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Updates from CSN

Dear CSN Community:

This month we have some exciting news to share with all of you! Be sure to check out the upcoming news we shared at your convenience!

Please welcome **Chenora Burkett**, our new CSN Co-Executive Director to the team, read more below to **explore** with us & stay informed about upcoming events and opportunities!

Welcome Chenora Burkett 🎉

We are thrilled to introduce our new CSN Co-Executive Director Chenora Burkett, CPA. Chenora comes to CSN with a wealth of experience and talents with more than 25 years of leadership experience in both non-profit organizations and in the public sector.

A graduate of Temple University, with a Bachelor of Business Administration and Accounting, Chenora is an active certified public accountant, licensed in Pennsylvania, and the owner of BrchBurk Consulting, a firm that specializes in supporting the financial, operational, and leadership needs of small local companies. Chenora is joining the CSN team to help expand our reach to more students and to build partnerships with local employers.



CSN Advisory Board Strategic Retreat 🥳



The CSN Advisory Board and Student representatives from CSN Chapters at Drexel, Temple and the University of Pennsylvania met for an in-person strategic retreat on July 10th. We had a productive meeting to reaffirm and revise our Vision, Mission and Purpose statements, clarify value propositions for students and corporate partners, and draft goals for our organization in the coming year. Our new statements are:

Our Vision:

- *A society where all students have the opportunity and support to realize their potential*

Our Purpose:

- *We open doors and build bridges that connect first-generation and/or low income (FGLI) college students and professionals*

Our Mission:

- *We support and empower first-generation and/or low-income (FGLI) college students to achieve their potential by providing mentoring, professional development, networking and leadership opportunities*

To learn more or to volunteer to help CSN deliver on our mission, email us at: info@collectivesuccess.org

CSN receives a Seybert Foundation Grant

Collective Success Network is honored to be selected as a recipient of a 2 year, \$10,000 per year operational grant from the Seybert Foundation. The Seybert Foundation is an independent charitable foundation dedicated to providing support to nonprofit organizations serving disadvantaged children and youth in the City of Philadelphia.



In our application, we described how volunteers have fueled our successful mentoring, STEM career navigation and leadership training programs for first-

generation and/or low-income (FGLI) college students, and how we aspire to hire staff and build a sustainable infrastructure to support our generous volunteers. We are extremely grateful for this multi-year grant for General Operating support, which will help strengthen CSN and expand our reach to even more FGLI students.

CSN Receives Grant from Eagles Social Justice Fund to start a CSN Consortium Chapter

Thanks to a grant from the Eagles Social Justice Fund of the Philadelphia Foundation, in the Fall 2021, we plan to start a Consortium Chapter for First-Generation Low-Income (FGLI) students enrolled in colleges across the Philadelphia and surrounding areas.

Students in the Consortium Chapter will have access to all of our programs and services and will have ongoing opportunities to network with students across campuses and a diverse group of professionals eager to support your college and career goals.

Eagles Give

\$460,000

**Grant To Local Social Justice Non-Profits
Across Philly**



**Learn more about the Consortium Chapter on the
following dates:**

**Monday August 16th 12:00-1:00 & 5:00-6:00 (EST)
Friday August 20th, 12:00-1:00**

If you are a college student, faculty member or administrator interested in learning more about the Consortium Chapter, you can also email CSN Director of Programs, Dr. Alice Ginsberg at aliceginsberg@collectivesuccess.org

Faculty/Staff interested in Consortium Chapter

Students interested in Consortium Chapter

CSN's Fall Mentorship Program 🙌

We are excited to announce that our Fall 2021 Mentorship Program will continue to be held virtually. CSN currently has two mentorship program tracks:

HOLISTIC MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

For Freshmans and Sophomores



If you are interested in applying to be a mentor or mentee for either program, please contact CSN Director of Programs, Alice Ginsberg, at aliceginsberg@collectivesuccess.org

FALL 2021



CURRENTLY, THE PROGRAM IS CONDUCTED VIRTUALLY



For Juniors and Seniors

PROFESSIONAL/CAREER MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

1. Holistic Mentorship Program: Our Holistic Mentorship Program is designed to support *freshmen and sophomores* to gain a bigger picture perspective on how the college years fit into a larger life journey for first-generation college students, and to guide them on how to navigate college, choose a major, find their voice, own their narrative, and advocate for their needs. The program allows for one-on-one mentorship pairings, as well as in “Pods” in which we pair two mentors with 3-5 students. Mentors meet with students approximately 5 times over the semester. Currently, the program is conducted virtually.

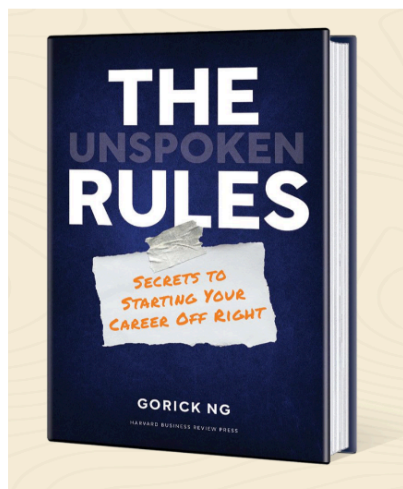
2. Professional/Career Guidance Program: CSN’s professional/career guidance program is designed for *juniors and seniors* who plan to continue on to graduate school or will soon be on the job market. Students are paired with a seasoned professional who will help them gain practical and concrete knowledge on how to enter the field of their choice. Depending on the students’ interests and needs, mentors can provide feedback on resumes, LinkedIn profiles, internships, interviews, and share networking opportunities. Currently, the program is conducted virtually.

