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Updates from CSN

Dear CSN Community:

We wish you the best of luck during midterm season! 📚

This month, we are taking a look into upcoming in-person events, virtual webinars & programs, and career for FGLI students!

Scroll down to for important reminders on upcoming programs and events like our Student Leadership Training & Certificate Program, as well as some volunteering, internship, and job opportunities through CSN & CareerSpring!

**Last Call to Sign Up for the Student Leadership
Training & Certificate Program!**



The 2023 CSN virtual Student Leadership Training and Certificate Program is about to begin!

This unique program will provide students with opportunities to assess their leadership strengths (through StrengthsFinder), as well as participate in sessions on Improv, Design Thinking, Meditation and Mental Health, and navigating Crucial Conversations.

At the conclusion of the program, each student will make and share a mini Ted-Talk on a topic of their choosing. Sessions will meet on Tuesday evenings at 6:30-8:00 pm EST, from March 7 - April 18.

Students who complete the full program will receive a certificate and a stipend of up to a \$500. Register by **Friday February 24th** by visiting the link below!

[Register for the Program](#)

[Apply for the EY Student Excellence Awards!](#)



YOU'RE INVITED!

2023 CSN & EY Student Excellence Awards

Hosted & Sponsored by EY!



This Spring, EY will once again be hosting CSN's year-end celebration and sponsoring the Student Excellence Awards at their beautiful corporate facilities!

To be eligible for the award, you must:

- Be a student in a Philadelphia area college/university as of Dec 2022
- Be a member of a CSN chapter and/or have participated in a CSN program

All applicants must apply with a short video or essay in response to **at least one of the following prompts:**

- Describe a specific CSN program you were involved in and the leadership characteristics you gained or exhibited
- Explain what it means to be a part of the CSN leadership team
- Describe how CSN has helped connect you with other FGLI students and professionals
- Share a personal story of how CSN helped you during a time of need or cheered you on as you reached your goals
- Envision how CSN could grow to reach and support even more Philadelphia area First Generation students

All applicants will receive a gift card. Four winners will receive either a \$1,500 or \$1,000 award.

Apply for the EY Awards by **Friday March 3rd!**

Apply for the EY Awards

CSN Student Volunteer Opportunity

STUDENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY!

CSN is looking for a volunteer to join the CSN Technology Task Force and help build a relational database to consolidate our records.

Apply if you are:

- Interested in data management
- A CSN student in Informatics, Computer Science or Marketing
- Able to commit a few hours virtually over the next few months

Send your resume & explain your interest to:
info@collectivesuccess.org



CSN is seeking a student volunteer in Informatics, Computer Science, or Marketing, to join our Technology Task Force!

As a volunteer, you will work with a professional specialist to help design and

implement the Salesforce platform to consolidate confidential student, volunteer and donor contact information and prepare aggregated reports to track our impact and facilitate communications.

Through this project, you will meet CSN staff and Advisory Board members, witness the creation of a custom IT solution, and provide input from a student's perspective! The time commitment will be a few hours in virtual meetings (typically in the early evening) over the next few months.

To apply, send your resume and explain why you are interested to:
info@collectivesuccess.org

Spotlight: Kamina Richardson

**Associate Director, Alumni Affairs at Temple University Beasley
School of Law**



1. Culture, Education, Career?

I am an African American woman (she/her/hers) from North Philadelphia. I went

to Peirce College and received a BS in Business Administration, an MS in Organizational Leadership from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, and a Certificate in American Sign Language from Temple University.

