

Dear Colleagues,

I am excited to announce the arrival of our inaugural Puente cohort at Cuyamaca this fall! As you may know, the Puente program focuses on serving students that are transferring to a four-year university. One of the key features of the program model involves a mentoring component in which each of our students is assigned a mentor. The mentor then helps guide and assist his or her mentee(s) in developing invaluable social and professional skills. If this sounds like something you would be interested in doing, we are currently looking for volunteers!

Please see the attached flyer or scan the QR code below if you are interested in becoming a Puente Mentor.

Requirements:

- Commit to one academic year (2025-2026)
- Hold a bachelor's degree or higher
- Share your educational background and career journey with students
- 7 hours - 12 hours throughout the 2025-2026 academic year

Fall 2025 Commitments:

- Participate in a virtual mentor training (Tuesday, October 21, 6pm-7pm, Zoom)
- Participate in the Fall 2025 Mentor Mixer/End of Semester Celebration (Tuesday, December 2, 5pm-6:30pm)
- *(Optional)* Participate in a career panel for the Puente class (Thursday, October 28, 11am-12:00pm)

Spring 2026 Commitments:

- Meet with your mentee(s) throughout the spring 2026 semester - Mentors and mentees will decide on how frequently they would like to meet (Minimum once a month for one hour)
- Participate in the Spring 2026 Mentor Mixer (Date: TBD)
- *(Optional)* Attend the End of the Year Puente Celebration (Date: TBD)

If you have any questions, please contact either me (carlos.ortiz@gcccd.edu) or the Puente counselor Fabiola Beas (fabiola.beas@gcccd.edu).





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Interested?
Questions?
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