Announcements

- Dr. Amy Magnus (POLS) will be Faculty Fellow will be working with rural partnerships

Updates on projects

- Collaboratory activities and updates. Request for new projects. Faculty/staff, register in our CSU Chico Collaboratory portal, please!
  - Students or Partners, we’d love you to review and provide feedback on it!
    - Goal is to design, track, measure, and share community education
    - Used to write grants, tell stories, communicate with one another, show donors what we do and get them connected with projects and students/faculty
    - A database for the public to see, explore, and connect to
    - Show the public their options
    - Talk about possibility of both college and job recruitment
    - Benefits new professors and gives them community connections
    - Entering instructions/data help students think critically and reflect about their collaboration and the way they are collecting information
    - Improving outreach to more counties - create county-wide engagement (adult supporting youth)

- Rodgers Ranch update – Jared Caylor wasn’t here for an update but Ann shared the mural work from last spring.

- Barbara Sudick (MADT) Design Thinking the North State Youth Collaborative – students are working on ideas for an infrastructure to elevate youth voice in regional development

- Willows HS/Orion, rural journalism – potential for a “rural bureau” link on the Orion page to feature stories from communities in the region.

- “Rural Partnership Program” to help rural communities partner with HSI institutions to work on regional economic development collaboratives.

Discussion: Goals/recommendations for the year

Group Goals:

- Hoping to get more student led and student initiated experiences
  - In their home community
    - How to engage people back home at their community, while staying connected here
  - Strengthening the way we think about where we are from and staying connected to our roots
  - How to motivate and engage students
  - Elevating youth voice and bring more youth voices and opinions to increase vitality and community cohesiveness

- ‘Adopt a Town’ Idea... connecting Chico State faculty/expertise/departments and helping to serve rural North State towns
  - Idea from Katie Mercurio-Chico State: https://sci.uoregon.edu/sustainable-city-year-program-0

- ‘Expect more Tehama’: https://northstatetogther.org/
  - Initiative about raising expectations for their youth
  - Apply some of their goals to our own
  - Collective Impact Work
    - Strive-has a conference coming up
Online, early Oct $25/person – contact Kathy Garcia

- Preparing students beyond High school
  - Wondering if there is opportunity for a mentorship program? Chico State students with rural prospective students... [https://csuchico.firsthand.co/](https://csuchico.firsthand.co/)
  - Rural student mentorship program...
    - Teckla is already working on some of this
  - McConnell Foundation has a great model for this: [https://www.mcconnellfoundation.org/mcconnell-scholars-program/](https://www.mcconnellfoundation.org/mcconnell-scholars-program/)

- Rural Schools Collaborative

- Getting people to utilize Wildcat Connect Alumni Mentoring
  - Getting graduates to come back, keeping alumni connected & hopefully mentor
    - high school/college mentorship
    - [Wildcat Connect](https://www.csuchico.edu/alumni/mentoring/wildcat-connect), Adelante mentor, EOPS, job shadowing
    - how to get mentoring pilot program started
    - graduate students survey- student liaison

- Getting people to come back
  - Healthcare workers

- Identifying who is going where & what they are doing
- Share social media invitations (media marketing group)
- Provide increased experiential, community-based learning opportunities for students.
  - Wendy Porter
    - works with local employers to help engage them with Butte College in the form of curriculum review, internship / job shadowing and work experience opportunities, event and classroom participation

**Evolution of ROOTS:**
- Broadening the network and reliance on others beyond Ann
- Bringing Chico State experts or community experts to the North State communities
- Establishing rural partnerships within each department possibly? List of resources/contacts? Getting rural partners in touch with the “decision-makers” for support
- Tangibly, how do we make relationships easier to find/build?
- Building opportunities for rural people to take part in Chico State happenings, internships, “reverse mentorship”? I wonder if there are opportunities for faculty to mentor North State students?
- Brandi: Who is doing what/where? What are the rural communities already doing, and how do we support that and build upon it? Moving away from duplication/
- Handing students off from rural counties to Chico State... hands-on relationships to support incoming students

**Additional Resources**
- [Article](https://example.com) about Paradise Alum, working to end discrimination in their school and community
- [Article](https://example.com) about the Dixie Fire and impact on rural communities
- [Article](https://example.com) about the “educonomy” in rural Colorado
- [Article](https://example.com) about anti-Asian violence protests in Siskiyou
- [Movie: Other Side of the Hill: Rural perspectives on a changing climate](https://example.com) (planning campus viewing)
- [A Moment with the President on Rural Students video](https://example.com) from Spring 2021

Meetings will be on [Zoom](https://example.com), Wednesdays 12-1, on the following dates. Mar 23
- Apr 20
- Sept 15
- Oct 20
- Dec 1
- Feb 16
- May TBA (Celebration in person?)