

Promise Student Newsletter: July 2020(1)



ATTENTION

Visit [CSN COVID-19 Updates](#) for updated links to important community and academic resources for students.

Updates & Reminders



- Community Service, Mentor Meeting and Financial Aid Verification deadline is extended from June 1, 2020 to July 1, 2020.
- Mentoring is required for eligibility for the Promise Scholarship.
- You can meet with a mentor while you wait for your Advising appointment.
- Academic Advising is required for course registration. Schedule a group advising session today!
- Ask your Advisor for additional course options, just in case one option is full.
- To request a change of major, please review [Instructions for Requesting a Program or Plan Change](#).

What's Next...What to Expect



After the July 1 Deadline

Promise is a last-dollar scholarship, awarded amounts are based on eligibility, financial aid (amount of "free" funding awarded), and if there is a remaining balance towards tuition and mandatory fees.

- **An eligibility update will be available in your MyCSN "To Do List" and will inform you of the following:**
 - Completion of FAFSA Verification (if selected)
 - Enrollment in 12 credits applicable to your program of study, determining full eligibility for the Promise Scholarship.
- **Please carefully read any instructions provided by Financial Aid.**
 - An additional notification email will be provided as a courtesy and will include:
 - Notification of Missing Requirements
 - The option to Appeal.

Fall 2020 Registration

- Meet with an Academic Advisor before registering for classes.
 - [Group Advising](#) for First Year CSN Students.
 - First Year CSN Students must submit ACT or SAT scores or take the [CSN Placement Exams](#) before meeting with an Advisor.
- **At least 12 credits are required per semester and they must be applicable to your major.**



August 2020

- CSN Financial Aid begins awarding.
 - The Nevada Promise Scholarship is awarded last.
 - Eligible Promise Students must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits that are applicable to your major to be awarded.
- Check your MyCSN Student Center daily.
 - The ToDo List in your MyCSN Student Center Identifies you as a Promise Student and informs you of missing/pending items.



Fall 2020

- Begin working on your Promise Requirements to maintain eligibility for spring 2020 semester.
 - Eight hours of community service

- One Mentor Meeting
 - Continue working with the mentor assigned spring 2020.

CSN Recipient: Are You Getting Ready to Graduate?



Are you registering for your last semester at CSN and need fewer than 12 credits to graduate?

If you are a CSN student and maintained eligibility for the Nevada Promise Scholarship, you can still receive Promise in your last semester.

- Meet with your Academic Advisor to discuss your academic plan.
- Confirm with your Advisor that the next semester will be your final semester and the number of credits remaining.
- If you need fewer than 12 credits to graduate, obtain a degree plan signed by your Academic Advisor confirming the remaining credits and expected graduation date.
- Submit form to the CSN Financial Aid Office and identify yourself as a Promise student.

CSN Campus Resources



1 - [CSN Email Resources](#)

[CSN Email for Students, Faculty, and Staff](#)

Your CSN email account is ready and waiting for you! CSN students, faculty, and staff have access anywhere, anytime, on any device.

Here's What You Get:

- Upgraded **features** and **functionality**.
- Increased **stability** and **security**.
- Fifty gigabytes of email storage for students and 100GB for faculty and staff! **Room for over 25,000 emails!**
- Five licenses of Microsoft Office you can work in **online or download to your computer, tablet, and iPhone and Android**.
- Access to online versions of **Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote**, and many other web-based productivity applications.
- One terabyte of OneDrive online storage. **Enough space to store 17,000 hours of music or 500 hours of movies.**
- Built-in encryption capabilities to **protect Personally Identifiable Information (PII)** like social security numbers, credit cards, student information, etc.



CSN PLACEMENT TESTING NOW ONLINE

MATH PLACEMENT	WRITING/READING PLACEMENT	ACT/SAT SCORES
New CSN students will need to complete the ALEKS PPL math placement. The math placement exam can be taken anytime (no need to schedule an appointment). For information on how to get started on your math placement, visit https://st.csn.edu/math-placement and click on "Taking the Test" to get started.	New CSN students will also need to complete the writing/reading placement. These exams are proctored online and need to be scheduled. For information on how to schedule your writing/reading placement, visit https://www.csn.edu/placement-testing and click on "Taking the Tests" to get started.	Students may also choose to send ACT/SAT scores instead of taking placement tests. ACT/SAT scores must be less than two (2) years old and high enough to place into classes. For more information on qualifying scores and how to submit your scores, visit https://www.csn.edu/placement-testing_and_click_on_ACT_SAT_Scores .
		

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2 - CSN Placement Testing Now Online

CSN Placement Testing

For general information on Placement Tests please visit: [CSN Placement Testing](#) click on "Take Tests" to get started.

