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Updates from CSN

Dear CSN Community:

We wish everyone a happy start of Spring! 🌸🌷🌻🌹

This month, we are taking a look into CSN's current programming, upcoming events, and career resources/opportunities!

Scroll down to save the date on some upcoming events this Spring, as well as a recap of past events and current programming like our "Student Leadership Training & Certificate Program" and "The Next Degree Program!"

Student Leadership Training & Certificate Program

This spring, CSN is running two signature programs, reaching students from over 13 area colleges and universities!

Our **Student Leadership Development Training & Certificate Program** is running for the third time on Tuesday nights from March 7th-April 25th. These virtual sessions include: StrengthFinders2.0, Improvisation, Mindfulness/Brain 3.0, Design Thinking, and Crucial Conversations. At the end of the program, students design and share mini-Ted Talks on a topic of their choice.

Spring 2023

Student Leadership Training & Certificate Program

A unique program that allows students to access their leadership strengths and participate in group sessions on various topics!



Keith Willis



Rick Horner



Due Quach



Jennie Ellis



March 7 - April 25



Tuesdays, 6:30-8 pm EST

We would like to thank our professional volunteers **Keith Willis, Rick Horner, (CSN co-founder) Due Quach, and Jennie Ellis** for facilitating these sessions and sharing their knowledge and expertise!

The Next Degree Program

CSN's virtual "The Next Degree Program: A Guide to Graduate School for First Generation Students & Young Professionals" is being piloted for the first time on Thursday nights from February 16th-March 30th.

The program's sessions feature topics such as:

- How to select graduate programs

- How to finance graduate school education
- How to get recommendations
- How to network and how to write a personal statement

THE NEXT DEGREE

SPEAKER
Andrew Martinez

SPEAKER
Isabella (Izzy) Boudnik

SPEAKER
Andrea Morris

SPEAKER
Colleen Farrell

SPEAKER
Pearl Lo

SPEAKER
Jasmine Greene

SPEAKER
Jeechieu Ta

SPEAKER
Kemuel Benyehudah

SPEAKER
Jasmine Green

Students in the program will engage in peer coaching and conclude the program by either writing a draft of their personal statement or writing a letter to their future selves about the goals they hope to achieve.

We want to thank **Andrew Martinez, Isabella (Izzy) Boudnik, Andrea Morris, and Colleen Ferrell** for sharing their expertise, as well as our panel of First-Gen graduate students – **Pearl Lo, Jasmine Greene, Jeechieu Ta, Kemuel Benyehudah, and Jasmine Green** – who shared their personal stories and advice. We couldn't do it without you!

Recap of WSFS Financial Education Workshop!



Special thanks to our speaker Robert Juliano, VP & Director of Corporate Giving and Financial Education at WSFS Bank!



The two sessions from our “**Munch & Learn**” financial education workshop with WSFS Bank were held on February 18th & 25th! These in-person sessions were held at the WSFS HQ, with the option to participate online as well.

We are sincerely grateful to **Robert Juliano**, *VP and Director of Corporate Giving and Financial Education at WSFS Bank*, for delivering such engaging and informative sessions on “Money Management” and “All About Credit.”

Interested in learning more? Email your questions and requests

EY Student Excellence Awards & CSN's Year End Celebration!



Save the date: Saturday May 13th, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm!

