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Updates from CSN

Dear CSN Community:

It is Officially the Fall Season! 🍁🍂

As you enter the new semester, don't forget to stay up to date with deadlines! Scroll down to learn more about some of the events and programs we have coming up to jump start your academic and career goals this year!

CSN Mentorship Program

Don't forget to sign up for our FGLI Mentorship Program for the Fall semester! The program matches FGLI students at colleges across the Philadelphia and surrounding area with volunteer professional mentors, many of whom also come from FGLI backgrounds.

The program has two tracks:

- 1) Holistic Mentorship Program covers all aspects of navigating college
- 2) Career Focused Mentorship Program is designed for juniors and seniors who will soon be in the workforce and are seeking a mentor in their field of interest

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Space is Limited:
Deadline: September 30, 2022

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Apply now:
<https://bit.ly/Fall2022MentorApplication>

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The program is free to join to join. Students and mentors have the option to meet in-person or virtually approximately 3-5 times during the fall semester, with the option to continue meeting into the Spring.

The deadline to apply as a mentee or mentor is **Friday September 30, 2022!** Visit our website to learn more about the programs or contact Alice Ginsberg, CSN Director of Programs, at aliceginsberg@collectivesuccess.org.

Mentee Application Form

Mentor Application Form

Spotlight: Henry Cao

Student Leader, Consortium Chapter at Villanova



My name is Henry. I am a senior at Villanova University this year, and I am planning to become a PA after I graduate. I got involved in CSN through a high school program called Philadelphia Futures when they introduced CSN to me. After I heard about the resources CSN wanted to provide for first-generation students like myself, I quickly signed up and became a leader for the consortium chapter at Villanova. This year, I am looking forward to bringing others into CSN, as this is my last year in college.

Creating your Best College Experience: Find Your Place, Purpose and Path with Elliot Felix

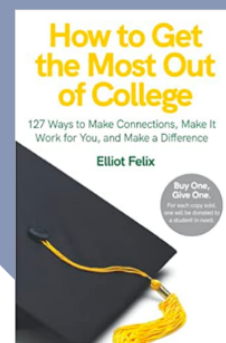
HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF COLLEGE

Webinar



Elliot Felix

Saturday, October 15th



Join us in West Philadelphia on **Saturday, October 15th** for networking with light snacks, followed by a webinar led by Elliot Felix, author of *How to Get the Most out of College: 127 ways to make connections, make it work for you and make a difference*. All attendees will receive a free e-copy of Elliot's book! 📖

Elliot will share evidence-based tips on topics such as how to:

- Balance work and school
- Be the real you and avoid a “cookie cutter” identity
- Build your network before you need it

There are two (free) ticket options: In-person networking and webinar including light refreshments and a live viewing of the webinar from 12:30 PM to 3:00 PM in a home near Clark Park in West Philadelphia, or the virtual webinar

(online-only) from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM. Space is limited for in-person networking. Exact address for the in-person portion of the event and link to the online webinar will be shared after registration.

This event is sponsored by the Consortium Chapter of the Collective Success Network, which is made up of FGLI students from over 15 Philadelphia-area colleges. The Consortium Chapter was made possible through a generous grant from the Eagles Social Justice Fund.


To learn more and register for the event, click on the link below or scan the QR code above!

[Register for the Event!](#)

Advocacy, Belong, and Careers (ABC) Program

CSN's new virtual Advocacy, Belonging and Careers (ABC) Program was piloted in July 2022, with six sessions and a keynote session from author **Elliot Felix**. The program was designed to help FGLI students advocate for themselves and others as they graduate from college and transition into the workforce.

The program, which was funded through a generous contribution from **RSM US LLP**, focused on how FGLI students could successfully make the transition from college into the workforce. Sessions included a range of diversity, equity, and inclusion issues in the workplace, such as how to navigate Crucial Conversations about topics like race and equity and how to give and receive constructive feedback to coworkers. At the end of the program, students wrote a policy brief on a topic of their choice and presented it to a "mock panel."

Scroll down  for a recap from the summer sessions and some of the feedbacks from student participants!

Elliot Felix



Speaker Elliot Felix covered a variety of topics including:

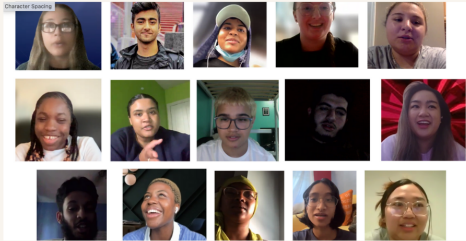
- Helping students to define issues they care most about
- Identifying what would be their ideal work environment
- Navigating and facilitating high stakes conversations in the workplace
- Addressing DEI issues in the workplace from an ethical and legal perspective
- Learning how to use set-backs as opportunities

Volunteers & Alumni



We would like to thank the volunteers that helped serve as facilitators: Kareem Mathias and Michael Lam, and our CSN alumni who served as panelists: Jeechieu Ta, Jasmine Green, Eileen Zhang, Joseph Arias.

Student Participants



And last but not least, thank you to all the students who attended the first sessions of our ABC Program over the summer!

Student Feedback

"I really enjoyed having a close, supportive community of diverse yet also like-individuals. I enjoyed this experience and am grateful for the conversations I've had. I'm confident that this program will help FGLI students in the future."

"I learned what a crucial conversation was, I learned how to be proactive in a conversation and have a productive talk with someone, I learned how to express my ideas and how to advocate for myself."

"It is particularly important for FGLI students to stand up for themselves, know your boundaries, and communicate in an efficient manner."

"Overall, the program is very engaging and I learned so much about the different career paths and how similar we are to each other. I made networking connections with mentors, and learned the struggles about being a FGLI student."

Learn More About Our ABC Program

First Generation Celebration

Collective Success Network (CSN) invites you to a celebration for First Generation students and professionals this upcoming November! 🎉

How would you like to celebrate? Let us know! Email Alice Ginsberg, CSN Director of Programs, at aliceginsberg@collectivesuccess.org with any ideas!

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