



THE MENTOR

Spring 2024



What is Campus Connections

Campus Connections is a therapeutic mentoring program in which at-risk middle school students meet with an undergraduate mentor and talk about topics such as academics, college prep, social skills development, and character building. The mentors provide one-on-one service with the students while under the supervision of graduate students and licensed professors.

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DIRECTORS DISPATCH



CAMPUS CONNECTIONS

UCCS University of Colorado
Colorado Springs

Dear Campus Connections Community and Stakeholders,

We want to share with you that we have now completed our fifth year of Campus Connections at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs (UCCS). This program began in the Fall of 2019 with our inaugural class of 18 youth mentees and 19 undergraduate student mentors. Since the start of the Campus Connections Therapeutic Youth Mentoring program at UCCS, we are proud to share that we have worked with a total of 173 youth participants. Over half of our youth in Campus Connections identify as youth of color and qualify for free and reduced lunch at their schools.

We continue to be committed to providing therapeutic mentorship and opportunities for multiply marginalized youth to experience being part of the UCCS college community. Our focus at Campus Connections continues to be on high-quality experiences for mentors, mentees and families. We also focus on evidence-based mentorship and ongoing improvement and data collection will ensure the program continues to enhance and evolve for the next five years.

As a research team, we continue to collect and share data on the effectiveness of our Campus Connections program. Faculty and staff have disseminated research on the effectiveness of therapeutic youth mentoring at regional and national conferences. Our research team collects quantitative and qualitative data to evaluate the effectiveness of therapeutic youth mentoring and the impact on mentors, mentees, and families. We appreciate all of the youth, caregivers, and mentors who have consented to participating in this research and sharing about their experiences with Campus Connections.

On behalf of the entire team at Campus Connections and the Department of Counseling and Human Services, we would like to take a moment and thank all of our wonderful partners who make this program such a success. We are so thankful for our partnership with School District 11, Inside Out, UCCS dining services, UCCS Pre-Collegiate, and our other community partners.

We look forward to adding additional partners and opportunities for growth in the future.

All my best,

Dr. Diane Stutey

Co-Director UCCS Campus Connection Therapeutic Youth Mentoring Program

STAFF AND MENTORS

PROGRAM STAFF

Diane Stutey- Co-Director
Joe Wehrman- Co-Director
Kim Severn- Co-Director/Instructor
Cortny Stark- Co-Director/Research & Grants
Kodi Enkler- Instructor
Molly Cammell- Program Manager
Tylor Teel- Academic Support Professional
Mary Bell- Graduate Assistant
Jessica Archuleta-Trujillo- Graduate Assistant
Emily Schaad- Graduate Assistant
Abby Hart- Graduate Assistant
Hailey Mompher- Counseling Intern



MENTORS

- Alexander Meyers
- CJ Armitage
- Lia Gentry
- Kim Burriesce
- Riley Brothers
- Mia Perez
- Marlyn Torres
- Gabrielle Bivens
- Shelby Strode
- Sydney Nelson
- Kayla Dishuck
- Sofia Beran
- Jean Paul Laurenceau

Graduate Assistant Perspective

Mary Bell

"Being a GA for Campus Connections has connected me to the Colorado Springs community in such a special way! I have really valued my time supporting the mentors and mentees this semester and I look forward to continuing to do so in the spring!"

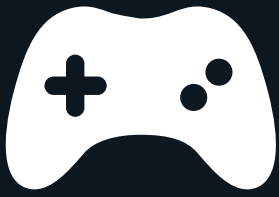


Jessica Archuleta- Trujilio

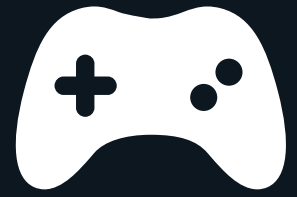
"That's what love looks like to me".

"Hearing this statement is when I understood the value of connection. Taking the time to learn how each student wants to be heard, seen, and respected. We develop a care team that listens and creates connections, unlike any other program. That's what campus connections is."





GAME ROOM



Mentor Recruitment



Be A Mentor!

- Every Thursday 3 pm-8 pm
- 3 credit hours
- Fulfills summit requirement
- Fun activities!



Contact Us!

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