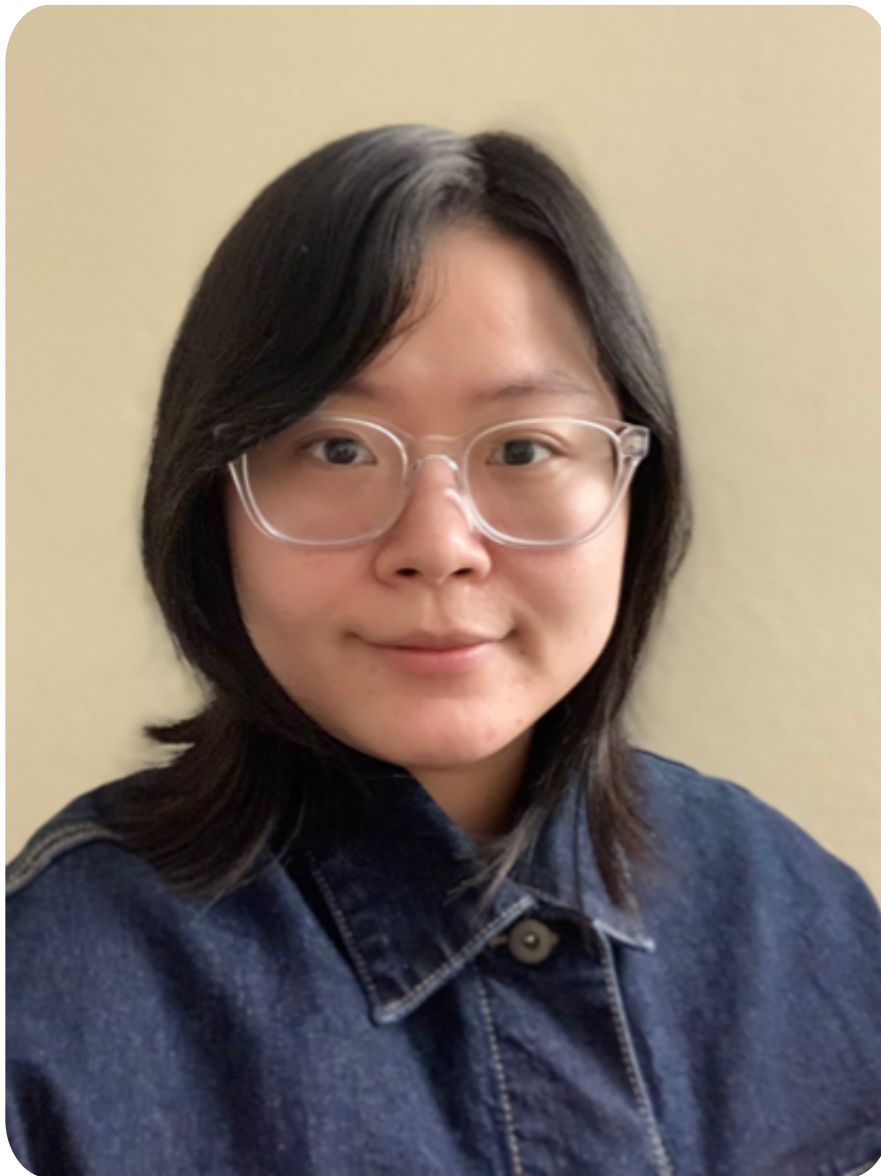
CSN will be honoring our 2023 graduating students and EY Student Excellence award winners at a year end celebration to be held again at EY's headquarters in Philadelphia. Our theme this year is "Leadership" and CSN's own Advisory Board member Jenny Chan will be the guest speaker! All CSN community members are invited to join our students for the festivities - lunch & cake will be provided!

Registration is now open - scan the QR code above or register below!

[Register to Attend!](#)

[CSN Alumnus Spotlight: My Lam](#)

Marketing & Communications Coordinator, BDP International



College major: International Business

Graduation date: May 2022

Role at CSN: Digital Communications & Marketing Coordinator: Spring 2019 - August 2022

Hello all, this is My, currently working as Marketing and Communications Coordinator at BDP International, a member of the PSA Group. I have been with the company for over 8 months and am excited to join the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Council supporting marketing and communications. I recently joined the DEI Strategy Team to support the Council at a higher level, where I can progressively help in Learning & Development and Planning.

Back in school (Temple University), I was actively involved in Collective Success Network beginning in the Spring of 2019 as an intern at Temple First, one of the CSN chapters. I continuously supported CSN's social media and newsletter content until August last year. I participated and volunteered in several CSN events, including but not limited to the on-site & virtual Student Leadership Mentorship program, end-of-year celebrations, and more. It was amazing to meet many talented people in and out of school throughout college. My biggest takeaway in school is building networking skills – you will be rewarded with finding your inner self and expanding your career inspiration and potential. You must know it will take some time to discover your true self and what you are passionate about doing.

