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## Updates from CSN

### Happy Halloween season and early First-Generation College Day!

We are excited to celebrate and uplift our first-generation students alongside the CSN community at our upcoming events.

In the spirit of First-Generation College Day, two of our University Chapters' e-boards are highlighted in this edition. These students are the core of our University Chapter program, and we are thankful for all they do to encourage fellow first-generation students at their respective universities.

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### Fall Mentorship Program Update

The Fall 2023 Mentorship program attracted **over 30 applicants from a dozen area schools** and officially kicked off on October 14th with an orientation program. This year students will be matched with mentors for the **full academic year**.

For anyone who missed the orientation and wishes to view a recording of the session, please contact [Dauduong@collectivesuccess.org](mailto:Dauduong@collectivesuccess.org)

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### Party with a Purpose

CSN is deeply indebted to former Advisory Board member Ro King and her husband Martin, for generously opening their home and hosting a spectacular event to benefit CSN on October 11th.

Volunteers and new friends heard inspiring stories from CSN student Alan D. Graham III (junior at Cheyney University of PA and Westchester University) and CSN alumnus Cheryl Zhang (former Temple First President).

We are also grateful for the beautiful photographs taken by Sivutha Tan, Fulbright scholar from the University of Delaware.



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**First-Generation College Day Events at Venture Café**

# VENTURE CAFÉ

## FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE DAY EVENTS WITH COLLECTIVE SUCCESS NETWORK

THURSDAY, 11/9/23 AT 3675 MARKET ST, PHILADELPHIA

### CONVERSATION CORNER: FIRST GEN INSIGHTS

6:30-7:00 PM  
AT CAFÈ SPACE



Sign up at:  
[bit.ly/FirstGen  
conversation2023](https://bit.ly/FirstGenconversation2023)



### COLLECTIVE SUCCESS NETWORK MIXER

7:00-8:00 PM  
AT CAFÈ SPACE



Sign up at:  
[bit.ly/CSNmixer2023](https://bit.ly/CSNmixer2023)



All are welcome to join CSN on Thursday November 9th, 2023, at the Venture Café, 3675 Market Street, Philadelphia, for two events in honor of National First Generation College Day.

At 6:30 pm: CSN Co-Founder Nancy Li and former Advisory Board Co-Chair Dr. Tanya O'Neill will be hosting a "Conversation Corner" about the First Gen College experience. Come to hear and share stories and tips.

**Registration is at:** <https://bit.ly/FirstGenconversation2023>

Then from 7 – 8pm, join us at a community mixer to network with free food and drinks. **Registration is at:** <https://bit.ly/CSNmixer2023>

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**FGLI Day Celebration at St. Monica Lanes**



**FGLI  
DAY**  
**BOWLING CELEBRATION**

1-4 pm on Sunday, November 12, 2023

★ St. Monica Lanes, ★  
1601 W Shunk St  
Philadelphia, PA 19145

All CSN community members are welcome to join us for bowling, pizza, & cake at this FREE event!

Register today at:  
[bit.ly/CSNbowling2023](https://bit.ly/CSNbowling2023)



Based on positive feedback from last year, CSN is also hosting a Bowling Party on Sunday November 12, from 1 – 4 pm. CSN Students and volunteers are invited to have some fun and enjoy pizza and cake. This is another great opportunity for mentors and mentees to meet in person.

**Registration is at:** <https://bit.ly/CSNbowling2023>

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## First-Generation Villanovans E-Board & Updates



We warmly welcome the e-board members from our newest campus chapter and appreciated the invitation to speak at their general membership meeting on September 28th. Looking forward to supporting you!



First-Generation Villanovans is made possible by the chapter's 13 e-board members (pictured from left-to-right):

Top Row:

- Derrek (DJ) Samuels, Upperclassman Co-Chair/Co-Founder
- Lupita Ramírez Gómez, Underclassman Co-Chair/ Co-Founder
- Kaitlyn Pinedo, Secretary
- Fabiano Moscoso, Senator

Middle Row:

- Julian Gonzalez, Treasurer
- Mark Guzman Lizarazo, Senator/ Co-Founder
- Damian Thompson, Mentorship/Academic Excellence Co-Chair
- Darien Alston-Baldwin, Mentorship/ Academic Excellence Co-Chair

Bottom Row:

- Jocelyn Zavala Garcia, Public Relations Chair/Co-Founder
- Jedith Gómez Fernández, Membership Chair/ Co-Founder
- Elizabeth Ponce Meza, Programs Chair
- Danni Kennedy, Communications Chair
- Jared Alicea, Parliamentarian

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## **Temple First E-Board**

# Temple First E-Board

2023-2024



**President: Susan**



**Vice Pres.: Joyce**



**STARS  
Coordinator: Gia**



**Director of  
Marketing: Ji**



**Director of  
Finance: Chuyan**



**Director of  
Events: Evie**



**Director of  
Communications:  
Faria**



CSN's Temple University Chapter, Temple First, has introduced their new e-board for the 2023-2024 academic year. The e-board is as follows:

- President: Susan Mathuram
- Vice President: Joyce Chen
- STARS Coordinator: Gia Zappone
- Director of Marketing: Ji Pan
- Director of Finance: Chuyan Xie
- Director of Events: Evie Lugo
- Director of Communications: Faria Sanjida

Congratulations and best wishes to this team of amazing student leaders!

# CareerSpring News

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)



Upcoming webinars from CareerSpring include:

- [Information Technology Career Panel](#) Thursday, October 26th @ 6:00pm CST
- [Consulting Career Panel](#) Friday, October 27th @ 12:30pm CST
- [Lunch & Learn: Knowing Your Story & Telling It Well](#) Thursday, November 2nd @ 12:30pm CST

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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**

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# 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](mailto:info@collectivesuccess.org)

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