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Updates from CSN

Dear CSN Community:

"I've had a lot of anxiety and low confidence when entering situations that I had limited knowledge of. This prevented me from seeking a lot of opportunities solely because I had a poor idea of what to do and what to expect."

"I feel that for the majority of my time here [in college], I've been in the dark. I feel that I've missed out on a lot of opportunities because I didn't know to look for them or that I was qualified."

"I take care of my extended family since I am the only bilingual first generation child. I also commute from home and I work a part-time job. Juggling everything and making sure I have my priorities in order has been a huge challenge."

These are what low-income first-generation college students are carrying with them as they go through college. The Collective Success Network was formed to ensure that no student have to go through college alone, that there is a group of first gen professionals and students helping each other through community, mentorship, and partnership.

Students: mentorship during COVID-19 is more important than ever because you do not have to go through this alone and professionals are willing to listen and help guide you during this difficult time. **There are 2 mentorship tracks: general mentorship (for freshman and sophomore who want to explore how to navigate college) and career focus (for junior and seniors who**

want to connect with a professional in specific industry and role of interest).

Professionals: sign up to be a mentor today so you can help a college student navigate through these uncertain times knowing they have support, care, and resources during college.

Learn more about the CSN mentorship experience from Tanya, Steve, and Mariah. **Apply today to be a mentee or mentor!**

1. Fall 2020 | Virtual Mentorship Program

Calling All Mentees:

Are you a low income and/or first-generation student enrolled in a college or university enrolled in the Philadelphia area or you are quarantining in the Philadelphia area and wondering how to navigate college in a virtual setting? How can you bridge from college into a professional career after the COVID-19 pandemic ends?

Join CSN's [Virtual Mentorship Program](#), which meets multiple times over a semester, with professional mentors who can share their perspectives and give you considerations to navigate through these uncertain times. Don't let COVID-19 stop you from exploring your career aspirations or learning how to handle all these changes. We are here to help you through this journey!

Mentee application dead is September 7th.

Learn about Mariah's CSN Mentorship Program experience:

Mariah Iseminger

4TH YEAR STUDENT OF
THE LEBOW COLLEGE OF
BUSINESS AT DREXEL
UNIVERSITY

MAJORING IN MARKETING AND
ORGANIZATIONAL
MANAGEMENT AND MINORING
IN SPANISH



*My experience with the Collective Success Network's Mentorship program was overwhelmingly **positive** because it was inspiring to meet a professional with a similar background to mine that has had a successful start to their career! I would not usually get the opportunity to meet individuals like her if it were not for CSN and their program.*

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Calling All Mentors:

CSN is proud to introduce a Virtual Mentorship Program for fall 2020! Now you can be a mentor from the safety and comfort of your own home and help low-income first-generation college students in the Philadelphia area navigate through college into a professional career. Share your perspectives about career exploration, professional growth development, and personal development.

Mentor applications deadline is August 30th.

Learn about Tanya O'Neill and Steve Watter's experiences as a mentor:



Gaining insights into LIFG challenges and celebrating their successes has been the best part of being a mentor.

DR. TANYA O'NEILL

Associate Director of Leadership Development, Perelman School of Medicine



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“What was positive from my mentoring experience with Collective Success Network students was the opportunity to not only share what I’ve learned from my experience as an LIFG college student but the honor and privilege of learning from the mentees. Being able to see their world as they see it and gaining insight into LIFG challenges and celebrating their successes has been the best part of being a mentor.” - Tanya

“Serving as a mentor confirmed my faith in young people. The students in the program were a delight to work with; they were talented, resourceful, and possessed the strength of character that allowed them to overcome obstacles that would have brought almost to their knees. In short, they were an absolute inspiration to me. What was most rewarding was being in a position to observe the sincere care and concern and support they showed toward one another.” - Steve

STEVE WATTER



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Associate Director, Lenfest Scholars Foundation
(former Dean of Student Life, Haverford College)

2. COVID-19 Phase 2 of Philly Rental Assistance

Phase 2 of the COVID Emergency Rental Assistance Program.
Help is available!

If you're a Philly renter whose income was affected by COVID-19, you may qualify for phase 2 of the #PHLRentAssist program!

Get more information and see if you qualify!

Applications may be submitted until **September 30, 2020**, or when funding runs out.



