

# 2021 ONLINE OPEN HOUSE LIVE SESSIONS PROGRAM



MAKE PLANS TO JOIN US

# EXPLORE GWC!

2021 ONLINE OPEN HOUSE Saturday, March 20

3:00 - 6:00 P.M.



## SATURDAY, MARCH 20

Hosted on the Vital Link OC App & Platform

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# PLAN YOUR SCHEDULE

## HERE ARE SATURDAY'S LIVE SESSIONS



Explore GWC! begins with a Welcome Session at 3:00pm. After that, your schedule is up to you! Read the descriptions of each of the sessions and find the ones that interest you most. You have five sessions to choose - one for each time period. Use the worksheet on the right to plan ahead. Once you log in to the app and enter the Access Code, you'll be able to build your unique schedule right in the app!

worksheet

Period	Time	Session Title
1	3:00 - 3:30	Welcome Session
2	3:30 - 4:00	
3	4:00 - 4:30	
4	4:30 - 5:00	
5	5:00 - 5:30	
6	5:30 - 6:00	
7	6:00 - 8:00	After Party

### TO START:

**2:30pm - 3:00pm**



### LOG IN & CHECK OUT THE FEATURES

*GWC Live Help Team & Vital Link*

Participants are encouraged to log in early and begin to explore all the features and tools of the event platform. Go to the main menu and find the schedule of live sessions. Create your unique schedule for the day. Learn the Game Rules and how to win prizes! Live Help is available starting at 2:30pm.

### PERIOD 1

**3:00pm - 3:30pm**



### WELCOME TO EXPLORE GWC!

*Frank Cirioni, Director of Campus Life*

*Dr. Claudia Lee, Vice President of Student Services*



Please join us for this Welcome Session to kick-off Explore GWC! Your hosts will provide an orientation to the program and the platform and present helpful tools and features to make the most of your experience! See you there!



## ACADEMIC OPTIONS & EDUCATION PLANNING

*Damien Jordan, Counselor*

This session will cover information about students' academic options, an introduction to Pathways and an overview of a student's expected first year of study at GWC. Other topics include things to consider when taking courses, the importance of working with a Counselor to plan for transfer and Guaranteed Transfer programs.



## DUAL & CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

*Matt Valerius & Jessica Bravo*

Dual and concurrent enrollment provide high school students with a great opportunity to get an early start on college for free. Come learn about these amazing opportunities at GWC. Current and former dual enrollment students will share their experiences taking college courses in high school and answer questions students and parents may have.



## ACADEMIC SUCCESS CENTER

*Christina Oja & Amaury Barberi*

Come learn about the free resources we offer to help you succeed in your classes.



## INTRODUCTION TO NONCREDIT & ADULT EDUCATION PROGRAMS

*Dr. Kay Nguyen*

This session will introduce the Noncredit and Adult Education programs and services at GWC. Attendees will learn about English Language classes for speakers of other languages, Citizenship classes, and GED preparation.



## STUDENT PANEL: ONE SCHOOL, THREE STORIES

*Host: Marina Beam, ASGWC Vice President of Public Relations*

In this hour-long session, attendees will hear from four current students as they share their individual experiences, including the highs and lows of attending Golden West College. Learn about their academic interests and how GWC is providing them the resources and support to reach their goals.



### FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS

*Mark Long & Erica Morales*



This session will be offered concurrently in English and Spanish. Topics include filing the FAFSA / Ca DREAM Act forms, AB540, the Golden Promise Program, & Scholarships. You can afford college! Experts from the Financial Aid Office will share their best strategies.



### EOPS/CARE/NEXTUP: STUDENT SUPPORT RESOURCES FOR SUCCESS

*Michael Crane*

Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) has helped hundreds of thousands of students at CA community colleges for over 50 years to achieve their educational goals! Students receive one-on-one academic, social, and financial support. Learn how you can join the GWC EOPS program! This session also covers other programs that assist single parents and students with experience in the foster care system.



### VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER: SERVING ALL MILITARY CONNECTED STUDENTS

*Dr. Susana Castellanos*

The Veterans Resource Center proudly serves and provides holistic services to all veterans, active duty, and military connected students. This session will provide an overview of services available, including onboarding and retention services such as resource connection and case management, to meet each student's goals.





## PUENTE PROGRAM

*Nancy Fong & Jessica Patapoff*

Sponsored by UC Berkeley, PUENTE is a yearlong, academic, counseling and mentoring program for students who wish to build a support system and learn the necessary skills to earn a degree, and transfer to a four-year university. PUENTE serves ALL students who are interested in being part of a learning community, engaging with multicultural and LatinX literature, and participating in culturally enriching activities.



## INTRODUCTION TO STUDIES IN BUSINESS

*Jimmy Nguyen, Counselor*

Provides an overview of careers, areas of emphasis, and how to get started in the general academic area (including Accounting, Business Administration, Management, Marketing, and Economics).



## INTRODUCTION TO STUDIES IN CAREER EDUCATION

*Ailene Nguyen, Counselor*

Provides an overview of careers, academic options, and how to get started in the general academic area (including Automotive Technology, Computer Aided Design & Drafting – CADD, Cosmetology, Criminal Justice (Police Academy), Digital Arts, and Health Information Technology).



## INTRODUCTION TO STUDIES IN EDUCATION

*Heather Antunez, Counselor*

Provides an overview of career paths, majors, and how to get started in the general academic area (including Child and Adolescent Development and Education (K-12)).



## INTRODUCTION TO STUDIES IN HEALTH SCIENCES

*Diem Nancy Nguyen, Counselor*

Provides an overview of careers, majors, and how to get started in the general academic area (including Kinesiology, Nursing, Public Health Science and Pre-Professional certificates).



## NONCREDIT CLASSES FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS

*Teresa Nguyen, Professor of English Language*

Join this session to learn about GWC's FREE noncredit classes for English Language Learners (ELL) of all ages. Come learn about our ELL Program through panel-style presentation. We have invited two current ELL students to answer all your questions. Hope to see you there!



## FROM COLLEGE TO CAREER: CREATING YOUR PATH

*Yvonne V. Portillo, Ed.D.*

This session will focus on services provided by the GWC Career Center, and provide tips for discovering an academic path, exploring career options, and preparing for the world of work.



## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: HOW TO BEGIN YOUR STUDIES IN THE U.S. & SUCCEED

*Melissa Lyon, Nicole Diamond, & Mirna Bitar*

This session will cover topics of specific interest to international students: F-1 visa regulations, international admissions, an introduction to U.S. higher education, how to travel and adjust to life in Huntington Beach, and much more!



## THE CALIFORNIAN ADVANTAGE: GOLDEN WEST COLLEGE FOR OUT-OF-STATE STUDENTS

*Kaori Nakama & Jorge Quiroz Moreno*

This session is for students coming from outside of California. We will provide an introduction to the College, as well as the California higher education systems, and go over the basic process of establishing California residency.



## MEET YOUR PROFESSOR: BUSINESS

*Bern Baumgartner*

Bern Baumgartner teaches Business classes at GWC. Are you thinking to study Business? Bern Baumgartner may be your future professor! This session focuses on what to expect in your classes.



## MEET YOUR PROFESSOR: ACCOUNTING

*Alice Rivera*

Alice Rivera teaches Accounting classes at GWC. Are you thinking to study Accounting? Alice Rivera may be your future professor! This session focuses on what to expect in your Accounting classes.



## MEET YOUR PROFESSOR: COMPUTER SCIENCE

*Graham Smallwood*

Graham Smallwood teaches Computer Science classes at GWC. Are you thinking to study Computer Science? Graham Smallwood may be your future professor! This session focuses on what to expect in your Computer Science classes.



