunch at Legend's Diner

Friday, May 13th at 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Meet at the College Connect Office

End of Spring 2022 Barbeque

Friday, May 27th

12:00pm - 3:00pm

at Dalton Park

Campus

May 16-20, 2022

Cal Poly Pomona

Finals Week

May 21 - 26, 2022

Rio Hondo College

Finals Week

May 30, 2022

Citrus College & Mt. Sac:

Campus Closed for Memorial Day

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Jesus



College Connect Chronicle is pleased to highlight our May student spotlight, Jesus! Jesus is currently majoring in Dance at Citrus College. His goal is to get a job as a dance instructor. Jesus has been active in College Connect outings and group events. College Connect is proud to highlight Jesus' continuous academic and personal growth.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE MOMENT BEING IN COLLEGE CONNECT?

"My favorite moment being in College Connect was having individual sessions. It gave me good vibes and it taught me to understand other people's perspectives. I enjoyed making new friends and having Deja and Meredith as my facilitators."

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

"My greatest challenge as a student was taking a SPCH class. I couldn't get it at first but got help from students from my class, who mentioned that I shouldn't be shy. I ended up passing with a B in the class. My other greatest challenge as a student was keeping up with social skills with friends. I overcame these thoughts by staying calm and relaxing."

FUN FACT(S) ABOUT YOURSELF:

A fun fact about myself is that I like sausage and bacon pizzas, as well as asada and chicken tacos.

TEAM SPOTLIGHT

Deja Duong



College Connect Chronicle is pleased to highlight our Regional Manager, Deja! Deja recently received her Master's degree in Educational Counseling from National University. She has been with College Connect since 2020, starting out as a Campus Lead. Since then, Deja has been able to grow professionally within College Connect and has been an integral part of the College Connect team and program.

WHAT ARE YOUR CURRENT JOB RESPONSIBILITIES?

I conduct referrals/intakes with new students coming into the program. I attend community outreach events to spread awareness about College Connect. I oversee and manage staff to ensure that direct services with our students are going well. I also am part of the hiring and training process for new staff.

WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES?

I like going to the beach and the outdoors, exercising, roller skating, dancing, singing karaoke, watching movies, drawing, reading, traveling with my husband, and hanging out with my family and friends.

FAVORITE FOOD: Sushi

FAVORITE MOVIE/SHOW: One of my favorite movies is Inception and one of my favorite tv shows is New Girl.

DREAM DESTINATION: My dream destination is Alaska in the springtime, to see the Northern Lights.

COLLEGE CONNECT CHRONICLE

YEARS-IN-REVIEW

LAUNCH DATE:

5/4/2020

24

NEWSLETTER ISSUES
STUDENT SPOTLIGHTS
TEAM SPOTLIGHTS

207 STUDENT/STAFF
SUBMISSIONS

including artwork, favorite movies, favorite destinations, holiday traditions, resolutions, motivational quotes, favorite music, and more!

TIPS, ADVICE,
CHALLENGES
& CHECKLISTS

22

including Student's Back-to-School Tips, Tips to Staying Motivated, Tips for a Stress-free Holiday Season, Tips to Develop Good Habits, Seasonal Activity Checklists, Challenges, and more!

16

MONTHLY
SNAPSHOTS

GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENTS

My greatest accomplishment so far was graduating high school. I was struggling a lot during sophomore year, so I asked for help and started trying harder.

My greatest accomplishment was when I got a perfect score on an assignment. I was having a hard time and asked for help, and it paid off.

My greatest accomplishment was getting my certificate in digital web design from fall 2020.

My biggest accomplishment is getting through college classes. I pass my classes and get good grades. I achieved this accomplishment by working hard on my assignments and asking for help when I need it. I get a lot of support from my friends and family, especially when taking difficult online classes.

My greatest accomplishment so far is being a music major. I attribute this to the amount of music classes I have taken.

My greatest accomplishment was making it to college. My sister is the main reason I was able to succeed.

My biggest accomplishment was overcoming my high school struggles. I think that it was the failures in high school taught me to accept and move forward.

My greatest accomplishment was graduating high school.

My greatest accomplishment was overcoming the fear of taking too much time and dedication. I was able to achieve this by not giving up and asking for help from others.

My greatest accomplishment so far is finishing college and I was able to do this by asking help from tutors.

My greatest accomplishment so far is being able to create video games.

My biggest accomplishment so far is getting into Cal Poly Pomona. I did this by working hard and staying optimistic and determined

[APRIL SNAPSHOT]

April brought in new ideas and energy that refreshed College Connect. We hosted a Slime Party, where students and staff created slime from scratch. Students had the option and freedom to pick what color they wanted and to add any beads or glitter for sensory purposes. We had another social event where students and staff created a Spring Mural. Students and staff brainstormed what theme and ideas they would add to the mural. It was great to see how many students worked together to create something so beautiful and cool! Spring brings in a lot of growth and in April, the College Connect team grew. We welcomed our new Student Facilitators: Barbara, Christian, Deidra, and Eric. April was amazing and May will get even better because we will be having our outings out in the community. Make sure to seek information from your facilitators about the upcoming May outings!