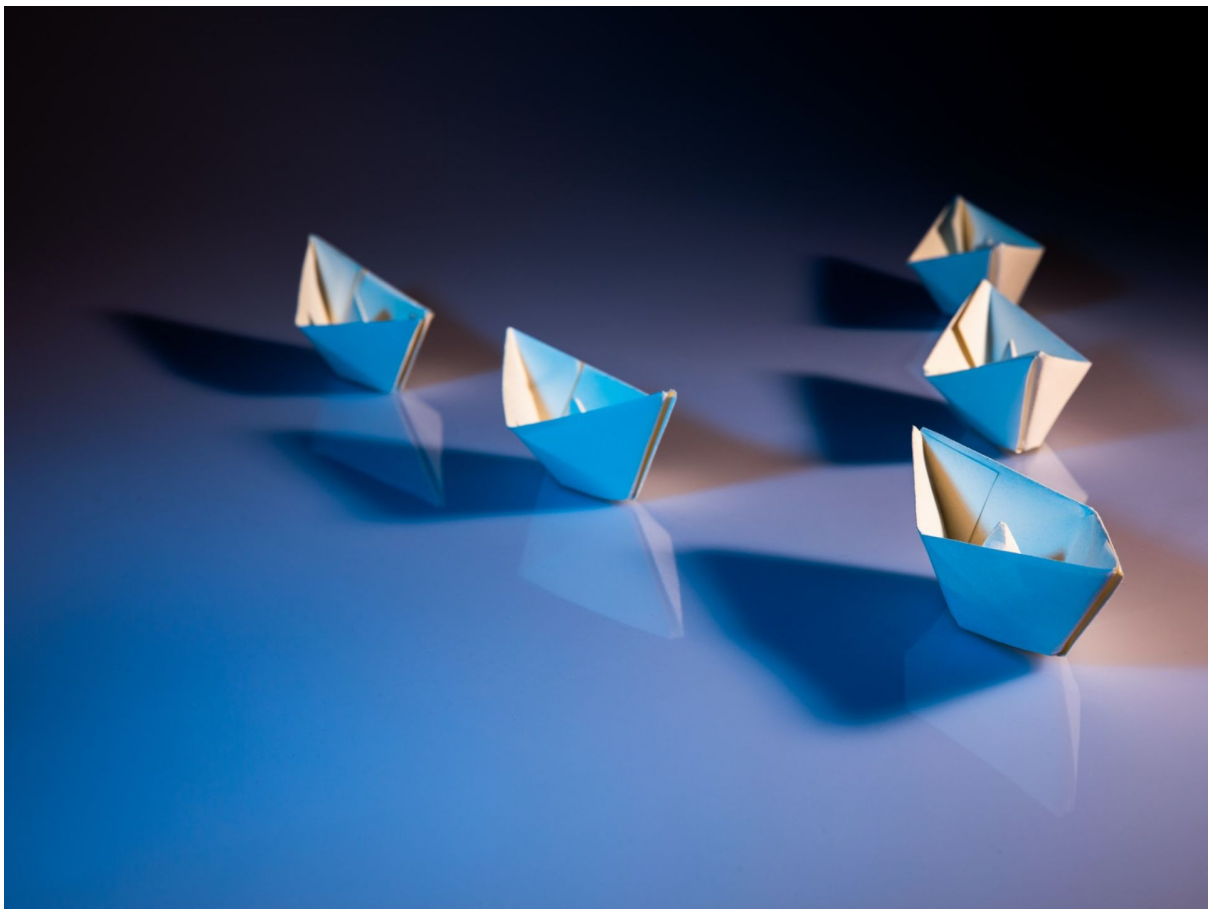
Check Your Eligibility for Phase 2 #PHLRentAssist Program

3. What Kind of Leader Are You?

“Fundamentally, a leader is somebody who influences or guides other people through their own actions and behaviors. That might mean someone who’s the designated head of a department. But make no mistake—having that seniority isn’t a prerequisite.

Even if you’re not managing a team on a daily basis, you might still have to step into a leadership role from time to time. Maybe you’re spearheading an important cross-functional project or you have to host a meeting.”

Learn about the [8 different leadership styles](#), along with their associated pros and cons.



Explore Your Leadership Style

4. Virtual Team Building Activities

Working or attending school online is the new norm for now. So is working in teams. How can you bond and get to know each other in a virtual setting?

Read this article to learn more about icebreakers, activities, and games to support your virtual team in fun and entertaining ways.



Explore 57 Ways to Build Virtual Team

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