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program, please contact CSN Director of Programs, Alice Ginsberg, at aliceginsberg@collectivesuccess.org

Learn About The “Unspoken Rules” In The Workplace

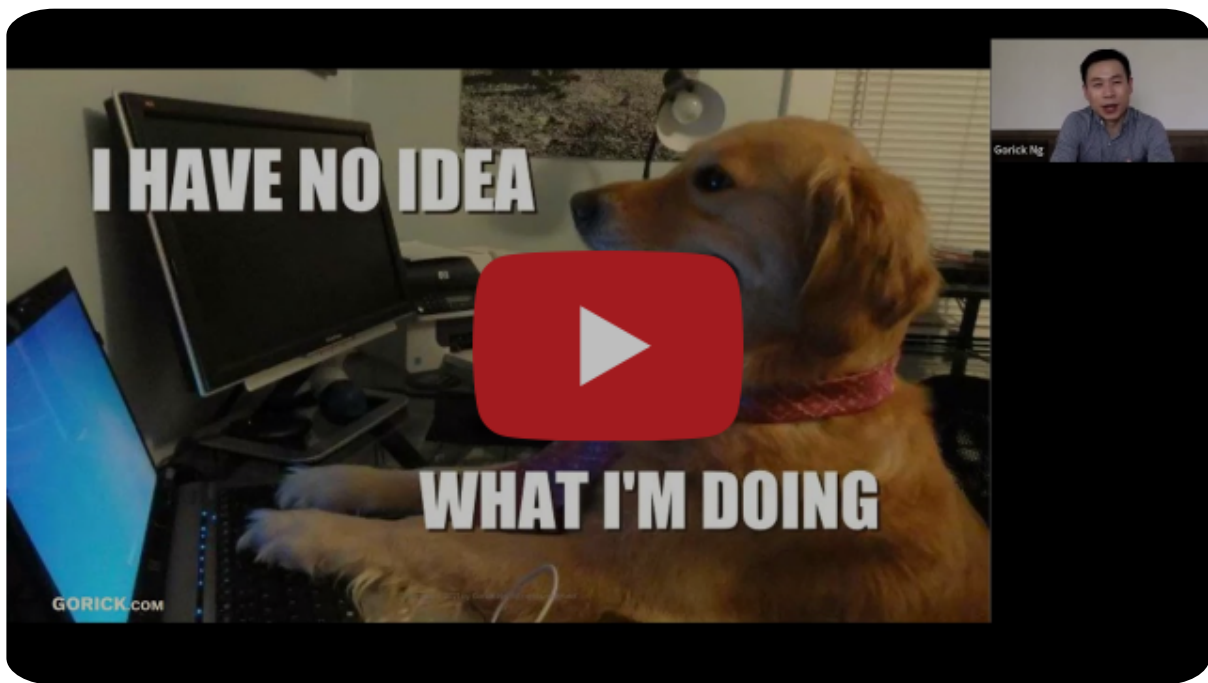
CSN and RiseFirst co-hosted a webinar from WSJ award-winning author and first-gen professional Gorick Ng on his book, “*The Unspoken Rules: Secrets to Starting Your Career Off Right*”. First-generation students and professionals often need extra guidance to help them navigate the workplace and to learn how to advocate for their own career advancement.



SPECIAL GUEST:

Gorick Ng
First-Gen Professional
WSJ Bestselling Author
Career Adviser

Gorick Ng has researched these “unspoken rules” from over 500 leaders across industries and has shared his learnings in a best-selling book. The recording of Gorick’s webinar is full of great tips for college students as well as early-career professionals and is available below:



Free computers for students in need



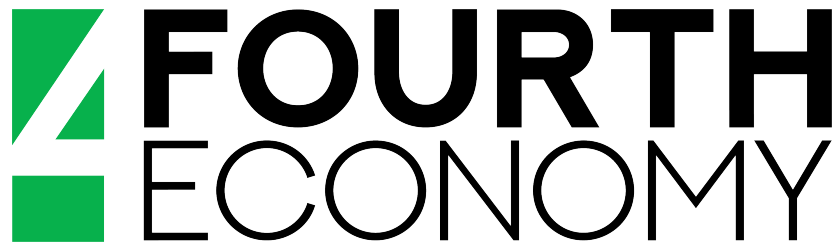
Philadelphia Children's Foundation
"Every Student Deserves a 21st-Century Education"

The Philadelphia Children's Foundation provides computer equipment to students in need. Approved applicants will need to pick up the computer in West Mt. Airy (located in NW Philly between Germantown and Chestnut Hill). The computers are refurbished and use the Linux operating system. They are easy to use, secure, and will run any web-based application or website just like a Mac or Windows machine would. In recent years, our organization has provided thousands of computers to families in need.

[Apply Here](#)

Full-Time Employment Opportunities

Fourth Economy



Fourth Economy has two open positions that are based in our Pittsburgh, PA office OR fully remote in Pennsylvania, Illinois, Louisiana, Kansas, Massachusetts, New York, Washington D.C., or North Carolina. Some professional experience is required.

Any interested applicants can apply through the links below.

Brand & Design Associate

Community & Economic Development Associate

For more information, contact: sally.guzik@fourtheconomy.com

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