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Updates from CSN

Dear CSN Community:

Happy Winter Break! This month we have some exciting news to share with all of you. We all wish you Happy Holidays ahead!

CSN offers Virtual Consortium Chapter, Career Navigation Program, and more! Read more below to **explore** with us & stay informed about upcoming events and opportunities!

Collective Success Network career navigation program for First Generation STEM Students

Are you a first-generation and/or low-income college student interested in pursuing a career in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math (STEM)?

Collective Success Network (CSN) is offering a STEM career navigation program that will include a free one-year membership in the New York Academy of Sciences, access to cutting-edge STEM content, mentoring opportunities, and guidance on how to explore and advance your specific career interests. The program will include an orientation session and four monthly meetings that will cover networking in STEM, use of LinkedIn, transferable skills, and higher education options, among other topics.

We've extended the deadline to apply! Applications will be accepted through **Monday, December 27th, 2021.**



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2022 STEM PROGRAM

**ARE YOU A
FIRST GENERATION STUDENT
AIMING FOR A STEM CAREER?**

There's still time to join us!

BECOME A PART OF A
GROUP OF LIKE-MINDED
STUDENTS TO RECEIVE

- Professional Mentoring
- Peer Support
- Sponsored membership in the New York Academy of Sciences
- Access to cutting edge STEM content
- Networking and resume building opportunities

REACH US AT:
www.collectivesuccess.org
info@collectivesuccess.org

**APPLY BY
December 27, 2021 @**
[http:// bit.ly/ CSNstem2022](http://bit.ly/CSNstem2022)

Apply Now!

Collective Success Network access to Career Resources through CareerSpring

CSN is excited to announce a new partnership with CareerSpring, a non-profit that helps first-generation college students, as well as Pell Grant recipients, realize their greatest career potential through career information, a network of professional contacts, and job placement services. The CareerSpring platform offers a Career Video Library, Career Advisory Forum, and Jobs Board exclusive for first-generation college students.



CareerSpring

To access this resource, fill out a request at bit.ly/CSNcareerspring and you'll receive an exclusive passcode for CSN students. Once you enter the Passcode on the CareerSpring site, you'll answer a few questions and be able to personalize a profile and get started!



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CareerSpring™

We've partnered with CareerSpring, a FREE networking and job placement Platform for first generation and low income students!

**CSN Chapter Members:
Sign up for FREE access
to CareerSpring:**

bit.ly/CSNcareerspring

**Not a Chapter member?
No problem!!!
Join CSN:**

bit.ly/CSNchapters

**300+
CAREER VIDEOS**



**500+
ADVISORS**



**DOZENS OF JOBS &
INTERNSHIPS!**



Submit Request Now!

EY and CSN Student Excellence Awards

Thanks to a generous donation from **Ernst and Young (EY)**, CSN is inviting CSN Chapter members and CSN program participants to compete for our 2022 Student Excellence Awards. There will be one award of \$1500, three awards of \$1000, and gift cards issued for all qualified applicants who submit a short essay or video in response to specific prompts. Qualifications include being enrolled as a CSN-affiliated student in a Philadelphia-area college as of 12/1/2021 and completing an application by the January 31, 2022 deadline.

To learn more, review the award application instructions at bit.ly/EYCSN2022awardinfo or email us at info@collectivesuccess.org.

Collective Success Network students are invited to apply for the EY First Generation Student Excellence Awards

If you have benefited as a CSN chapter member and/or CSN program participant, we want to hear your story and celebrate your growth as a first generation student!

Submissions can be made in writing (400 words max) or in a video format (2 min max).

Up to 4 winners will receive an award of either \$1500 or \$1000 and all qualified applicants* will earn a thank you gift card.

*Qualified applicants must be a CSN Chapter member or program participant, first generation and/or low-income college student, and be enrolled in a Philadelphia area college or university as of December 1, 2022

Topics can be chosen from any of the following prompts:

- How did a specific CSN program help you gain leadership characteristics
- What has it meant for you to be a CSN student leader
- How have you built social capital through CSN
- Share a personal story of how CSN supported you
- Envision how CSN could grow to reach more FGLI students

Submission instructions available at: bit.ly/EYCSN2022awardinfo

Applications accepted at: bit.ly/EYCSN2022awards

Applications due January 31, 2022

Award winners will be notified in March and recognized at a CSN year end event in May.



Want more information? Email us:

info@collectivesuccess.org



[Explore More](#)

CSN Virtual Consortium Chapter

Collective Success Network (CSN) invites first-generation and/or low-income college students in the Philadelphia area to join our **new, virtual intercollegiate Consortium Chapter**. Membership is **free**.

Hey there Philadelphia-Area First Generation College Students --
Want to connect with like-minded students and professionals?

Come join Collective Success Network in our new, free, virtual
Consortium Chapter



Example benefits of membership:

- Networking opportunities
- Mentorship
- Career guidance
- Professional skill development
- Internship and job postings
- Stipend and award opportunities



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Want more information? email us:
consortium@collectivesuccess.org

Sign up **now** and start building your path through college to career!
<http://bit.ly/CSNchapters>

Benefits include exclusive, members-only opportunities for meeting peers and professionals, networking, leadership development, and access to awards

and job/internship postings. It is an easy way for college students to grow their network with like-minded peers and supportive professionals in the Philadelphia area. Join us and give your journey through college to your career a boost.

Students can sign up at: <http://bit.ly/CSNchapters>

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I want to engage with a network of other first-generation, low-income students across the Philadelphia region. Oftentimes, our wealthier, more established counterparts have the resources to gain more social capital and connections than us, and **I want to become part of a community that breaks that pattern.**

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Through the Consortium Chapter, **I hope to meet other first-generation, low-income students from colleges outside of my own,** and to gain insight into how I can advance my career. A community that understands and relates to my situation would be very beneficial towards my journey into STEM.

Sign Up Today!

More students' quotes:

- “There were many times when I felt alone in the struggle as a college student.”
- “One of the largest problems I face is just the mental barrier of knowing that students who come from well-established backgrounds, whose parents are lawyers and doctors, have just a head start on their careers than I do. It frightens me when I think about how behind I am in comparison to them.”
- “With this new start-up program, I would like to aid in support of students like myself.”
- “I want to expand my connections and meet other like-minded people! I also would like to learn to be a better leader for my community.”

Attention Professionals and CSN Supporters

If you are making year-end charitable donations, please consider CSN in your plans. The IRS allows taxpayers who claim a standard deduction to also deduct up to \$300 (single filers) or up to \$600 (joint filers) for their charitable donations in 2021. As a fiscally sponsored nonprofit organization under the Urban Affairs Coalition (501c3), any donation to CSN qualifies for this IRS deduction and could also be eligible for corporate employee matching programs.

A gift of any amount will help us achieve our goal of \$5,000 before the end of the year, making a tremendous impact on our small but mighty team and the programs and support we provide for Philadelphia area FGLI students.

Donate Today!

Make sure your loved ones and friends know about these resources.



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