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### CFNC EN ESPAÑOL PARTNER UPDATE

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### DEAR CFNC EN ESPAÑOL FRIENDS,

Receive warm saludos and immense gratitude for supporting our vision of remaining at the forefront of educational access and outreach to increase postsecondary outcomes for our Spanish Speaking students and families across the state.

It has been an incredible year of connecting, collaborating, learning, and believing that the best is yet to come. With that promise, we embarked on welcoming our third CFNC en Español intern. Over the summer, our UNC Chapel Hill undergraduate intern, Juanito Hernandez, concentrated on creating resources for students that are in the process of transferring. He shared some practical advice, steps, and guidance on making the transition smoother. Simultaneously, we welcomed Nancy Trejo, a Master level student from UNC-Chapel Hill School of Social work, who will be with our team for fall and spring semesters. Nancy is currently focusing on increasing educational pathways for the immigrant adult learner. This includes creating resources for professionals with foreign degrees, and access points to college such as high school equivalency programs. Stay tuned for the additional tools that will be added to our robust plethora of resources.

CFNC has many exciting programs available for student, parents, educators and college access partners to assist with planning, applying and paying for college. In September as part of education professional month, our partners will provide trainings and updates on topics such as RDS, Better FAFSA, Protools and reporting, among many other timely topics prior to NC Countdown for College. During the month of October, the focus will turn to student programming, on-demand assistance, as well the exciting time of College Application Week, where many schools across the state waive their application fees to promote access to college happening the week of October 16-20. Furthermore, we are excited to continue our extensive programming on CFNC.org/events, with monthly workshops in Spanish. Finally, our team is looking forward to the new year with the second parent academy, Pongamonos las Pilas! Three facilitated sessions centered around parents as crucial members of the educational experience of their families.

In the words of Noam Chomsky, we are reminded that the main objective of culture and education is to form better human beings capable of learning by themselves. We thank you for empowering our students and families to think about possibilities.

#### MISSION & VISION

CFNC en Español is the statewide resource dedicated to assist students, families, and educators in North Carolina to plan, apply, pay, and save for college. We provide tools and resources, at no cost, to ensure that Hispanic/Latinx North Carolinians thrive in their postsecondary educational endeavors.

Collaborators, partners, and our comunidad inspire our work to connect linguistically, culturally, and authentically.

It is our vision to remain at the forefront of educational access and outreach by crafting spaces and amplifying opportunities to increase postsecondary outcomes for Hispanic/Latinx North Carolinians.

#### **CFNC EN ESPAÑOL 3 C'S (VALUES)**

#### Connectors:

bridge builders relationship focused creators



Juana Hernandez-Lira
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My Journey:

<u>Cafecito Virtual</u>

LatinxEd Video Profile

#### **Collaborators:**

trusted influencers
confianza
partnership
educators
learners





Comunidad:

being present and active in the communities we live and serve



Dr. JuanEs Ramirez Juanes.Ramirez@cfi.org

My Journey: Cafecito Virtual

#### TEAM HIGHLIGHTS



JAKIE PEREZ-ALBAÑIL Summer 2022 - Fall 2023

We are so proud of Jackie for finalizing her internship with CFNC en Español in fall of 2023, and graduating with her MSW from UNC Chapel Hill. We are honored to celebrate Jackie for her accomplishments and grateful for her valuable contributions to CFNC en Español.



#### JUANITO HERNANDEZ

Summer 2023-Spring 2023

From Wallace, NC. I started in a community college then transferred to UNC Chapel Hill where I am currently majoring in human development and family science with a minor in education. As a first generation college student I value hard work, and education.



#### **NANCY TREJO**

Summer 2023-Fall 2024

As a first generation student from Ronda, NC, I started out in a community college then transferred to UNCC for my BSW and I'm now at UNC-Chapel Hill. My experience has been with the Latinx/Hispanic community in getting access to higher education.

#### STATEWIDE VIRTUAL EVENTS IN SPANISH

PREPARING FOR COUNTDOWN
TO COLLEGE

SPETEMBER 19, 2023



OPPORTUNITIES &
RESOURCES TO COVER
COLLEGE COST

OCTOBER 12, 2023



REGISTRATION AVAILABLE HERE

WATCH PREVIOUS STATEWIDE EVENTS

UNDERSTANDING FAFSA AND RDS PROCESS

NOVEMBER 14, 2023



CELEBRATING OUR
STRUGGLES AND GIFTS
AS A COMMUNITY

**DECEMBER 14. 2023** 





#### PONGAMONOS LAS PILAS!

PARENT CURRICULUM

Save the Date



¡PONGÁMONOS LAS PILAS!

MEETING OUR STUDENTS WHERE THEY ARE

**JANUARY 18, 2023** 

¡PONGÁMONOS LAS PILAS!

HIGH SCHOOL TO POST-SECONDARY OPPORTUNITIES

**FEBRUARY 15, 2023** 

¡PONGÁMONOS LAS PILAS!

MAKING COLLEGE AFFORDABLE

MARCH 21,2023

## **FALL EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

#### FOR EDUCATORS AND COLLEGE ACCESS PARTNERS

**EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS WEEK** 

JOIN US FOR A WEEK OF FREE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

THE PROGRAMS OFFERED IN SEPTEMBER AS PART OF EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS MONTH WILL OFFER CEU CREDITS.







NC C2C EDUCATION PROFESSIONALS MONTH: PROTOOLS WORKING SESSION:
9/21/23 1-2:30PM Sign Up

Sign Up

Sign Up

ASSISTING WITH SPECIAL FAMILY SITUATIONS DURING C2C: 9/26/23 10-11:30 A M

HOW TO CREATE AND FOSTER COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT WITH C2C

9/28/23 1-2:30 P M

#### NC COUTDOWN TO COLLEGE

Join us for a month of free workshops for students and College Application Week.

NC Countdown to College (C2C) is North Carolina's annual campaign in October to support college access, and it will be here before you know it!

During College Application Week, October 16-20, many North Carolina colleges and universities will waive fees for applications started on CFNC.org



SITE COORDINATOR RESOURCE GUIDE

REGISTER FOR C2C EVENTS







## COLLEGE APPLICATION WEEK!

Each year many NC colleges and universities waive their application fees during college application week! That means free applications for those schools!

#### **REGISTER YOUR SITE!**

Registered sites receive tips and tricks on a successful event! To help you prepare for the event, we are pleased to offer the Site Coordinator's Resource Guide.

### **BETTER FAFSA**

#### **COMING DECEMBER 2023**

There are many changes coming to the 2024-2025
FAFSA Application. Stay tuned in our
NC FAFSA HUB for updates!
www.NCFAFSAHUB.COM



CFNC + NCSEAA: WHAT YOU NEED
TO KNOW ABOUT THE BETTER
FAFSA



FAFSA CHANGES OVERVIEW



SPECIAL STUDENT POPULATIONS
AND CIRCUMSTANCES FOR 2024-25
FAFSA FORM



COLLEGE ACCESS PROFESSIONALS
2024-25 FAFSA DEMONSTRATION



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