Math Placement Testing For additional details and instruction on how to take your Math Placement online, please visit [Math Placement Testing](#).

Writing/Reading Placement For information, please visit: [CSN Placement Testing](#) click on "Take Tests" to get started.

ACT/SAT Test Scores For general information, please visit: [CSN Placement Testing](#) click on "ACT/SAT Scores".

CSN ACADEMIC ADVISING

We are online and ready to help you prepare for Summer and Fall!

- Summer registration began April 1
- Fall priority registration for current students begins May 15
- Fall registration for new and returning students begins June 5

ACADEMIC ADVISING IS ACCEPTING APPOINTMENTS THROUGH MYCOYOTEPLAN. APPOINTMENTS WILL BE CONDUCTED ONLINE. NEED HELP? EMAIL US AT ADVISING@CSN.EDU

Got Priority?
Get Registered!

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Are you a first-time CSN student? Ready to Meet with an Academic Advisor?

After completing Orientation and placement testing, you can schedule a time to meet with an academic advisor and other students in your area of study (all advising sessions will take place online in small groups).

During the workshop, you will register for classes.

To register, please visit [New Student Advising](#).



ENGAGE



YOUR FYE

Start with us!

Daily Engagements & Pop Up Live Events

fye@csn (IG)
FYE and Student Success (FB)
@fyecsn (TT)

CONNECT



Virtual CORE Engagement Event

Wednesdays @ 1pm

ON MICROSOFT TEAMS

Students First Stations

1:1 Student Support

Email fye@csn.edu to set up a meeting!

CORE Reunion Event

June 25 @ Noon

July 28 @ 4pm

ON ZOOM

FYE Connection Award Scoop Event

August 6 @ 1pm

ON ZOOM

The Insider View Event

July 9 @ Noon

ON ZOOM

The Family Connect Event

July 22 @ 5pm

ON ZOOM

CSN FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE (FYE)

#YOURFYE

START WITH US!
SUMMER 2020



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Mentoring



3 - Does Stress Affect Your Memory? - Elizabeth Cox

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Explore the stages of how your memory stores information and how short-term stress impacts this process. You spend weeks studying for an important test. On the big day, you wait nervously as your teacher hands it out. You're working your way through, when you're asked to define "ataraxia." You know you've seen the word before, but your mind goes blank. What just happened?

Elizabeth Cox details the complex relationship between stress and memory.

Lesson by Elizabeth Cox, directed by Artrake Studio.



4 - Embrace the Near Win - Sarah Lewis

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At her first museum job, art historian Sarah Lewis noticed something important about an artist she was studying: Not every artwork was a total masterpiece. She asks us to consider the role of the almost-failure, the near win, in our own lives. In our pursuit of success and mastery, is it actually our near wins that push us forward?



Do's and Don'ts of Mentoring

- Establish appropriate boundaries and expectations at the beginning of the relationship.
 - Mentors are not therapists.
 - The relationship also should evolve as you evolve in your education and career.
- Take the initiative to schedule meetings to seek advice.
 - Pace your communication attempts. Do not bombard your mentor, give them time to respond.
- Mentors should provide honest feedback without being overly critical, and act as a guide.
- Mentees should be able to express their thoughts and opinions with their mentor.

[Mentoring Benefits](#)

Get to Know the Team



Carmen Ayala - Program Facilitator

Carmen Ayala is a facilitator and a mentor for the Nevada Promise Scholarship Program. Carmen was born in Tijuana, Mexico and moved to Las Vegas in 2000. She completed her associates degree at CSN and transferred to UNLV to earn her bachelors degree in Psychology. A fun fact about Carmen is that she has 24 nephews and nieces. Her passion has always been helping others the best way she can. Carmen's main goal in life is to help reduce the stigma surrounding mental health issues by providing more education and spreading awareness.



Gustavo Rico - Promise Facilitator

Gustavo Rico is facilitator and a mentor for the Nevada Promise Scholarship Program. Gustavo was born in San Jose, California. He has an interest in art and believes deeply in education. He hopes to help make students' transition and time here at CSN a great experience.

Promise Requirements



July 1, 2020 Deadline

- After completing the FAFSA and if selected for additional verification, this must be completed on or before **July 1, 2020**.
 - Contact the [CSN Financial Aid Office](#) to determine if additional documentation is needed.
- Complete and submit [eight hours of community service](#). Eight hours of community service completed between January 1, 2020 and July 1, 2020 must be submitted on or before **July 1, 2020**.
- Complete and report one mentor meeting in spring 2020. Complete one mentor meeting between January 1, 2020 and July 1, 2020 and submit the mentor meeting form on or before **July 1, 2020**.

[Promise Community Service Form](#)

[Promise Community Service Page](#)

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