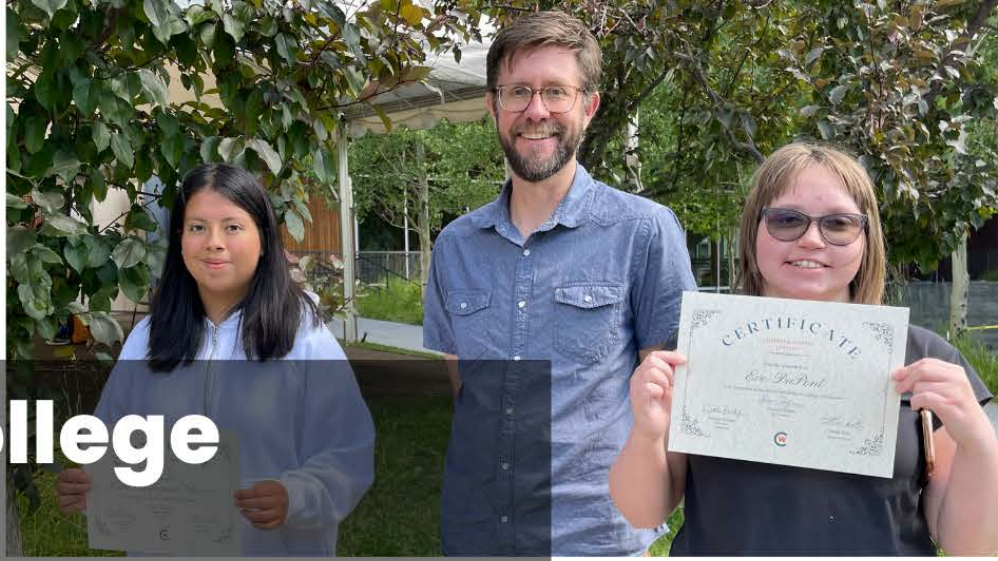




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Bridge to College & Success 2023

OUR STORY



In 2020, the CWC Jackson Bridge to College & Success program got designed to help ease the transition into college for high school students. It supports postsecondary success by providing students with the academic skills and social resources needed to succeed in a college environment. Participants are often 1st-generation, underrepresented students who face many pressures while navigating the unfamiliar college territory.

FROM BRIDGE STUDENTS



"I'm applying for the bridge program to have a better college opportunity. At first I didn't think I could go to college but when I heard about CWC and then a bridge program I thought it was so helpful. Going to college can give me more career success and options in the future that I think would benefit me in the end."

"I've been wanting to apply to CWC Bridge Program since 2020, and it is a great opportunity to learn over summer. If you don't know what you want to major in; you can find through this program what you want to do."

"I'm interested in attending CWC and I think the Bridge Program would help me see more of what CWC has to offer with its programs. I want to go to school after high school I'm just not sure what I want to do for a career yet."

2023 STUDENT COHORT

- All are committed to attending CWC after high school
- 80% are first-in-family to graduate from high school
- 40% had one parent graduate from high school

- 80% are the first generation to graduate from college,
- 100% identify financial stresses as likely to interfere with the completion of college
- One student recently arrived in the U.S. and was an English Learner



About the Program

This summer, Bridge students participated in meetings with leaders in the community and organizations to help them explore career opportunities and who they were as individuals. In addition, they began their college career and earned five credits by completing English Composition I, English 1007, and the College Student Success Course. By focusing on Academic Skills, Research and Writing, ALEKS (MATH), Life Skills, College and Career Planning, and Self-Perception (a critical, non-cognitive skill associated with college readiness), the Bridge Program successfully prepared these students for college-level classes. The program met Tuesday through Thursday for ten weeks from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Students interacted daily during the program with Bridge Coordinator Michell Rivas and English Instructor Matt Daly. The Bridge Coordinator is a native Spanish speaker who comes from a similar background as students in the program.

OUTCOMES

- **3 out of 5 students passed the summer college courses in English & Student Success**
- **44 overall credits in the Fall semester**
- **2 students enrolled in Fall classes with 12 or more credits**
- **1 student enrolled in Fall classes with six credits or more**
- **1 student enrolled in Fall classes with three credits**
- **1 student did not register due to personal challenges**
- **2 students at CWC Jackson; 1 at CWC Riverton; 1 at Lander**

Thank You!!

- **BOCES**
- **Breakfast Rotary Club of Jackson Hole**
- **First Interstate Bank**
- **Grand Teton National Park**
- **Hole Food Rescue**
- **Jackson City Police Department**
- **Jackson Hole Mountain Resort**
- **Lorrie Lee**
- **Marta Iwaseczko**
- **Mental Health & Recovery Services (Courtney Marvin & Kristin Poole)**
- **Myers-Briggs (Natasha Harris)**
- **Natalie Stewart**
- **Park Rangers at Grand Teton National Park**
- **PEO**
- **Wyoming Workforce**