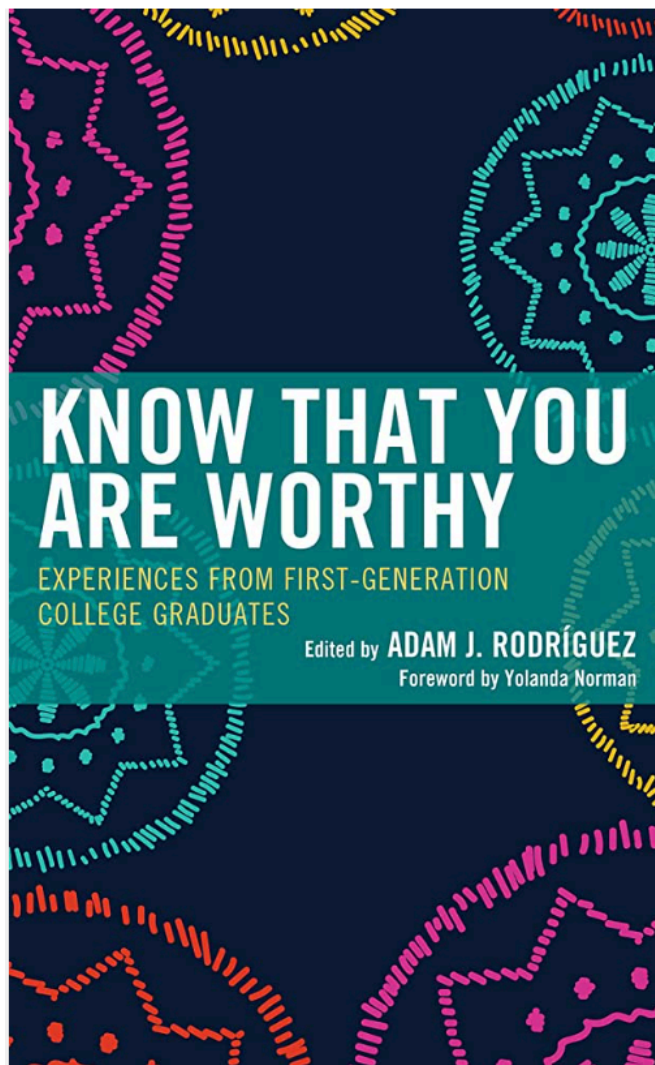
2. How did you learn about CSN and why did you join the Advisory board?

I learned about the CSN program from a 2017 mentoring event at the African American Museum of Philadelphia. Due Quach was one of the speakers and told her story with some much passion that I needed to build a relationship alliance and work with her on her program. I was working at Drexel University at the time, so I was able to participate in their mentoring pods once I joined Temple University, we decided to create a first-gen student group to build further college connections. Once those projects were successful, Due can to me and spoke of a bigger commitment which included the Advisory Board. I joined because of her vision and the work I was able to accomplish with her at TempleU. The next step was to join the board.

3. Any special interest information (significant event or accomplishment)?

An American Psychological Association member, Dr. Adam J. Rodriguez reached out to first-generation scholars and educators to write about their experiences as the first in their families to graduate college. I wrote a chapter in 2021 and now the book will be released to the public on February 23rd. The book, Know That You Are Worthy: Experiences from First-Generation College Graduates shares the experiences of 31 scholars, educators, and HigherEd administrator's successes, failures, and tips and advice for first-gen students that will experience and offer mentoring advice and words of encouragement.

Book of the Month:



We are so proud of our Advisory Board member Kamina Richardson, whose story is featured in a new book: *Know That You Are Worthy: Experiences from First-Generation College Graduates!*

This read offers important insights into the experiences of first-generation college graduates, while humanizing the experiences of first generation students and providing recommendations for colleges that aim to improve first-generation student success.

Get the Book

Sign Up for CareerSpring's Webinar!

Webinar featuring Real Stories
from Real Experts & Advisees

JOB SEARCH DO'S & DON'TS

FEBRUARY 22, 2023 | 6:30 PM CST



**Jai
Brown**

**VP of Human
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*Chicago Board
Member*



**Adam
Charlson**

**Managing
Partner, FOCUS
Search Partners**
*Bay Area
Board Member*



**Irma
Encarnacion**

**Associate
Consultant,
Spencer Stuart**
*Volunteer
Speaker*



**Mike
Roncevich**

**College Junior,
University of
Massachusetts**
*Advisee & Past
Summer Intern*



**Valentina
Silva**

**College Senior,
Houston Christian
University**
*Advisee & Past
Summer Intern*



CareerSpring is hosting a free virtual webinar on Wednesday February 22nd at 6:30 PM EST!

It will feature an insightful panel discussion with veteran professionals from the fields of job search services, human resources, and talent acquisition, and young FGLI professionals who are managing their early career job searches with success!

Register below to hear their real-life stories and gain practical tips for what to do and not to do, as you launch your job search.

