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## CSN News 🙌: Mentorship Program & New Team Members

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## Updates from CSN

Dear CSN Community:

**We hope you are having a relaxing summer! As the upcoming academic year approaches, we are excited to continue hosting various programs for our FGLI student network in Philadelphia. This summer, we have welcomed two new members to our team, while wishing another well as they depart for a new role.**

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### Advocacy, Belonging, and Careers (ABC) Program

Back by popular demand, this summer CSN is running its “Advocacy, Belonging and Careers (ABC) Program.” Students were selected from nine Philadelphia-area colleges, including Drexel University, Temple University, The University of Pennsylvania, Penn State, The Community College of Philadelphia, among several others. The all-virtual program, which runs from July 5th-August 16th, 2023, includes six interactive sessions on topics such as overcoming imposter syndrome, increasing self-confidence and belonging at work; defining the

issues you care about and self-branding; identifying and creating your ideal work environment; navigating crucial conversations where emotions run high; giving and receiving productive feedback; and writing policy briefs.

The program also includes a panel discussion with former FGLI students who have successfully transitioned into their professions. As one participant wrote about their expectations for the program: “The program's focus on advocacy resonates deeply with me. I have always been passionate about social justice and making a positive impact in my community. Participating in the ABC Program will provide me with the knowledge and skills necessary to effectively advocate for myself and others. It will empower me to find my voice and become an agent of change in issues that matter to me.” The ABC program is an example of CSN’s commitment to helping FGLI students navigate the transition from college to career and develop leadership skills.

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## Upcoming Mentorship Program

Since it’s inception, CSN’s Mentorship Program has been one of its most vital offerings, helping students with important skills such as: time management, networking, public speaking, work-life balance, mindfulness and mental health, self-advocacy, professional etiquette, career goals and job exploration, writing resumes and cover letters, interviewing, financial planning, and personal branding. Over time CSN created two different versions of the program: 1) Holistic Mentorship Program that focuses on all aspects of navigating college; and 2) Career Specific Mentorship Program where participants (mostly juniors and seniors) are matched with a mentor in their specified field of interest. Mentors are professional volunteers, the majority of whom also come from FGLI backgrounds, who are passionate about “giving back.” Due to Covid19, in 2020 CSN transitioned the program to be fully virtual. This fall we will be revising the program again, expanding it from a single semester to a year-long program and offering participants a series of webinars on relevant topics, and the opportunity to attend several in-person networking events. **Applications for the program will be available in the late summer, however, if you are a professional interested in volunteering to be a mentor, please reach out ASAP to Alice Ginsberg, CSN Director of Programs at [aliceginsberg@collectivesuccess.org](mailto:aliceginsberg@collectivesuccess.org).** We provide all mentors with a training manual and curriculum guide.

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## Sign up for Career Spring!



Through CSN's connection with CareerSpring, FGLI students can access the following resources for navigating their career searches:

- Toolkit Page: Resume building guidance
- Candidate Coaches: Human resources and talent recruitment professionals that provide FGLI job candidates with advice
- General Resume Database: Database in which students can upload their resumes to be matched with job opportunities
- Networking with advisors
- Career Video Library: Database of career videos from industry professionals
- Jobs Page

Register for Career Spring today through the sign-up sheet accessible at [this link](#) or the QR code to the right!



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## Join CSN for "Cocktails for a Cause"

It is not too late to RSVP for our "Cocktails for a Cause" networking event accompanied by a great view of the city and refreshments! Meet us at the **Pyramid Club** for a **"Cocktails for a Cause"** on Wednesday, August 16th from 6-8 pm. 🍷

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# COCKTAILS FOR A CAUSE

Enjoy great views, drinks, lite  
bites, & networking!

Register at  
[bit.ly/CSNCocktails2023](https://bit.ly/CSNCocktails2023)  
or scan the QR code!



\*Students will be treated to a complimentary mocktail &  
a portion of the proceeds will be donated to CSN!



The dress code for the event is business casual, and the event is free to attend!

College students will be treated to one free “mocktail” and a portion of the bar proceeds will be donated to CSN. Register below to attend the event!