COLLEGE CONNECT CORNER

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Corey



College Connect Chronicle is excited to highlight our Alumni Spotlight, Corey! He began with College Connect in 2018 and graduated from the program last year. Corey received his Associate's Degree in Business at Citrus College in 2021. College Connect is proud to highlight Corey's achievements and commitment to accomplishing his goals!

WHY DID YOU DECIDE TO PURSUE A COLLEGE DEGREE?

I wanted to pursue a college degree so that I can learn more about what I can do for myself, my family, and the world.

HOW DID GETTING YOUR DEGREE HELP YOU IN YOUR CAREER AND YOUR LIFE GOALS?

It helped to have more job opportunities and it'll help to support me and my family.

IS THERE A SPECIFIC MEMORY THAT YOU CAN RECALL FROM YOUR DAYS AT COLLEGE CONNECT, THAT HAD AN IMPACT ON YOUR LIFE AND YOUR SUCCESS?

I appreciate the College Connect staff giving me encouragement and advice like talking to the professor on how to improve.

ANY TIPS FOR COLLEGE CONNECT STUDENTS CURRENTLY ATTENDING COLLEGE?

Never hesitate to ask for help from others and make sure that the degree you're pursuing is the right one for you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Memories

We want to hear from YOU! College Connect Chronicle would like to know your favorite summer memories! Please submit to Jianne at oa@collegeconnectsupport.com or to your student facilitator.

COLLEGE CONNECT INFORMATION

[2021 Annual by the Numbers](#)

[College Connect Pop-up](#)

[College Connect Resource Guide](#)



STAY IN THE LOOP!

Visit our website for the latest updates and information at www.collegeconnectsupport.com



College Connect Support



@CollegeConnectSupport



@C_C_Support



COMPLIMENTS FOR THE EDITOR

- "Jianne is so creative and always makes the newsletter look so unique every month! You can tell she puts a lot of effort into making the newsletter look as great as it does!" – Cindy
- "Jianne is the backbone of College Connect! She is the first smiling face the staff and students see when we walk into the office and her professionalism and creativity has brought the best out of College Connect. I am so proud of her drive and passion to create a space for College Connect staff and students to be highlighted, and to also learn new ways to study, keep ourselves healthy, and to keep us up to date with the latest campus news and updates. Happy 2 Year Anniversary of the College Connect Chronicle, Jianne! Can't wait to see what else you do with it!" – Deja
- "Thank you, Jianne, for creating fun, informative newsletters that highlight our program and our students and their accomplishments! I am so excited to see what is in store for our revamped newsletter! Keep up the great work!!" – Megan
- "Jianne- Happy 2- Year Anniversary with the College Connect Chronicle! You have done such an incredible job at making this newsletter what it is today! Your creativity and energy behind this project has been felt throughout our entire community. Thank you for including our students and team members in the newsletter and for giving them a chance to showcase their passion and interests! I know we are all looking forward to future editions!" – Dr. Jeanette Cabrera
- "Thank you, and congratulations on two years of continuous work on the College Connect Chronicle. Your work with this newsletter has not only highlighted the success of this program but the achievements of all the students and staff. The students, staff, and parents can't wait to see your upcoming newsletters." –Shane
- "Jianne works very hard and it is admirable how she balances her work duties here at College Connect, along with the newsletter and social media. The newsletter always comes out beautifully and I look forward to reading the fun sections provided. I'm sure she has a lot on her plate, along with planning her upcoming wedding, and I respect the hard work she always puts forth. We're very grateful for Jianne!" – Sarah
- "The newsletter always turns out so amazing because of Jianne's creativity and hard work. Thank you for giving us something to look forward to every month, Jianne!" – Betteena
- "I really like how our newsletter has neutral colors because it is easier for the eyes to glance over and read. Cooking corner always has fun simple recipes which can be helpful for college students who can be in a rush starting their day but need to make a healthy breakfast." – Jennifer
- "Jianne is creative and always knows how to improve the newsletter and make it interesting for our students to read. Jianne always ensures that she has enough responses to add to the newsletter each month. Creating the newsletter on a monthly basis is a big responsibility and Jianne is the right person for the job!" – Selena
- "Your commitment within the smallest things to the biggest tasks are impressive because they are always creative, joyful and colorful. . . You are incredible!" – Chelshy
- "Jianne, thank you for sharing your creativity with the office and the community that gets to read our newsletters. We value the time you put into the newsletter each month and we look forward to continuing to read them each month. Thank you." – Araceli
- "So appreciate you and vibe you bring to the team, students, and this amazing newsletter!" – Dr. Christopher Morrison

