The 3 C’s for Creating Connections in the Online Class

Community
Building a community helps to make the student feel connected not only to the course but with the instructor and their peers. Here are some examples of how to build community in your online class:

- Upload a profile picture.
- Create a welcoming environment (course banner).
- Virtual office hours.

Communication
Establishing communication guidelines early on helps to set course expectations with students. Here are three ways to communicate with students regularly:

- Announcements
- Provide meaningful and timely feedback
- Respond to discussion posts

Collaboration
Having different activities in your course can help students to feel engaged and connected to the course. Using interactive activities can help establish a collaborative environment. Here are three ways to help your students collaborate:

- Online groups
- Provide options
- Connect with the real-world