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## Updates from CSN

Dear CSN Community:

Spring is here and the first gen community is also bursting with energy. There are many exciting first gen focused events happening this week and next:

**! Last chance to register** for Dream Forward: How to stand out in your career search! Join 2 major companies in Philly (EY and Comcast) in this event to learn how to stand out in your career journey.

CSN Financial Literacy Workshop: From Financial Aid to Financial Freedom. Bring all and any of your financial questions and ask Sal Cocivera, a financial advisor expert.

 Listen to Reshma Saujani, 2018 McGraw Prize winner and the Founder and CEO of Girls Who Code, answer your questions on how we can transform the education system to support all learners.

 Free laptops and tech!

Calling all STEM students: join us for the BMS STEM panel to learn more about the pharmaceutical industry and the many roles and opportunities in the field.

Read more below for **upcoming virtual events** and interesting articles!

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## 1. Last call to attend Dream Forward

**Philadelphia area College Students: Looking for some career inspiration?**

Last call to attend **Dream Forward: How to stand out in your career search!**

EY, Comcast, Philadelphia Futures and Collective Success Network present Dream Forward: How to stand out in your career journey. In this one-hour virtual event, you'll be inspired by those who came before you and you'll learn valuable practical skills to help you on your internship and/or job search. Aim higher, think bigger and act decisively to pursue the career of your dreams.

Join us on **April 7, 5-6 PM**. Register below today!



Register for Dream Forward Now!

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## 2. CSN Financial Literacy Workshop

Are you a first-generation college student thinking about your future and wondering about how to manage your finances?

Salvatore Cocivera, President of CORA Capital Advisors, will share his own experiences and address important topics for first-gen students.

Join us for an informative and interactive session on **April 14, 5:30-7PM!**  
Register below today!

**LOOKING AHEAD TO WHAT'S NEXT?**

**Topics Covered:**

- Paying for college with loans
- Building good financial habits
- Transitioning from student to workforce
- Strategizing debt reduction and savings

**CSN HOSTS AN INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP**

# FROM FINANCIAL AID TO FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE

**FOR STUDENTS WHO WANT TO PLAN ON FINANCIAL STABILITY**

**APRIL 14, 2021 5:30-7 PM**

**[register here](http://bit.ly/CSNmoneyquestions)** <http://bit.ly/CSNmoneyquestions>



Presented by Salvatore Cocivera, CFP, MSFS  
President CORA Capital Advisors has 25+ years of  
experience as a financial planner



**Register for the CSN Financial Literacy Workshop Now!**

### 3. Webinar with Reshma Saujani: How will we create an education system where equity is the rule?

The McGraw Prize free webinar series continues with "How will we create an education system where equity is the rule?" featuring Reshma Saujani, 2018 McGraw Prize winner and the Founder and CEO of Girls Who Code, to answer your questions on how we can transform the education system to support all learners. Submit your questions for Reshma via the registration form.

Participate on **April 8 at 2 PM**. Register below today!

A promotional graphic for a webinar. It features a dark blue header with the text "FREE WEBINAR" in white. Below this, the title "How will we create an education system where equity is the rule?" is written in a large, bold, blue font. To the right of the title is a circular portrait of Reshma Saujani, a woman with dark hair, smiling. Below the title, the date and time "April 8 @ 2PM ET" are written in a large, bold, red font, followed by "with Reshma Saujani" in a smaller, red font, and "Founder & CEO, Girls Who Code" in a smaller, blue font. The background of the graphic is a light gray with a geometric, low-poly pattern.

FREE WEBINAR

**How will we create an education system where equity is the rule?**

**April 8 @ 2PM ET**  
with Reshma Saujani  
Founder & CEO, Girls Who Code

[Register for Webinar Now!](#)

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### 4. Circle of Change: First Generation Students Virtual Career Leadership Experience

With a lack of career readiness programs designed specifically for first generation students, the Circle of Change Leadership Team is hosting a virtual career conference centered around helping these students position themselves for career leadership success after graduation.

The cost of this two-day virtual career conference is only \$99.00 per student and includes a digital workbook, access to every session, and a recording of each speaker and panelist.

Hear from successful first generation professionals on **April 9-11**. Register below today!

CIRCLE OF CHANGE  
**FIRST GENERATION STUDENTS  
VIRTUAL CAREER LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**  
April 9-11, 2021

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Consultant | Author | Coach  
Mariselspeaks, LLC.

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Talent Acquisition Manager | Speaker  
Author | Career Coach

**DEVELOPING YOUR  
CAREER PATH FOR SUCCESS**  
**FRIDAY, APRIL 9, 2021**  
2:00PM PST - 3:00PM PST

**Sponsored by: the Circle of Change Leadership Conference!**

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Register for the First Generation Students Virtual Career Leadership Experience Now!

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## 5. BMS STEM Panel

Are you a STEM college student interested in a career in the pharmaceutical industry, but not sure what is possible? Join us to hear from 5 STEM leaders from the pharmaceutical company Bristol-Myers Squibb who will share their stories and tips for first-generation college students.

Join us on **April 28, 5:30-6:30 PM** to learn more about careers in Pharma!  
Register below today!



## BMS: Leaders in STEM

April 28, 2021

5:30-6:30 pm EDT

Register Here: <http://bit.ly/CSNBMS>

### Our panel of BMS leaders will:

- Share their personal career journeys as first-generation professionals
- Describe STEM roles in the Pharmaceutical Industry
- Discuss how STEM professionals can navigate exciting careers

Join us to meet these inspirational leaders and learn more about STEM careers in Pharma!

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**Calling all STEM students: register for STEM panel today!**

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## 6. Free Laptops

Great news! PCF is offering **FREE** refurbished computer equipment to schools, students and/or their families, daycare centers, organizations, etc. For as long as you do not charge people to access the donated equipment, PCF MAY be able to help you.

The Philadelphia Children's Foundation is a non-profit organization that supports distance learning by supplying FREE internet-ready computers to families in need.

**IMPORTANT:** The pick-up location and details will be provided if your application is approved.

Register below to see if you can get a free laptop!



Apply for a FREE laptop today!

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## 6. From Food Stamps to Construction Engineer

A growing number of research and data shows that when lower-income students receive tools of the privileged (early and steady involvement with professions and professionals), they will steer a positive trajectory in college and after. Read this article to learn more about Tiaja's story from growing up on food stamps to becoming an engineer.



The Tools of the Rich Propel Poor Kids Through College

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## 7. Financial Literacy Resources

Did you know that only 1 in 6 students will be required to take a personal finance course before earning their high school diploma (Next Gen Personal Finance)?

Here are some financial literacy resources that emphasize the importance of personal finance and will help equip you with useful money tips:

- [What You Should Know as a First-Generation College Student](#)
- [Personal Finance Education Critical for Students, Especially During](#)



## COVID

- [Financial Literacy is a Gift That Lasts a Lifetime](#)



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