



# SEPTEMBER 2021

VIA RÁPIDA - FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE  
MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

**LATINX HERITAGE  
MONTH!  
SEPT. 15 - OCT. 15**



## HOW'S THE SEMESTER GOING?

Take a moment and pat yourself on the back because you have completed two whole weeks of school! The first few weeks are the toughest and the fact that you have completed them means you are on the right path towards success. Remember that if you encounter hardship along the way the Via Rápida team is here to help. Reach out to your peer mentor with any questions you may have. If you have not done so already, log in to [WC Online](#) and schedule an appointment with your peer mentor today! Details on how to do so are on page three.

## ACADEMIC CALENDAR

**SEP 6** • Holiday (Labor Day)

**SEP 15** • Latinx Heritage  
Month Begins

**SEP 22** • First Day of Autumn

## CONTACT US

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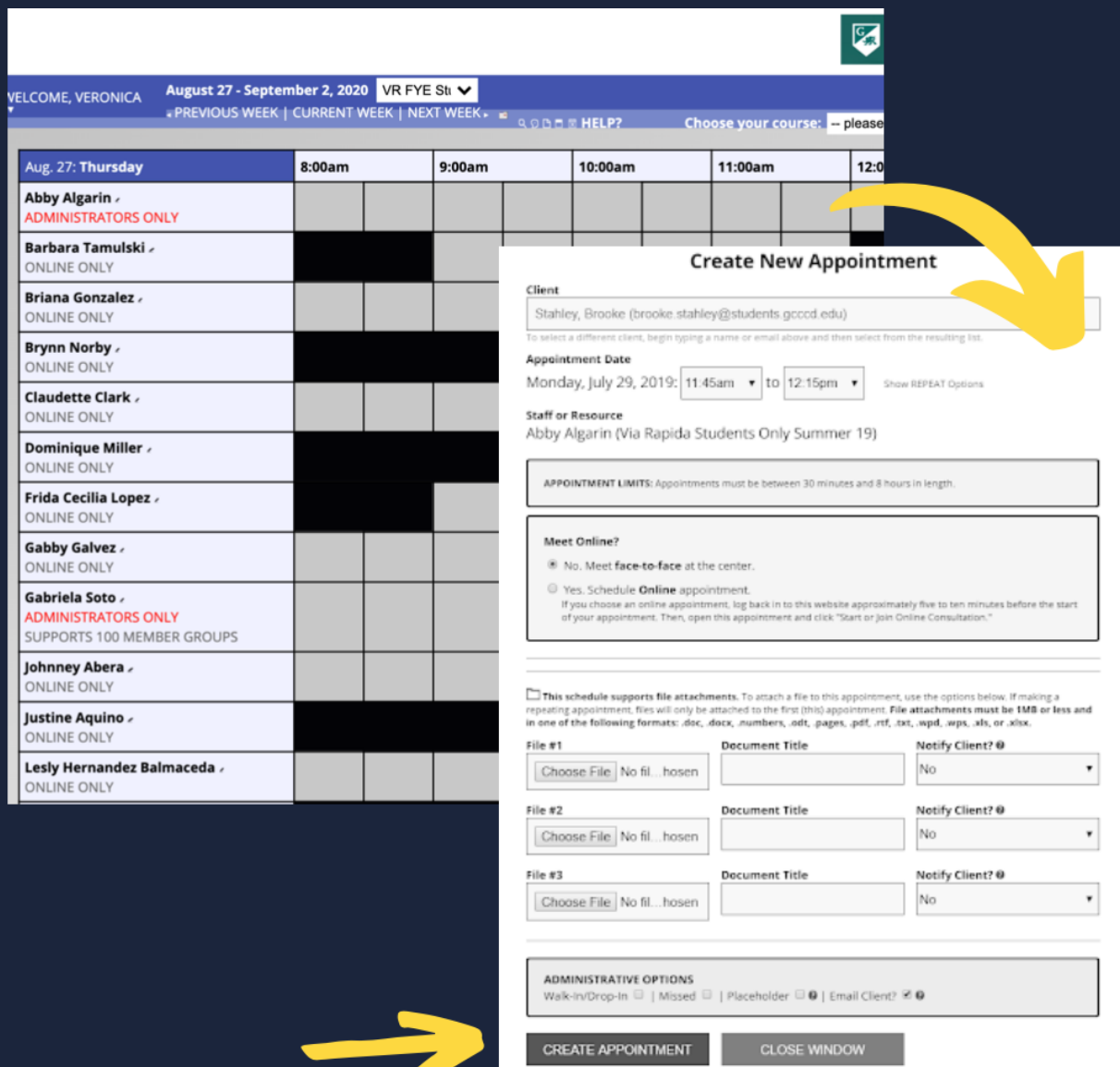
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# HOW TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH A MENTOR USING WC ONLINE

