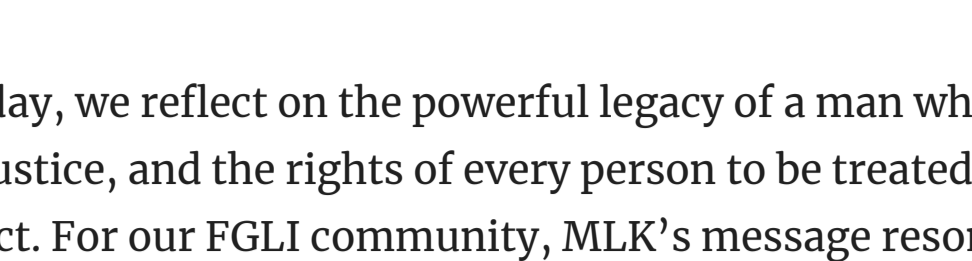


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Updates from CSN

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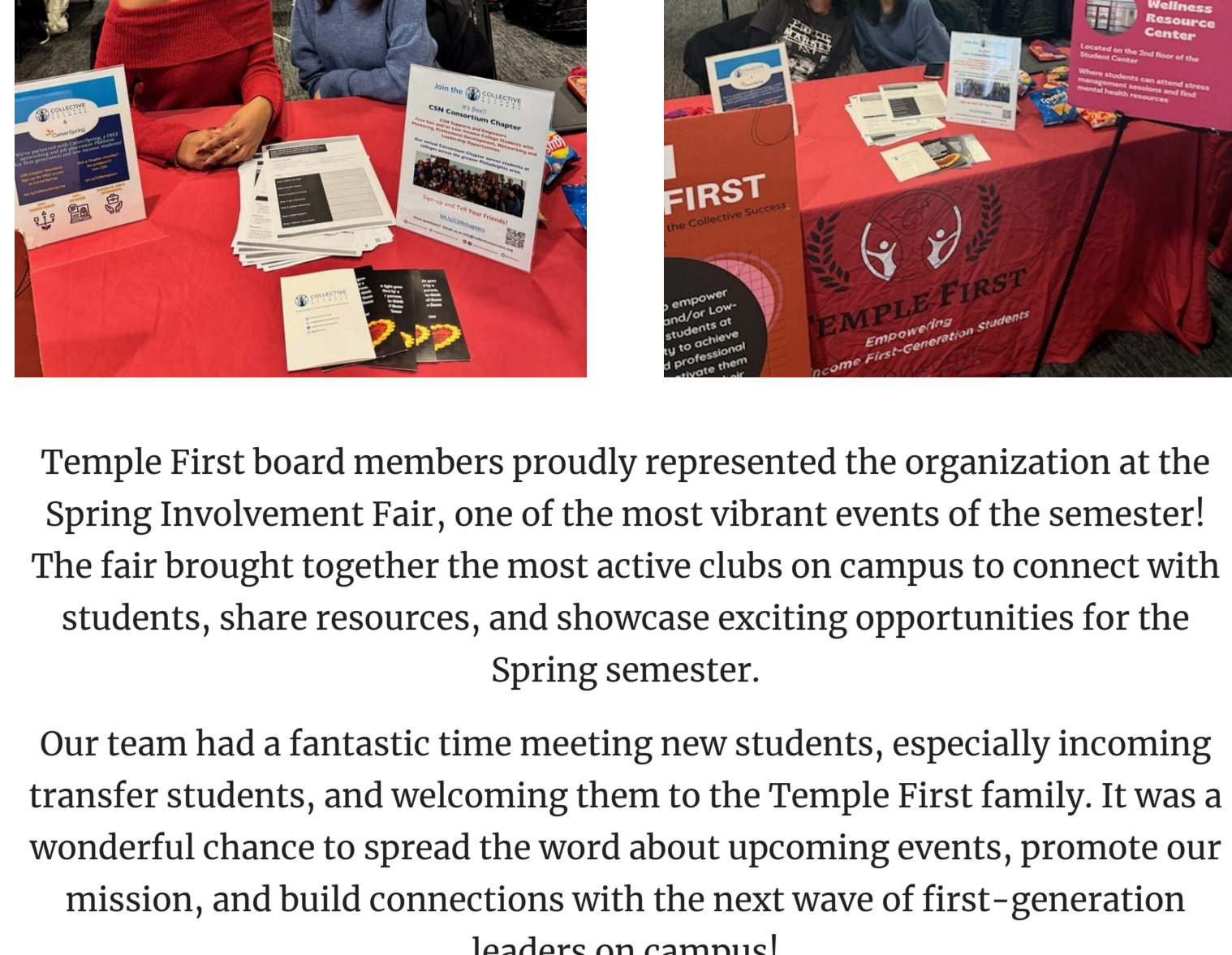


Happy MLK Day!

This holiday, we reflect on the powerful legacy of a man who fought for equality, justice, and the rights of every person to be treated with dignity and respect. For our EGLI community, MLK's message resonates deeply with our journeys of resilience, perseverance, and the pursuit of a better future.

In honor of Dr. King, let's continue to lift each other up, support one another, and remember that the dream he spoke of is still alive in all of us. Let's STAND together to RISE together!

Temple First at the Spring Involvement Fair!



Temple First board members proudly represented the organization at the Spring Involvement Fair, one of the most vibrant events of the semester! The fair brought together the most active clubs on campus to connect with students, share resources, and showcase exciting opportunities for the Spring semester.

Our team had a fantastic time meeting new students, especially incoming transfer students, and welcoming them to the Temple First family. It was a wonderful chance to spread the word about upcoming events, promote our mission, and build connections with the next wave of first-generation leaders on campus!

"Telling Your First Gen Story" Workshop

There's still time to sign up for this fun in-person event!