**RSVP for the Event!**

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**Spotlight: Vivian Chen**

**CSN Consortium Chapter President, Temple University**





**Culture, college, career:**

I am a rising junior at Temple University pursuing a nursing degree. During the school year, I am proactive in Temple's Nutrition Club as the social media coordinator while also being an active member of Temple First. As I advance toward my BSN, my current involvement in various programs and career opportunities will help foster the skills and knowledge I need for my future endeavors.

**How did you learn about CSN and how have you been involved?**

I received a newsletter containing an invitation to CSN's End of Year Celebration and decided to attend. This event enlighten me with information about CSN's compelling mission and helped me connect with students and professionals who shared a similar background, something that was hard to find back in my hometown. My desire and passion to become more involved in

the organization led me to participate in the ABC program, help out with a webinar about how to get the most out of college and step up as the Consortium Chapter President.

**Any special interest information (significant event or accomplishment)?**

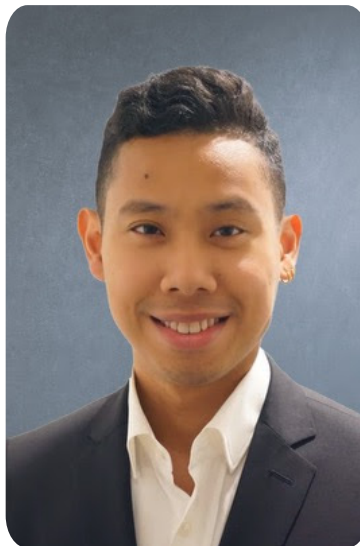
I was accepted as a volunteer at Pennsylvania Hospital during this past semester and by working alongside the nurses and technicians, I was able to gain valuable insight that could be utilized in my future practice as a nurse.

**Thank you Vivian for your leadership within the CSN Consortium Chapter!**

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**Spotlight: Dau Duong**

**CSN Administrative Specialist**



**Culture, college, career:**

I currently study at the Community College of Philadelphia. My entrepreneurial spirit led me to establish a family business alongside my parents. As first-generation immigrants, they worked tirelessly to build a solid foundation for their enterprise while simultaneously forging a path to success for themselves and their community.

**How did you learn about CSN and how have you been involved?**

Motivated by a desire to empower those in similar situations to my family, I joined the Collective Success Network, a community-driven organization that shares my passion for assisting lower-income, first-generation students.

**Any special interest information (significant event or accomplishment)?**

My role as consultant for my father allowed him to bridge the language and cultural gaps, enabling the family business to thrive!

**Thank you Dau for joining our team!**

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**Spotlight: Diavionne Musser**

**CSN Marketing Intern**



**Culture, college, career:**

I am a rising sophomore at Temple University pursuing a Marketing degree with a minor in Digital Marketing. Last semester, I started serving as the Creative Director of a new First-Gen Honors student organization within Temple University's Honors Program. I am also an active member of Temple University's American Marketing Association chapter and work as a student fellow at the Blackstone LaunchPad on campus, which provides resources for students interested in starting their own businesses.

**How did you learn about CSN and how have you been involved?**

Temple University's First-Gen Honors student organization planned a collaborative event with Temple First, which allowed me to be introduced to CSN as an organization. The president of First-Gen Honors shared CSN's marketing internship opportunity with me during the spring semester, and I am excited to be starting the role! I am responsible for creating social media content and newsletters, such as this email, to inform students and donors

about CSN's impact.

**Any special interest information (significant event or accomplishment)?**

Alongside my marketing internship with CSN, I am completing volunteer social media marketing for two businesses in my hometown of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania this summer to gain digital marketing experience outside of the classroom as an underclassman!

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## Best Wishes for Veronica Alt

Veronica Alt, who served as CSN's Administrative Specialist since November 2022 has left CSN to pursue a full-time position in her field, museum education. Veronica was instrumental in helping CSN organize and run our programs and events, as well as working with CSN to develop the Consortium Chapter and our new campus chapter at Villanova University. She also helped CSN as we are working to design and implement a new CRM system which will increase our outreach and allow us to keep track alumni. We will miss Veronica and wish her well in her new job.

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## Pay It Forward

A gift of any amount will help us plan more programs and events, and reach even more deserving Philadelphia area FGLI college students!

### Make a Donation to CSN

Have any questions, suggestions or interest in volunteering and joining our team? Email us at: [info@collectivesuccess.org](mailto:info@collectivesuccess.org)

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