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## Updates from CSN

### **Welcome, new students!**

A new academic year has begun and CSN wishes all students success in starting their year. CSN staff are working with student leaders from our campus chapters at UPenn, Temple, Drexel and Villanova to plan for the upcoming year and have met new students from Rutgers Camden, Salus University, Chestnut Hill College and Immaculata University.

Our plan is to provide Philadelphia area first generation and/or low income college students with virtual and in-person opportunities for learning, connecting with mentors, meeting intercollegiate peers and networking with local professionals.

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### **Welcome, First-Generation Villanovans!**

# WELCOME *villanova chapter* STUDENTS!

For more information,  
contact [fgv@villanova.edu](mailto:fgv@villanova.edu).



Villanova is starting their first student-led CSN campus chapter this fall.  
**Interested in learning more? Contact them at: [fgv@villanova.edu](mailto:fgv@villanova.edu)**

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**Mentorship Program Deadline**



# Mentorship Program

for first-generation, low-income students at Philadelphia-area colleges!

## Learn skills such as:

- Time management
- Communication
- Self-advocacy
- Networking
- Career navigation



October 2023 to  
April 2024

In-person, virtual, or hybrid

Apply by filling out the application form by 9/23/23 at [bit.ly/CSNmentorship2023](http://bit.ly/CSNmentorship2023)

For more information, please contact [aliceginsberg@collectivesuccess.org](mailto:aliceginsberg@collectivesuccess.org)



**Looking for a Mentor with first hand knowledge of the FGLI Experience? Look no farther.**

CSN's Holistic and Career-Focused/Professional Mentorship Programs begin this fall, and meet through April 2024. Most of our mentors are former FGLI students who have first-hand knowledge, caring, and thoughtful advice about navigating all aspects of getting through college, finding and transitioning into the career of your choice. Mentees meet with their Mentor at least once a month from October 2023 through April 2024 (virtually, in-person or hybrid).

The program is free to First Generation and or/Low-Income students attending Philadelphia-area colleges.

The deadline to apply is September 30th.

**Apply today at:** <http://bit.ly/CSNmentorship2023>

For more information, email [aliceginsberg@collectivesuccess.org](mailto:aliceginsberg@collectivesuccess.org).

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# Call for Mentors



## 2023-2024 First Generation College Student Mentorship Program

### Call for Professionals:

- Support, Inspire, and Mentor First Generation Low-Income (FGLI) College Students
- Help Grow the Next Generation of Leaders
- Give Back to Your Community

### Apply to be a mentor:

[bit.ly/CSNvolunteering](https://bit.ly/CSNvolunteering)

For more information contact, Alice Ginsberg, CSN Director of Programs at [aliceginsberg@collectivesuccess.org](mailto:aliceginsberg@collectivesuccess.org)



**Looking to "Give Back" to the FGLI student community? We need Mentors for our upcoming CSN Holistic and Career-Focused/Professional Mentorship Programs.**

CSN Mentors -- typically professionals from first generation and/or low-income backgrounds -- meet with their student mentee at least once a month from October 2023 through April 2024 (virtually, in-person or hybrid). Mentors are given a number of orientation, professional guidance, training, and curriculum tools to help them help students.

**Sign up at [bit.ly/CSNvolunteering](https://bit.ly/CSNvolunteering).**

For more information, contact:

Alice Ginsberg, CSN Director of Programs, Partnerships and Strategies at [aliceginsberg@collectivesuccess.org](mailto:aliceginsberg@collectivesuccess.org)

## Rise First Scholarship



Our Partner **Rise First** has assembled a comprehensive list of scholarship and funding opportunities specifically for FGLI students.

For more information, check out their website at: <https://risefirst.org/>

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## CareerSpring News



# YOU'RE INVITED

## Meet, Greet, & Repeat: A Virtual Speed Networking Event

Wednesday, September 27th | 6:00-7:00pm EST  
Zoom

Join CareerSpring for a unique opportunity to network with a diverse group of professionals and fellow students. Our goal is to create a welcoming space that makes it easy and stress-free to network by having fun, short activities to bring members of our Network together.

### Meet, Greet, & Repeat: A Virtual Speed Networking Event

Our partner, CareerSpring, has a virtual networking event planned on Wed, September 27 @ 5:00pm CST / 6:00pm EST.