### MEET YOUR PROFESSOR: POLICE ACADEMY

*Timothy Vu, Associate Dean & Lt. Willie Triplett*

This session focuses on the Police Academy and Criminal Justice Training Center at GWC. Hear more about these programs from Associate Dean & Director, Tim Vu, and Lieutenant Willie Triplett.



### MEET YOUR PROFESSOR: AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY

*Maxim Brinkman-Markheine*

Are you thinking to study Automotive Technology at GWC? Maxim Brinkman-Markheine may be your future professor! This session focuses on what to expect in the Automotive Technology Program.



### MEET YOUR PROFESSOR: DIGITAL ARTS

*Avery Caldwell*

Avery Caldwell teaches Digital Arts classes at GWC. Are you thinking to study Digital Arts? Avery Caldwell may be your future professor! This session focuses on what you'll learn in Digital Arts.



### MEET FUTURE (K-12) TEACHERS!

*Presented by GWC Students & Graduates*

This session features a panel of current students and alumni who are preparing for teaching careers. Are you thinking to become a teacher? Hear about these students' journeys and get their advice.



### MEET YOUR PROFESSOR: PRE-HEALTH SCIENCE

*Catherine Egan*

Catherine Egan teaches Pre-Health Science classes at GWC. Are you thinking to pursue a career in the health fields? Catherine Egan may be your future professor! Come ask your questions about opportunities in the health care fields and how to prepare.



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4:30pm - 5:00pm



## MEET YOUR PROFESSOR: NURSING

*Dr. Natalie Dalton*

Are you considering a career in the nursing profession? Come listen to Dr. Natalie Dalton, professor of Nursing at GWC, talk about prerequisites for admission & what to expect on your journey.



## NONCREDIT CLASSES FOR CITIZENSHIP & GED

*Lorena Vega*

Join this session to learn about GWC's FREE noncredit classes to prepare for Citizenship tests and GED.

PANEL 2



5:00pm - 5:30pm

## ALUMNI PANEL: ONE STOP ON YOUR PATH

*Host: Marina Beam, ASGWC Vice President of Public Relations*

Attend this session for first-hand accounts from GWC Alumni describing their decisions to attend Golden West College, their experiences while enrolled, and life after leaving GWC. Panelists include university transfer and Career Education graduates.

APPLY NOW! **SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION TODAY** 5:00pm - 6:00pm



## CCCAPPLY WORKSHOPS

### Three Concurrent Sessions:

**Credit Students:** This hour-long session will be a step-by-step overview of the Golden West College application process. Attendees will be able to ask general questions about submitting an application for admission and will be provided information on next steps to enroll.

**Noncredit Students:** Two sessions will walk through the noncredit application, one in Spanish & one in Vietnamese.



## HOW TO GET INVOLVED ON-CAMPUS: GWC ATHLETICS AND CAMPUS LIFE

*Frank Cirioni, Dennis Nañez, Kimberly Blair*

GWC provides a variety of opportunities for co-curricular involvement, service, & leadership. We recognize diversity as a core value of our campus community. We strive to create experiential learning opportunities outside of the classroom & encourage students to participate in the broader community. Join us to explore opportunities for engagement in Athletics and Campus Life!



## WELCOME TO GWC DISABLED STUDENTS PROGRAMS & SERVICES (DSPTS)

*Chad Bowman, Denise Bon, Bill La, & April Millikan*

Join this session to learn more about DSPTS services and how to apply.



## INTRODUCTION TO STUDIES IN LANGUAGES & COMMUNICATION

*Nicole Diamond, Counselor*

Provides an overview of careers, majors, and how to get started in the general academic area (including American Sign Language Interpreting, Comm Studies, English, Spanish, & Vietnamese).



## INTRODUCTION TO STUDIES IN SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

*Claudia Alcala, Counselor*

Provides an overview of careers, majors, and how to get started in the general academic area (including Anthropology, Child Development, Criminal Justice, Economics, Geography, Global Studies, History, Peace Studies, Philosophy, Political Science, Psychology, and Sociology).



