# Connect @ Cuesta Parents - Welcome!



# Congratulations!

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### Welcome

- Connect @ Cuesta is a fall welcome event for new students to Cuesta College.
- Connect @ Cuesta "Parent Session" aims to assist parents on the transition their students will embark on as they begin their academics at Cuesta College.

## **Topics**

- Importance of parental/guardian support
- Campus Safety
- Academic Environment
- "My Cuesta" How the student portal works
- Social Environment
- Financial Aid
- Student Health Services
- Student Support Services- (tutoring, faculty hours, support programs)
- Student Code of Conduct/Well-Being Referrals

### Cuesta's Mission

Cuesta College is an inclusive institution that inspires a diverse student population to achieve their educational goals.

We effectively support students in their efforts to improve foundational skills, transfer to four-year institutions, earn certificates or associate degrees, and advance in the workforce.

Through dynamic and challenging learning opportunities, Cuesta College improves lives by promoting cultural, intellectual, and professional growth. We prepare students to become engaged citizens in our increasingly complex communities and world.

#### Cuesta College Police Department

### 805-546-3205 or ccpd@cuesta.edu

- Campus Police Officers are vested with full law enforcement powers and responsibilities throughout the State of California, identical to municipal police and sheriff department.
- In addition to safety:
  - Escorts
  - Jumpstarts
  - Vehicle Unlocks
  - Parking Permits
  - Lost and Found
- Sign up at:
  - ► To receive emergency messages Text "CougarAlert" to 81437 or 78015 (A reply will be sent within a minute to confirm you are signed up.)
  - Free Campus Safety app Rave Guardian app

# Importance of Parental/Guardian Support

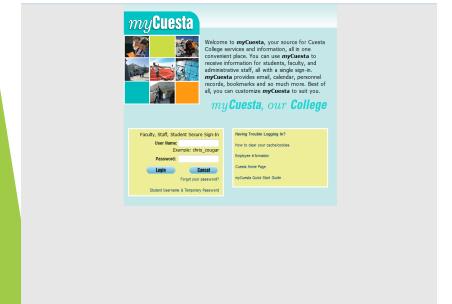
- Parent/guardian partnership between the student, the school and family are part of the student's success.
- Parents/Guardians help their son/daughter in reaching their goals, when they:
  - ✓ Understand the student experience and are aware of the resources available on campus.
  - ✓ Know when to step in to help their student and when to empower their student to take responsibility.
  - ✓ Are aware of the unique challenges and opportunities facing today's college students, including the academic and non-academic expectations for students at the college level.
  - ✓ Learn about student support services and understand how their son/daughter can access services and encourage him/her to obtain support from appropriate resources.

### Academic Environment

- 1. FERPA (Release)
- 2. Academic Counseling
- 3. Class Schedules
  - Example of class schedule(s)
- 4. Meet with faculty to discuss classes, assignments, grades, etc.
- 5. <u>Student Success Centers</u> (Tutoring/Computer Labs)
- 6. Transfer Center
- 7. Career Connections
  - Cuesta Jobs Link
- 8. <u>Library Services</u>
- 9. <u>Student Health Center</u>
- 10. <u>myCuesta- Student Portal</u>

# myCuesta "How it Works"

The myCuesta student portal serves as a tool where students can access their email, register for classes, access Canvas, view student records/holds, view financial aid statuses/requirements, communicate with professors, and more.





# Social Environment

- Student involvement on campus:
  - Sports, Clubs, Honor Societies
  - ▶ Student Government
- 2. Working on campus/off-campus
- 3. Food Pantry/Food Distribution

## Financial Aid

- FAFSA/CADA- renews annually opens again 10/1/19 for 20-21
- Cuesta Promise 2 years fee free! Second year requirements apply.
- Cal Grant
- Pell Grant
- CCPG (California College Promise Grant) formerly known as BOG
- Loans
- Bank Mobile (where financial aid runs through)
- Check out our chatbot Cougie on our Financial Aid website

### STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

# facebook.com/cuestahealthcenter 805-546-3171

Monday - Thursday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Tuesday 8:30 am - 6:00 pm Friday - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

- Mental Health Therapy
  - ▶ 6 sessions/semester
  - ▶ 50 minutes/session
  - Appt and walk in
  - Referral to private professionals
- Student Health 101
  - Go to: StudentHealth101@ Cuesta College
  - Text: Cuesta to 40691

- Physical Health Services
  - Nursing exams short-term acute illness and minor medical issues
  - Free over-the-counter medications
  - Reproductive & sexual health clinic
  - Nutritional peer counseling
  - Blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose level checks
  - ► TB Testing/Flu vaccines

## **Student Support Services**

- Academic Counseling Office
- <u>Cafe</u> (CalWORKs, EOPS, Foster Youth) Office
- DSPS- Disabled Student Programs and Services Office
- ESL- English as a Second Language Office
- ► Financial Aid Office
- <u>Library Services</u>/<u>Computer Labs</u>/<u>Tutoring</u>
- Student Life
- Veterans Services
- Student Health Center

# Student Code of Conduct and Well-Being Referrals

- Student Code of Conduct
  - Student is provided an opportunity to dispute allegation
  - SIRT Team Review
  - Consequences, Referrals and Follow-up
- Well-Being Referrals
  - Any concern
  - Student is contacted first
  - SIRT Team Review
  - Referrals and Follow-Up

## Questions?

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