



Higher ED Partners Meeting 2 Notes – 12/05/2022 – 10am

- Eric Arpelar gave a brief overview of the meeting and each Team in attendance:
 - **Dr. Steve Cox: Northern NM College - Director IT Programming**
 - **Amanda Vescovo: Dona Ana CC – Assc. Director, Academic Advising**
 - **Annie Willmon - San Juan College – Dual Credit Coordinator**
 - **Adriana Ortiz - San Juan College – Dual Credit Program Assistant**
 - **Justin A. Moore - CNM – Interim Dual Credit Manager**
 - **Dr. Delores Becenti – Navajo Technical University - Dual Credit & Enrollment Director**
- Questions that were addressed:
 - **CNM** – Justin spoke about their relationship with College and Career High School (ABQ) and School of Dreams in Valencia. In addition, he spoke about their school of Business, Hospitality, and Technology. CNM has a new Artificial Intelligence program that is creating a lot of buzz.
 - **Navajo Technical University** – Dr Becenti spoke about the relationships with Middle College High School (Gallup) and the Bond Wilson Technical Center in Kirtland. The Middle College students are really interest in their engineering program and they are launching a cybersecurity program at the college soon.
 - **Dona Anna Community College** – Amanda Vescovo spoke about their interaction with dual-credit students and they usually do not interact with them until their Junior and Senior year. She also spoke about their relationship Arrowhead Park Medical Academy, Arrowhead Park ECHS, and Alta Vista ECHS.
 - **San Juan College** – Annie and Adriana spoke about their relationship with San Juan College high school and in addition to the students who are seeking IT pathways. Eddy Rawlinson, the Dean of the School of COMPUTER SCIENCE, IT AND CYBERSECURITY was invited to the meeting. Annie also shared about the program that is offered at SJC through the Center for Workforce Development which offers Certificates of Completion in areas of Computer Science.
 - **Northern New Mexico College** – Dr. Steve Cox stated they are seeking a dual-credit coordinator for their school and that the new college president begins his tenure in January. He spoke about their CISCO program and how this program has been successful with graduates staying and building infrastructure in our rural communities of New Mexico. He spoke about their

relationship with Penasco RISE and Santa Fe Community College. The relationship with Penasco RISE ECHS needs to be reactivated.

- Each college representative was asked and agreed to have a meeting with their IT school and see about ways to market those programs to ECHS students.
- A suggestion was made to seek contractual/adjunct faculty that would teach computer science classes specifically at the ECHS campuses.
- All were encouraged to meet with the ECS principals to discuss the program and how it is no cost to the school but they the school will be compensated for being a part of this study.
- The extracurricular program of [CyberPatriot](#) was suggested as an extension of IT pathways at ECHS that could boost enrollment.
- Adjourned at 10:45am

**Next Meeting – Monday, January 9th, 2023 at 10am*