## INTRODUCTION TO STUDIES IN STEM

*Kristy Ho, Counselor*

Provides an overview of careers, majors, and how to get started in the general academic area (including Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Geology, Mathematics, and Physics).

## PERIOD 5

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5:00pm - 5:30pm



### INTRODUCTION TO STUDIES IN VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

*Damien Jordan, Counselor*

Provides an overview of careers, majors, and how to get started in the general academic area (including Art, Art History, Dance, Digital Arts, Music, or Theater Arts).

## PERIOD 6

5:30pm - 6:00pm



### TRANSFER 101: HOW TO TRANSFER FROM THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE TO THE FOUR-YEAR UNIVERSITY

*Yvonne V. Portillo, Ed.D, Counselor*

This workshop provides an in-depth look at the transfer process, requirements, planning tips, and GWC transfer center services. Systems of higher education, minimum requirements for admission, guaranteed admission programs, and tips for transfer planning will be covered.



### STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

*Dr. Judy Cheng*

Learn about the health services (medical & mental health) available free of charge to all enrolled Golden West College students



### WELLBEING SERVICES

*Dr. Susana Castellanos*

Golden West College acknowledges the challenges that students face outside the classroom. Learn about the services available for wellbeing including food, clothing, and technology, through resource connection and case management.



## MEET YOUR PROFESSORS: COMMUNICATION STUDIES

*Heather Kelley & Rachel Wegter*

Heather Kelley & Rachel Wegter both teach Communication Studies classes at GWC. They may be among your future professors! Come learn what to expect in your Communication Studies classes.



## MEET YOUR PROFESSORS: ENGLISH

*Keisha Cosand & Ayesha Zia*

Keisha Cosand & Ayesha Zia both teach English classes at GWC. They may be among your future professors! Come learn what to expect in your GWC English classes.



## MEET YOUR PROFESSOR: PSYCHOLOGY

*Amy Jennings*

Amy Jennings teaches Psychology classes at GWC. Are you thinking to study Psychology? Amy Jennings may be your future professor! This session focuses on what you'll learn in Psychology classes.



## MEET YOUR PROFESSOR: HISTORY

*Sunshine McClain*

Sunshine McClain teaches History classes at GWC. She may be one of your future professors! This session focuses on what to expect in your History classes.



## MEET YOUR PROFESSOR: MATH

*Shawn Taylor*

Shawn Taylor teaches Math classes at GWC. Are you thinking to study Math? He may be one of your future professors! This session focuses on what to expect in your GWC Math classes.

**MEET YOUR PROFESSOR: BIOLOGY***Travis Vail*

Travis Vail teaches Biology classes at GWC. Are you interested Biology & related classes? Travis Vail may be your future professor! Come learn about options & what to expect in your Biology classes.

**MEET YOUR PROFESSORS: CHEMISTRY***Jennifer Wilcox*

Jennifer Wilcox teaches Chemistry classes at GWC. Are you curious about Chemistry & related fields? Jennifer Wilcox may be your future professor! This session focuses on GWC Chemistry classes.

**MEET YOUR PROFESSORS: MUSIC & DANCE***Dawn Brooks & Leslie Bitong*

Are you interest in the Performing Arts? Come meet Dawn Brooks, professor of Music, and Leslie Bitong, professor of Dance. This session focuses on what you'll learn in Music & Dance studies.

**MEET YOUR PROFESSOR: THEATER ARTS***Timothy Mueller*

Timothy Mueller teaches Theater Arts classes, including Stage Craft at GWC. Are you thinking about a career in the theater? Come learn about options and what to expect in your Theater Arts classes.





Stick around and hang out after the last session to relax, socialize, find out who wins the **BIG PRIZES**, and enjoy activities hosted by the Associated Students of GWC.

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