Learn more about the event at [this link!](#)

**Join the CSN cohort at CareerSpring to explore free resources, such as the upcoming speed networking**

event and the job opportunities below, by  
visiting [bit.ly/CSNcareerspring!](https://bit.ly/CSNcareerspring)



SEPTEMBER 2023

  
CareerSpring™  
**JOB FLASH**  
*Job and internship opportunities exclusively for first-generation and/or low-income students.*

**Check out these current openings on CareerSpring's Jobs page:**

## **FULLY REMOTE OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Virtual Full Time Roles**

- AAA International Relations - Membership Sales & Service Rep.
- DraftKings - Software Engineer
- Millenium Trust - Investor Specialist
- Sedgwick - Customer Service Coordinator

### **Virtual Paid Internships**

- Allstate Insurance Company
  - Actuarial Intern, Arity Experience Design Intern, Arity LeadCloud Marketing Intern, Business Analytics Consultant Intern, CEO Communications Intern, Data Science Intern, Finance Intern, Innovation Strategy Intern, Marketing Operations Intern, Operational Success Intern, People Culture Intern, Social Media Intern, Sponsorship Intern, Data Analytics Engineer Intern, UX Design Intern, and P&C Actuarial Intern
- Motorola Solutions - IT Service Management Internship
- Progressive Pipeline - Fall/Winter Fellowship

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## **PA Voter Registration Assistance**



**October 23rd, 2023 is the last day to register to vote in Pennsylvania before the November 7th, 2023 election. Register online at [this link](#) to have your voice be heard!**

For voter registration assistance and other resources for young voters, visit <https://www.payoutvote.org/>!

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## **Welcome Ji Jun to the CSN Advisory Board**



Ji Y. Jun serves as the Chief Deputy City Solicitor of the Regulatory Law Unit in the City of Philadelphia Law Department. In this role, Ji manages the legal teams for the Philadelphia Airport, Water Department, Streets Department, Health Department Air Management Services and the Office of Transportation, Infrastructure and Sustainability. Ji's practice area includes commercial transactions, environmental law, real estate, regulatory compliance, public finance, and major development matters. She leads many high-profile and

complex transactions for the City.

Previous to her current role, Ji served as General Counsel to the Water Department, where she worked since 2008; she started her legal career as an Airport attorney in 2006. Ji served as co-chair of the Law Department's DEI Committee in its inaugural two years. Ji is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and Villanova University School of Law. Outside of work, Ji serves on the executive board of the Delaware Valley Environmental American Inn of Court and devotes her time to the Collective Success Network, a non-profit that empowers and supports low-income, first-generation college students.

Ji was part of CSN from its inception. As a FLGI student herself and having experienced the FGLI challenges, Ji is passionate about CSN's mission and work. She has served in various capacities, as assistant executive director, Penn students liaison, mentor, project manager; has volunteered countless hours getting CSN established and advising on programming, legal, policy and administrative issues. She continues to be active, working with the executive team, mentoring students and many alumni of CSN, and engaging with professional volunteers.

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## Welcome Jeechieu Ta to the CSN Advisory Board



"I had the honor of serving as the Vice President and Event Coordinator for the



Dragons First for four of my five college years. During this time, I acquired my BS in Computer Engineering and MS in Computer Science via the Liberty Scholarship while working with CSN. While on Drexel's leadership team as a FGLI student, I made it a priority to focus on what reveals and enables outcomes for FGLI students that came to our chapter. Through CSN and Liberty, I have been a part of a handful of unforgettable experiences including public speeches for Liberty and CSN donors to show appreciation, obtaining advice and mentors from CSN's mentorship matching program I am still in touch with to this day, and opportunities to positively influence other college students at a critical and confusing point in their lives."

"Along my professional path, I've had the opportunity to contribute my expertise as a Fintech Engineer at Vanguard, delve into cutting-edge Robotics AI research at Lockheed, and now, as a founder entrepreneur at Outing—a seed stage startup in the private event space, headquartered in the city of San Francisco (<https://www.joinouting.com>). Nowadays, my focus as the COO is on using my technical skills to make our operations as scalable as possible through AWS and LLMs."

"Philadelphia has been my home for the majority of my life, and I made a big move to San Francisco in September 2021. When I'm not working, I enjoy rock climbing and working out primarily. Now that I'm settled into my second home, I have the right circumstances to return and contribute to CSN again. I am sincerely grateful for the experiences that have shaped me and eagerly look forward to working together in the upcoming future."

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## Interested in being an active member of the CSN community?

For more information, email us at [info@collectivesuccess.org](mailto:info@collectivesuccess.org) or sign up to:

- **Join a campus chapter:** [bit.ly/CSNchapters](https://bit.ly/CSNchapters) (left QR code)
- **Volunteer:** [bit.ly/CSNvolunteering](https://bit.ly/CSNvolunteering) (middle QR code)
- **Donate:** [bit.ly/CSNdonation](https://bit.ly/CSNdonation) (right QR code)



**Join**



**Volunteer**



**Donate**

## 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**

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