[Register for the Webinar](#)

Spotlight: Cheryl Zhang

Meeting & Special Events Coordinator at The Ritz-Carlton



Cheryl graduated from Temple University in May 2022 with a degree in Tourism and Hospitality Management, concentrating in Event Leadership. From August 2019 to December 2021, Cheryl served as the President of Temple First's Collegiate Chapter!

"My journey from college into my career-hood started prematurely. In order to finish my degree, I have to take a 12 credit internship which is equivalent to a full time job for my last semester. I began searching during the fall semester of 2021, as the deadline approached I grew more desperate and sent out quite a few applications, only to receive rejection one after another. Until I receive a call from Marriott International with an offer to partake in their Voyager Program."

"The Voyager program takes undergraduate students and puts them in a management trainee program at different hotel brands. My journey started January 10th, 2022 at The Courtyard by Marriott. The start of my career was not what I imagined it to be. It was hard, especially because I was in an industry that I did not prepare myself for. I did not know a lot of the ins and outs of the

hotel industry and to suddenly work in one and learn how to manage a team was quite challenging."

"However, I persevered and I believe it was because of the support and lessons I learned while being part of the Collective Success Network. CSN showed me conversations regarding imposter syndrome and having individuals that understand feeling lost. They supported me through my journey and now as of this year, I moved on to a different property with Marriott at The Ritz Carlton as a Meetings and Special Events Coordinator."

CareerSpring: March Madness is Coming!

Register for the Virtual Job Fair!



MARCH MADNESS

Give it a shot & get hired.

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

It's hiring time, and CareerSpring is kicking off our very own March Madness to promote summer internships or jobs available for our Advisees. Within the next few weeks, hundreds of employers will be looking for college students to fill key internship positions, and we want to help *you* get hired.

WHO'S INVITED?

All first-generation and/or low income college students or recent graduates.

- All majors welcome
- All college levels or recent college graduates
- Nationwide

HOW CAN I GET IN THE GAME?

1. Confirm you're registered as an Advisee on the CareerSpring Platform.
2. Make sure your resume is up-to-date. If not, schedule some time with one of our Candidate Coaches to review and get it ready for March Madness with their support.
3. Register for our Virtual Job Fair.

THE PRE-GAME - VIRTUAL JOB FAIR

Tuesday, February 28, 2023

6:00-7:00pm CST | Zoom

Join us for an interactive webinar to learn more about CareerSpring's March Madness, tips and tricks for job search success, and how to navigate the Platform to find an internship or job.



Don't have a CareerSpring account yet? Fill out our interest form [at this link](#), or visit www.CareerSpring.org.

Are you ready to land a full-time or internship opportunity? Here are 3 steps to take advantage of CareerSpring's Job Placement services during their peak internship and job season in March!

1. **Upload your resume** to start getting matched with relevant job posting
2. **Complete a free, personalized orientation call** with a member of CareerSpring to share more information about yourself, your work

interests, and qualifications

3. **Attend the "Pre-Game" Virtual Job Fair on February 28th** for a sneak peek into CareerSpring's job and internship offerings, and how to land one of them

The Virtual Job Fair features:

- Tips and tricks for job search success
- How to connect and effectively network with Advisors
- How to navigate the Platform to find an internship or job

Meanwhile, check out the 100+ jobs and internships that are available on the Jobs page of CareerSpring's Platform! *All internships are for Summer 2023 unless otherwise noted.

If you apply for a position as a CSN student, feel free to let us know and we will make sure your resume gets elevated!

Want to learn more? **Scan the QR code or sign up below** to get access to the CareerSpring's platform and register for the virtual job fair!

[Join the Platform](#)

[Upload Your Resume](#)

[Set Up an Orientation](#)

[Sign Up for the Virtual Job Fair](#)

Upcoming In-Person Events



CSN's next in-person event will be "All About Credit" as our second "Munch & Learn" Personal Finance Workshop from WSFS Bank on February 25th!

Although the registration has closed for the event, recordings will be available for anyone who is not able to attend.

We plan to host more in-person events to bring together FGLI students and local professionals in the future, so feel free to suggest any ideas for events that you would like to attend to: info@collectivesuccess.org

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!

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

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