

# Compass Chronicle

Online High School | Winter 2019

## Happy New Year!

As we reflect on 2018 and look forward to 2019, I am reminded of our theme for this upcoming year: possibility. This year will include many opportunities to encourage our scholars to recommit to their education, participate in unique experiences, and explore all possibilities as they strive for excellence at Compass.

Sincerely,



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## WHAT'S NEW IN HIGH SCHOOL?

To kick off this new year, some of our online scholars participated in the last lab day for semester 1. We are pleased to announce that our in-person science wet labs had the highest attendance this fall semester than ever before! Thank you to all of our CCS scholars and learning coaches who continue to be dedicated to scholar learning!

Along with our science labs, scholars also participated in our first in-person AVID event this year at Long Beach State University. Scholars had the opportunity to ask questions, tour the campus, and cheer on the basketball team! Mr. Bee attended as well and shared his experience:



*"CCS scholars and families had a great day attending the Scholar Leadership Conference at LBSU. The day started off with a panel discussion/Q&A session with LBSU administrators, professors, and student-athletes who shared their education and career journeys'. Next, our group took a tour of the LBSU campus, which included stops at the university bookstore, dorms and maybe a wrong turn or two along the way. Finally, the day was capped off by attending an LBSU basketball game. It was Long Beach vs. UC Davis, and LBSU got the win! Thanks to all who attended, your support of the AVID program at CCS is critical to our success as well as to the success and achievement of our scholars."*

Looking ahead at the spring semester, scholars can continue to look forward to our science labs, AVID events, attendance and writing competitions, parent/teacher conferences, state testing, and more! The online high school team looks forward to working with our scholars in the upcoming months to help them meet their goals and continue their success at Compass.



## SCHOLAR SPOTLIGHT



## **Vania L., an 11th grader, shares her experience at Compass:**

**CCS:** We know that often with our scholars that each day is different, but what would a typical day look like for you and your scholar?

**LC:** A typical day for us starts early and ends late, with learning, meals, and fun family time in between.

**CCS:** What has been your greatest joy in schooling your scholar at home?

**LC:** My greatest joy in schooling my daughters at home is growing closer to them and having them for company.

**CCS:** Share a challenge that you have experienced as a learning coach and how you have worked to overcome the challenge.

**LC:** A challenge I've experienced as a learning coach is having two other children in a brick-and-mortar school. We've faced this by planning our schedules accordingly and with consistency.

**CCS:** Why did you decide to school from home with Compass Charter Schools?

**LC:** We chose Compass Charter Schools for its engaging curriculum, supportive teachers, and helpful staff, which all make for a great learning community.

**CCS:** What do you enjoy most about being part of our Compass community?

**LC:** I enjoy effective communication. It always helps to know about events, field trips, and deadlines.

**CCS:** Share a piece of advice you'd give to a parent thinking about taking their child out of school to school at home?

**LC:** To prospective parents, I say make the switch to online schooling! It's a great way to know exactly what your children are learning, make sure they stay safe, and bring you closer to your child.

**CCS: What do you, your scholar and the family enjoy doing together during your free time?**

**LC:** When we have free time our family enjoys watching movies, attending the younger sibling's soccer and basketball games, and having game nights.

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## STAFF SPOTLIGHT



### **Shannon Davis, Online Spanish Teacher**

**CCS: What is your job title and what are a couple of the things you do at Compass Charter Schools? How long have you worked for this organization?**

**Shannon:** I recently joined the CCS faculty in September 2018 where I teach middle school and high school Spanish. I also supervise a high school homeroom class.

**CCS: Tell us your “why” for doing what you do here at CCs?**

**Shannon:** I am proud to teach at CCS because I know that I am able to assist diverse scholars in fulfilling their educational goals. Technology has changed the way each of us lives and interacts in today's global society. Because of advancements, technology has brought a wealth of opportunities into the lives of many scholars who might not feel right at a brick-and-mortar school. Some scholars at CCS might have disabilities, illnesses, or even be hospitalized. Other scholars help take care of siblings and work full or part-time jobs to support their families. These situations might prevent them from succeeding in a brick-and-mortar school. CCS provides a rich and differentiated learning experience to many scholars, and I feel privileged to be a part of such a thriving educational environment. Above all, I feel lucky to work side-by-side with so many other dedicated and compassionate teachers.

**CCS: As an educator, what piece of advice would you like to share with learning coaches or scholars?**

**Shannon:** Always take the time, or small moments to invest in a child's learning. Help them set small goals, one at a time, this will help them reach the bigger goals. Mentoring a child can be challenging! Take a deep breath and give yourself a pat on the back. Your children will grow to appreciate your support and the hard work will pay off.

**CCS: Share one thing about you would very few people know?**

**Shannon:** I am deathly, deathly afraid heights. So much so that I once had to be taken down by staff from a slow-moving ferris wheel.

**CCS: What do you and your family like to do during your free time?**

**Shannon:** Travel, eat, and sleep!



## SCHOLAR WORK SAMPLES



Scholars in Mrs. Jennings 12th grade English learning lab used reciprocal teaching to analyze their text



Scholars are engaged in live Spanish learning lab creating their own sentences in Spanish. is posting answers from each participant.



Scholars in Spanish 1 are also finishing semester 1 strong with their cultural project submissions



Mrs. Hobson's scholars did a "round robin" to practice their creative writing skills in 10th grade English class



Our scholars attended their final science lab for semester 1. Many scholars completed their physical science, chemistry, and biology labs in Los Angeles. Here, Layne W. prepares to start her physical science labs.



Scholar Jenesis M. and Vania L. work together to complete their chemistry labs at the Los Angeles wet labs

## SHARE YOUR STORY



Are you enjoying the educational experience at Compass? Tell us! We want to hear from you. Why did you decide to join the Compass family? Or, what do you love most about being part of our community? Share your comments and all of your wonderful experiences at Compass with us! [Click here](#) to share.

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