WC-ONLINE WEBSITE [HERE](#)

Schedule your mentoring appointment on WC Online. If you are new to WC Online, you must first create an account by clicking on "Register for an Account". Make sure to choose the "VR FYE Students ONLY FA 21" schedule from the log in drop down menu. In the next window you'll see the schedule with all the mentors. Start by finding your assigned mentor and selecting the time you want to see them by clicking on a white box (available appointment), must be one week in advance. Then follow these steps:



WELCOME, VERONICA August 27 - September 2, 2020 VR FYE St

PREVIOUS WEEK | CURRENT WEEK | NEXT WEEK

Choose your course: -- please

Aug. 27: Thursday	8:00am	9:00am	10:00am	11:00am	12:00pm
Abby Algarin , ADMINISTRATORS ONLY					
Barbara Tamulski , ONLINE ONLY					
Briana Gonzalez , ONLINE ONLY					
Brynn Norby , ONLINE ONLY					
Claudette Clark , ONLINE ONLY					
Dominique Miller , ONLINE ONLY					
Frida Cecilia Lopez , ONLINE ONLY					
Gabby Galvez , ONLINE ONLY					
Gabriela Soto , ADMINISTRATORS ONLY SUPPORTS 100 MEMBER GROUPS					
Johnney Abera , ONLINE ONLY					
Justine Aquino , ONLINE ONLY					
Lesly Hernandez Balmaceda , ONLINE ONLY					

### Create New Appointment

Client  
Stahley, Brooke (brooke.stahley@students.gcccd.edu)

To select a different client, begin typing a name or email above and then select from the resulting list.

Appointment Date  
Monday, July 29, 2019: 11:45am to 12:15pm Show REPEAT Options

Staff or Resource  
Abby Algarin (Via Rapida Students Only Summer 19)

APPOINTMENT LIMITS: Appointments must be between 30 minutes and 8 hours in length.

Meet Online?  
☒ No. Meet face-to-face at the center.  
☐ Yes. Schedule Online appointment.  
If you choose an online appointment, log back in to this website approximately five to ten minutes before the start of your appointment. Then, open this appointment and click "Start or Join Online Consultation."

☐ This schedule supports file attachments. To attach a file to this appointment, use the options below. If making a repeating appointment, files will only be attached to the first (this) appointment. File attachments must be 1MB or less and in one of the following formats: .doc, .docx, .numbers, .odt, .pages, .pdf, .rtf, .txt, .wpd, .wps, .xls, or .xlsx.

File #	Document Title	Notify Client? @
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File #2 Choose File No fil...hosen		No
File #3 Choose File No fil...hosen		No

ADMINISTRATIVE OPTIONS  
Walk-In/Drop-In ☐ Missed ☐ Placeholder ☐ Email Client? ☒

CREATE APPOINTMENT CLOSE WINDOW

# Student of the Month



Giovanni is a Special Needs major, with future plans to obtain his Doctorate in Education Administration. Giovanni has already met with his mentor twice. He exhibited a great attitude during his session being engaged, attentive, and listened to all his mentor's recommendations and utilized most of the recommended resources. He has also emailed all of his professors, introducing himself to them and he has already completed all of his assignments for the week, and was working on his assignments for the next week in all of his classes. He looked up the health services offered on campus including Gizmo's kitchen. Giovanni also made a study schedule to see where he had available time for his studies, around his other outside obligations. He enjoys playing Rugby in his spare time, and also spends time caring for his grandparents, by making sure they have all of their medical needs met. He is extremely excited to be a first year Grossmont attendee.

# MEET YOUR NEW FYE COUNSELOR!



My name is Diana Ramirez and I am extremely excited to be joining the program as a FYE Counselor. As a first-generation college student who started at a community college, I have a personal connection to the work I do. My experience at the community college level gave me the tools and support to transfer into UC Berkeley and gain a bachelor's degree in Sociology. I moved to San Diego and started working with foster youth in a group home setting. I soon realized that I enjoyed working with youth in their transition to higher education.

This experience gave me the clarity of pursuing the dream of becoming a community college counselor. I was the first in my family to earn a master's degree (Multicultural Counseling from SDSU). On a personal level, I enjoy getting creative with water coloring, exploring tea shops, and spending quality time with my loved ones. Looking forward to connecting with you during your first year in college.

# **LATINX** *Heritage* **MONTH**

**September 15 - October 15, 2021**

**PRESENTATIONS**  
PANELS

**HISPANIC SERVING  
INSTITUTION  
CELEBRATING  
CULTURE &  
EXCELLENCE**

**ACTIVITIES**  
FESTIVITIES

**National HSI Week - Sept. 13 - 19**

**Undocumented Student Action Week: Oct 18 - 22**

**GROSSMONT COLLEGE**



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