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Updates from CSN



Announcing The 2025 CSN EY Award Winners!

This year, CSN received a record number of applications from FGLI students attending 8 different area colleges and universities. The submissions were all heartfelt and creative, and illustrated impressive stories of personal achievement and CSN-inspired growth. We are proud to announce the 2025 Student Excellence Award winners, all of whom demonstrated leadership and support for their peers while pursuing their own academic and career advancement. Join us in congratulating Axel, Chuyan, Alan and Monica!



Alex Carrion

Social Work
Temple First Leader
Temple University

Chuyan Xie

Accounting
Temple First Treasurer
Temple University





Alan D. Graham III

Business Administration & Management Founding Co-Chair of the CSN Consortium Chapter Cheyney University of Pennsylvania

Monica Gonzalez

BA/MBA Program
First Gen Villanovans | Mentorship/Academic
Excellence Chair
Villanova University



The 2025 CSN Year-End Celebration Is Almost Here!

The CSN EY Student Excellence Award Winners, our collective

accomplishments and graduating seniors will be recognized at this year's celebratory luncheon. Please note that the new location for the event is WSFS Bank Center, 1818 Market Street, 22nd Floor on Saturday, April 26th from 11:30 – 1:30 pm.

While In-Person attendance has been capped, remote attendance is still possible with registration: http://bit.ly/CSNyearend2025



Join us as we celebrate the EY Student Excellence Award winners!



Keynote Speaker: Bryant Greene (Founder, Always Best Care, Philadelphia & Delaware)

Topic: "When You Know Better, You Do Better"

CSN cords will be given to graduating seniors!

Come enjoy a free lunch and cake!

Register by Friday, April 18th!

1818 Market St, 22nd Floor Philadelphia, PA



April 2025

26th

Saturday

11:30 am - 1:30 pm (Arrive by 11:15 AM for escort to the floor)



http://bit.ly/CSNyearend2025

Save the Date!

CSN Alumni Reunion and Community Mixer at the Museum of Illusions on **June 5**, **from 5:30 – 7:30 pm**.

RSVP at: https://bit.ly/CSNJune5thCommunityMixer



COMMUNITY MIXER

FGLI Students, Alumni, and Allies: Join us for THE event of the year!

This year, we're celebrating in style at the **Museum of Illusions!** Just like the mind-bending exhibits that offer new perspectives, our FGLI community is rich, diverse, and full of unexpected brilliance. Together, we form a dynamic network that thrives on success, resilience, and growth!



Thursday, June 5th, 2025 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM The Museum of Illusions, 401 Market Street, Philadelphia 19106



RSVP by scanning the QR code or at:

<u>bit.ly/CSNJune5thCommunityMixer</u>

Donations encouraged for professionals!

Congratulations to the Temple Marketing Team!

The Temple team placed 2nd out of a field of 75 competitors in a national collegiate marketing competition held in New Orleans. Our current marketing intern, Xava Manall, and former CSN marketing intern, Diavionne Musser,

were part of the amazing Temple Team. We are so proud of you Xava and Diavionne!



Chapter Kudos to Temple First!

Our largest CSN chapter, **Temple First**, has been busy with some innovative, fun, and impactful activities. Here are three recent examples!

YouHabits Program with **Dr. Krysti Vo.** Thanks to CSN volunteer Dr. Vo for piloting this program to help students develop healthy habits.

<u>Here are some student quotes from the workshops:</u>

"I really enjoyed the You Habits sessions with Dr. Vo and learned a lot from them. I've already started implementing some of the strategies discussed, and they've been working really well for me. The sessions have been instrumental in helping me build new healthy habits, and I'm

excited to continue this journey."



"[I learned that] building small, achievable habit loops with reward mechanisms is essential to starting and maintaining a habit. When setting goals, it's helpful to focus on low-effort goals that are easy to begin with."

Café Hopping with E-board:

Temple First members joined the E-Board to explore and support local cafes!



First-Gen Discussion Panel:

An open discussion was held on recent developments in **DEI**, education, and immigration policies, focusing on their impact on first-generation college students. The panel proved to be productive, and created a space where people



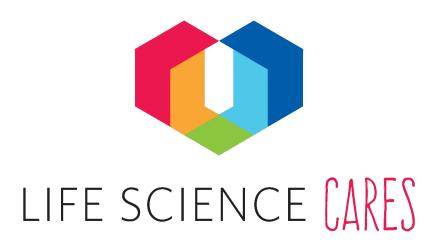
could feel safe sharing their stories, expressing their frustrations, and discussing their concerns.

Non-Profit Partnerships



CSN partnered with Life Science
Cares this year to provide feedback
on FGLI student resumes and to
connect students with local summer
internships in the life sciences
sector. Geena and Adrienne
represented CSN at the Life Science
Cares fundraiser at the Natural
History Museum.

Additionally, alumni **Caspar Nguyen** and CSN Advisory Board member **Kamina Richardson**, joined Adrienne in delivering two professional development webinars to local high school students in the **Summer Youth Employment program**, **sponsored by the Urban Affairs Coalition (UAC)**.





Opportunity for a Paid CSN Marketing Internship!



CSN is seeking an enthusiastic and creative marketing intern to join our team! This is a paid opportunity at \$15/hour for up to 5 hours per week. As a Marketing Intern, you'll play a vital role in promoting CSN's programs, events, and mission through digital marketing channels like social media and email newsletters. Your responsibilities will include creating engaging content, designing graphics, and assisting with marketing campaigns. If interested, please submit your resume, samples of your creative work, and a

CSN Professional Development Webinars



There's still time! Sign up now for our last upcoming CSN webinar for FGLI college students:

<u>May 5:</u> Career and Financial Planning with Common Cents –
 UPenn

Don't miss out!

This is an incredible opportunity for FGLI students to build career confidence and skills.

Register now at: http://bit.ly/CSNspring2025



First But Not Alone!

You can be a part of the CSN community and make a difference.

We welcome FGLI students to join a CSN chapter, and invite professionals to volunteer their talent and/or make a charitable (and tax-deductible) donation to fuel our mission. Our work is more important than ever, and we couldn't do



For more information, email us at info@collectivesuccess.org or sign up to:

- Join a campus chapter: bit.ly/CSNchapters (left QR code)
- **Volunteer:** <u>bit.ly/CSNvolunteering</u> (middle QR code)
- Donate: bit.ly/CSNdonation (right QR code)



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