



**CENTRAL
WYOMING
COLLEGE
JACKSON**

Bridge to College & Success **2024**



OUR STORY



In 2020, the CWC Jackson Bridge to College & Success program was 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

"Future students should participate in Bridge because it is a useful tool that helps you better understand career pathways and pivoting."



"I would like to emphasize and give a piece of advice to the next generation of students that will take the bridge program the next year, while this program may not always be the most entertaining, its value lies in the substantial benefits it provides. Engaging fully in the program will yield valuable knowledge and skills that are well worth the effort."

"The Bridge Program was an unforgettable experience. Each day was something different. From my perspective, I loved everything we did in and outside of class. Meeting new people from different parts of the state to learning how to control our emotions and make better connections with people. These 4 weeks weren't long in my opinion it was fun and thought we should've had one more week. Thank you David and Matt for everything and thank you for giving us this opportunity to be able to grow in the real world."

2024 STUDENT COHORT

- All are committed to attending CWC after high school
- 100% are first-in-family to graduate from high school
- 40% had one parent graduate from high school
- 25% are the first generation to graduate from college
- 100% identify financial stresses as likely to interfere with the completion of college



About the Program

This summer 2024, Bridge students engaged in meetings with community leaders and organizations, helping them explore various career opportunities and gain a deeper understanding of themselves. They also took their first steps into college life by earning one credit through the College Student Success Course. The Bridge Program equipped students for college-level work by focusing on essential areas such as Academic Skills, Research and Writing, ALEKS (Math), Life Skills, College and Career Planning, and Self-Perception—an important non-cognitive skill linked to college readiness. The program ran from Tuesday to Thursday for four weeks, with sessions from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and on Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., featuring excursions with local leaders. Throughout the program, students interacted daily with Bridge Coordinator David Ley and English Instructor Matt Daly. The Bridge Coordinator, a native Spanish speaker, shares a similar background with the students in the program.

OUTCOMES

- 4 out of 4 students passed the summer college course in Student Success
- 22 overall credits in the Fall semester
- 2 students enrolled in Fall classes with 9 or more credits
- 1 student enrolled in Fall classes with 6 credits or more
- 1 Student will enroll during the Spring semester
- 1 Student will enroll in the Nursing Program at CWC

Thank You!!

- **BOCES**
- **Breakfast Rotary Club of Jackson Hole**
- **St. John's Health**
- **Grand Teton National Park**
- **Hole Food Rescue**
- **Fine Dining Restaurant Group**
- **Jackson Hole Mountain Resort**
- **Teton County Health Department**
- **Valentina Carvajal (Pepperdine Alumni)**
- **CWC Library Resources**
- **TRIO**