



Central Wyoming College - Jackson

BRIDGE TO COLLEGE AND SUCCESS 2026



OUR STORY

In 2020, the CWC Jackson Bridge to College & Success program was designed to help recent high school graduates successfully transition into college. In addition to strengthening academic skills through English and Math workshops, students participate in activities focused on financial literacy, career exploration, college readiness, life skills, and personal development.

WORDS FROM BRIDGE STUDENTS

"I would recommend the bridge because it helps with remembering on how to do things and it's a refresher for when you get out of high school."

"The bridge program to me was very helpful mainly because of the excursions that allowed me to see all the options and [paths] people take in order to be where they are now."

"We learned how to manage our time, make schedules, and set aside time for assignments so we do not fall behind. We learned not to procrastinate all the time and to always try finishing what we started instead of leaving it for another day because it will come back and bite you."

2026 STUDENT COHORT

- 100% are first-generation college students
- 70% identify financial stresses as likely to interfere with the completion of college
- 85% are committed to attending CWC after High School
- 30% are first-in-family to graduate from high school
- 20% had one parent graduate from high school

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

During the summer of 2026, the Bridge Program ran for a total of four weeks. Students attended classes Tuesday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. On Fridays, students participated in community excursions from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., providing them with opportunities to connect classroom learning with real-world experiences.

Throughout the program, Bridge students participated in excursions with local community leaders, businesses, and organizations. These experiences allowed students to explore a variety of career opportunities available in the Jackson community while gaining a deeper understanding of their own interests, strengths, and potential career paths. This summer, students visited eight excursion partners, with two locations visited each Friday.

Students also took their first steps into college life by completing the one-credit College Student Success Course, along with English and Math workshops. The Bridge Program prepared students for college-level work while also emphasizing essential areas beyond academics, including life skills, financial literacy, college and career planning, and self-perception.

Community Excursion Partners

Two of the eight excursion partners were new to the Bridge Program this year:

- National Museum of Wildlife Art
- Community Foundation

Three partners returned for their second year with the Bridge Program:

- Jackson Hole Airport
- First Western Trust Bank
- The Cloudveil Jackson Hotel

Three partners returned for their third year:

- Grand Teton National Park
- Jackson Hole Mountain Resort
- St. John's Health

We would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of our community partners for their time, support, and commitment to our students. Their willingness to share their experiences and introduce students to different career pathways plays an important role in the success of the Bridge Program. We hope to continue building these relationships and welcoming our partners back in future years.

Instruction and Student Success

Throughout the program, students participated in the College Student Success Course taught by Bridge Program Coordinator Daniel Carrillo, with the support and collaboration of Grant Ross, Math Workshop Instructor, and Lindy Sayers, English Workshop Instructor.

Together, the instructional team provided students with academic preparation, college-readiness strategies, and opportunities to develop the skills and confidence needed to successfully transition into college.

OUTCOMES

- **86%** completed the Bridge Program and passed the Student Success Course.
- **83%** are attending and starting CWC here in Jackson.
- 10 students are continuing their education at CWC Jackson
- All enrolled students are taking at least 8 credits.
- 2 students are attending different colleges/universities.

Thank You Community partners & Supporters!!!

- **BOCES**
- **Breakfast Rotary Club of Jackson Hole**
- **Hole Food Rescue**
- **Teton County School District**
- **St. John's Health**
- **Grand Teton National Park**
- **The Community Foundation**
- **Jackson Hole Airport**
- **National Museum of Wildlife Art**
- **First Western Trust Bank**
- **The Cloudveil/Bistro Restaurant**
- **Jackson Hole Mountain Resort**