



JOURNEY TO THE NEVADA GOLD MINES

The Nevada Gold Mines sponsored a tour of their Gold Quarry Mine in Elko, Nevada, for the Nevada Gold Mines/CSN program cohort from Sunday, September 15th to Tuesday, September 17th. This event involved 23 CSN Dual Credit students: 9 students from Central Technical Training Academy and 14 students from Rancho High School, along with CCSD and CSN faculty and staff. The tour provided a unique opportunity for students in the Advanced Manufacturing and Diesel Technology Certificate of Achievement programs to see first-hand how their course-learned skills are applied in a real-work setting. It also lets them explore potential career paths and make industry connections. At the beginning of the trip, Nevada Gold Mines' student workers

and CSN Dual Credit students had a meal together. Our students were able to get a perspective from employees their own age and ask questions. As the tour continued, students received in-person experience learning about mining processes, skills required for a career in mining and essential skilled trades, and most importantly, what it takes to mine safely and responsibly. They toured the big diesel machines and the industrial maintenance area. Students also learned about the high starting salary of \$70,000 per year and generous benefits. On the last night of the trip, the CSN Dual Credit group had dinner with Nevada Gold Mines Leadership and former Rancho High School students currently working at the mines.

Thanks to the wonderful faculty and staff participating in the trip to the Nevada Gold Mines:

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: KIMBERLY ORDONEZ

Kimberly Ordonez loves CSN Dual Credit. She loves her Advanced Manufacturing program, and even plans to get her associate's degree at CSN. What is unexpected is she got here because of a mistake. When starting at Central Technical Training Academy

in her junior year, she was mistakenly placed in the Construction program. When Kimberly met with her counselor to fix the error, they asked if she was interested in joining the CSN Dual Credit program. Since she enjoys trying new things, she accepted. She will graduate this year with a high school diploma and 36 college credits for a CSN Certificate of Achievement in Advanced Manufacturing. She plans to continue another year at CSN to complete an associate's degree. Kimberly plans to work at the Nevada Gold Mines after graduation. She joined the recent trip to the Gold Mines in September.



The Advanced Manufacturing program tapped into Kimberly's love of working with her hands and learning by doing. Her hobbies include crocheting, painting, drawing, and cooking. As a 9th grade student, she was not planning to continue her education past high school. She was eager for school to be over, and to get a regular job right after high school ended. She credits CTTA and CSN with inspiring a love of learning. Now she studies hard during the week for her high school and college classes.



Part of Kimberly's support network, along with her high school and college instructors, is her mom. Her mother inspires her perseverance in school. When something is hard for Kimberly, her mom says, "No girlie, you got this. You are gonna get that job. You are going to do well with it. Don't let anyone tell you that you can't do it." Kimberly says her mom's support keeps her calmer and focused on succeeding.

CSN's MT 104 Industrial Electricity class has been Kimberly's favorite so far. Gina Nakahara and Joe Merwin explain new concepts in an engaging way and give her a chance to participate in hands-on learning. At the beginning, Kimberly struggled to read schematics. After studying, and increasing her ability to read schematics without diagrams, she was able to troubleshoot a circuit that was not fully working. She said, "I found out what was wrong, so step-by-step I was able to fix it, and it ran perfectly. From where I started, very low, not knowing anything, to now, where I can read schematics, and I can solve my own problem, I am proud of how far I have come."

Approximately 88% of U.S. high schools offer dual enrollment, and 34% of U.S. students take college courses in high school.

SOURCE: U.S. Dept of Education

<https://blog.ed.gov/2022/09/the-power-of-dual-enrollment-the-equitable-expansion-of-college-access-and-success>

DID YOU KNOW?

CSN increased **Jumpstart Instructor Compensation** for 2025-26
From \$200 to **\$1000** per course section

Timeline to Onboard Jumpstart Concurrent Enrollment Instructors for 2025-26



Streamlined Process Credential Review Packet for Prospective Jumpstart Concurrent Enrollment Instructors

- ✓ **Credential Review Form**
- ✓ **Resume & Resume Detail Form**
- ✓ **Unofficial Transcripts**

MATH, ENG & ALS applicants require academic department supplemental form

To obtain credential review packet forms, contact your Dual Credit Manager.

CSN Dual Credit Definitions

The following are ways for a student to earn college credit while in high school.

Articulated Credit	Concurrent Enrollment	Dual Enrollment
Name of Program: CTE College Credit	Name of Program: Jumpstart Concurrent Enrollment	Name of Program: Dual Enrollment
Type of Class: High School CTE Classes	Type of Class: College Course	Type of Class: College Course
Instructor: High School Teacher	Instructor: High School Teacher	Instructor: College Faculty
Location: High School	Location: High School Campus or Online	Location: College Campus, Center, or Online
Tuition and Fees: No Cost - Free	Tuition and Fees: Per Course Fee	Tuition and Fees: Per Credit Fee
Textbooks: Provided by the High School	Textbooks: Provided by the High School	Textbooks: Provided by the High School or Purchased by the Student

CTE Academy Pathways

We have developed college credit options for CTE concentrators in the following CTE high school programs:



To see the specific Jumpstart concurrent enrollment courses that can be taught at your high school as part of the CTE Academy Pathway, view this [PDF](#). To view a list of all approved CSN Jumpstart Concurrent Enrollment Courses and Instructor Qualifications, view this [PDF](#).

Do you have an idea for a Dual Credit Corner article? We would love to hear about a special student, educator, program, or event for a future newsletter.

Send to: amber.mayes@csn.edu

CSN Dual Credit includes programs such as Jumpstart Concurrent Enrollment, CTE College Credit, Dual Enrollment as well as many other partnerships and initiatives which award college credit to high school students.

If you would like to explore new programming options in Jumpstart Concurrent Enrollment and/or Dual Enrollment, you would like to obtain Credential Review Packet Forms, or are an existing partner that needs day-to-day program support, please contact the Dual Credit Manager for your region. Use this [PDF](#) to identify your manager.

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If you have questions about CTE College Credit, please contact the program assistant director.

For any other questions, please contact the CSN Dual Credit Office to speak with the director.

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