As a first-generation former student and professional, let us take the initiative in what we plan to do and do it. You won't know what will happen if you don't make a move. You can either adapt to your comfort zone or make small changes to challenge and grow yourself. Change is a habit; if you do it more than 25 times, you'll see the difference from day 1 to day 30. This helps to make yourself more action-driven so that you won't overthink or limit your potential.

Today, I felt grateful for my journey from college to the early stage of my career, where I connected with many supportive individuals willing to share and celebrate your wins. It is them who shaped who I am today. If you would like to reach out for more questions, feel free to connect with me via [LinkedIn!](#)

Student Event Photographer Opportunity!

COLLECTIVE SUCCESS NETWORK

Join the Team!

Student Photographer



- Ability to take high-quality photos at CSN events
- Availability to attend events on weekends
- Student must have their own camera
- Stipend will be provided for each event worked

Send letter of interest, resume, & samples to:
info@collectivesuccess.org



CSN is seeking a student to take professional photographs at upcoming CSN events!

This student must be able to attend CSN's professional and networking events regularly, with availability on weekends. The student will be offered a stipend for each event worked and must own their own camera.

Please send a letter of interest, your resume and work samples to
info@collectivesuccess.org

CareerSpring: March Madness is Coming!



Are you ready to land a full-time job or internship opportunity?

CSN is a partner of CareerSpring, a nonprofit supporting FGLI students and graduates in their journey through college to career. CareerSpring offers career exploration through hundreds of career videos with professionals from dozens of industries, personalized help with resumes and preparation for interviews and postings of jobs and internships specifically looking for FGLI talent.

March is when many internships are posted on the CareerSpring platform. The job and internship postings come from around the US, and many are looking for remote workers. To get started with the CareerSpring platform as part of the CSN cohort, simply register below!

What is CareerSpring?

Learn How to Get Started!

Join the CareerSpring Platform!

Free Headshots & Resume Review!

HEADSHOTS & RESUME REVIEW

Free headshots & resume review
at The *Business Resource &
Innovation Center (BRIC)* at
Parkway Central Library!



Thursdays, May 4th & 18th
1-3 pm | Ground Floor | BRIC

Headshots + Resume Review services will be available at the Business Resource and Innovation Center (BRIC) at Parkway Central Library, on Thursday May 4th & 18th from 1-3 pm!

BRIC is offering this unique service for entrepreneurs, nonprofit professionals, job seekers, and more! Take this opportunity to enhance your professional portfolio and make your LinkedIn profile stand out among other candidates!

We are also excited to partner with [Dress for Success Greater Philadelphia](#) to offer resume review services during headshots! Resume reviews will be offered on first-come-first-served basis, so show up early to learn some tips and tricks from experienced professionals!

Location:

[Parkway Central Library](#)

1901 Vine Street (between 19th & 20th Street on the Parkway)

Philadelphia, PA 19103

[Business Resource and Innovation Center](#)

Ground Floor

215-686-8663

Virtual Employer Connection Opportunity!

Presented by the Main Line Chamber of Commerce



OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS STRENGTHEN YOUR PERSONAL BRAND

APRIL 27, 2023

4:30-6PM

HELD ON: ZOOM.US

WHY TO ATTEND:

LEARN BEST PRACTICES



In a webinar panel format, hear from professionals how best to market yourself and master personal branding to get hired.



CHAT WITH EMPLOYERS

Following the webinar, a link is provided for the opportunity to chat with employers and fellow students in breakout rooms.

Email Lissa at Lissa@LissaHilsee.com to register.



The Main Line Chamber of Commerce is hosting "Virtual Opportunity Knocks: Strengthen Your Personal Brand," on Thursday, April 27th, from 4:30-6:00 pm!

This event will give college students the opportunity to learn from and connect

with employers who are currently hiring for summer internships and entry-level positions.

To learn more and register for the event, email Lissa@LissaHilsee.com

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!

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

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