CSN is offering a new in-person workshop "Telling Your First Gen Story" which will be a mixture of mixed-media arts, creative writing, and group sharing. No talent is required, just an openness to visualizing and sharing your experiences, inspirations, goals, and dreams. This workshop is designed to help you recognize and celebrate your social and cultural capital as a first-gen student, as well as prepare you for talking about your strengths and values in educational and professional settings.

The workshop will be co-facilitated by CSN Director of Programs Alice Ginsberg (author of eight non-fiction books and two books of poetry) and Board Member Colleen Farrell (a former first-gen student and certified Life Coach).

Registration is required and there are limited seats available - we expect ALL registrants to attend in person.

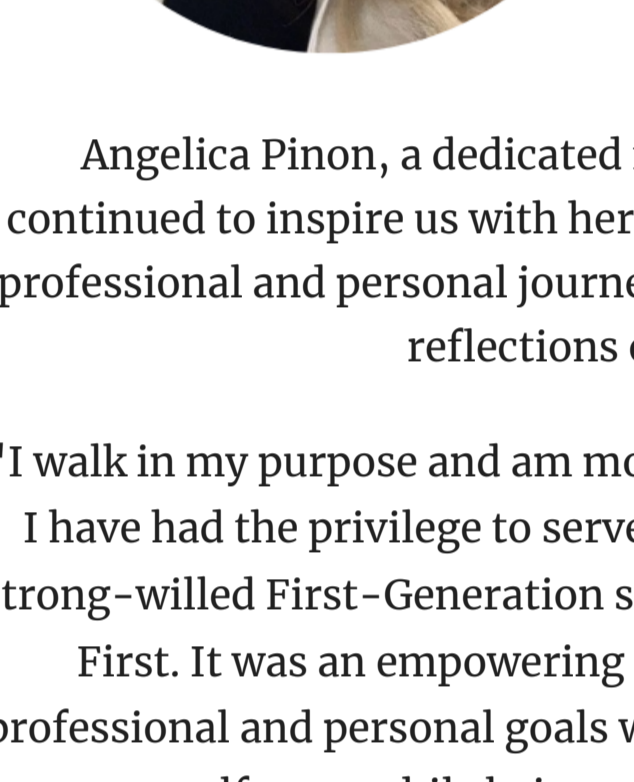
Sign up here to confirm your attendance by Monday, January 20, 2025: <https://bit.ly/CSNworkshopJAN2025>

Professional Development Webinars



As part of this year's mentorship program, CSN is excited to offer a series of professional development webinars to be held via Zoom from 7 - 8 pm. Mentees are required to attend at least two of the webinars, but anyone is welcome to register and join us. Sign up for any or all of the sessions by January 31, 2025 here: <http://bit.ly/CSNSpring2025>

Alumni Spotlight: Angelica Pinon

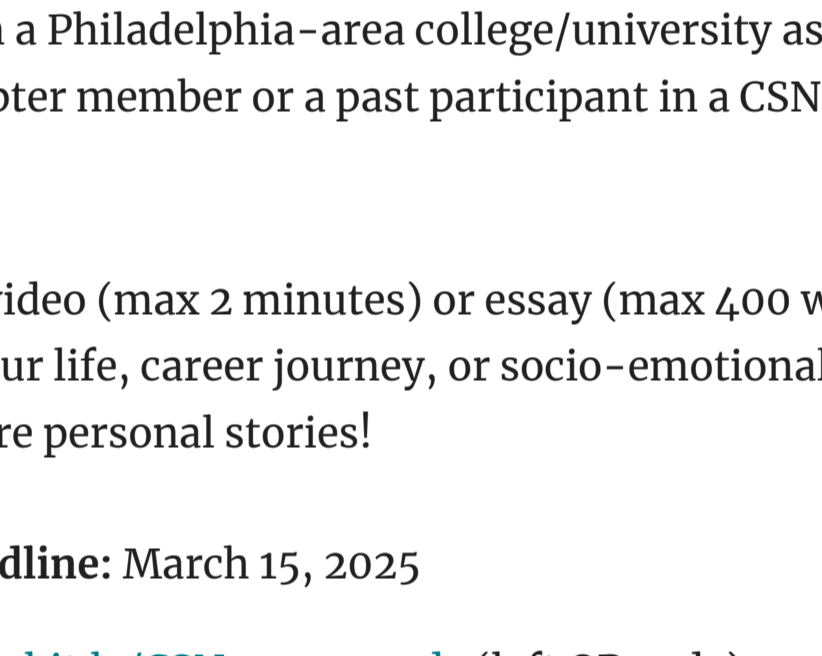


Current: Technology Risk Consultant at RSM
Former: Temple First Chapter president and EY Student Excellence Award Winner

Angelica Pinon, a dedicated first-generation college graduate, has continued to inspire us with her success and the values she upholds in her professional and personal journey. Here's a look at her impactful story and reflections on her time with CSN.

"I walk in my purpose and am more prepared to conquer challenges because I have had the privilege to serve and work with smart, hardworking, and strong-willed First-Generation students during my time with CSN x Temple First. It was an empowering experience to work towards academic, professional and personal goals with like-minded students and leaders, and see myself grow while being active in CSN's professional development programs, events and network. These resources have allowed me to recognize that I and so many other EGLI students are more powerful than we know. We can always dream bigger, achieve more and inspire others to do the same. Likewise, I am grateful for the people I've met at CSN and am happy to utilize the skills I've learned in my personal and professional life today."

Applications are Open for the 2025 EY/CSN Student Excellence Awards!



Thanks to a generous donation from Ernst & Young, CSN students are invited to apply for the 2025 First-Generation Student Excellence Awards. This year, there will be one \$1,500 award, three \$1,000 awards, and gift cards for all qualified applicants!

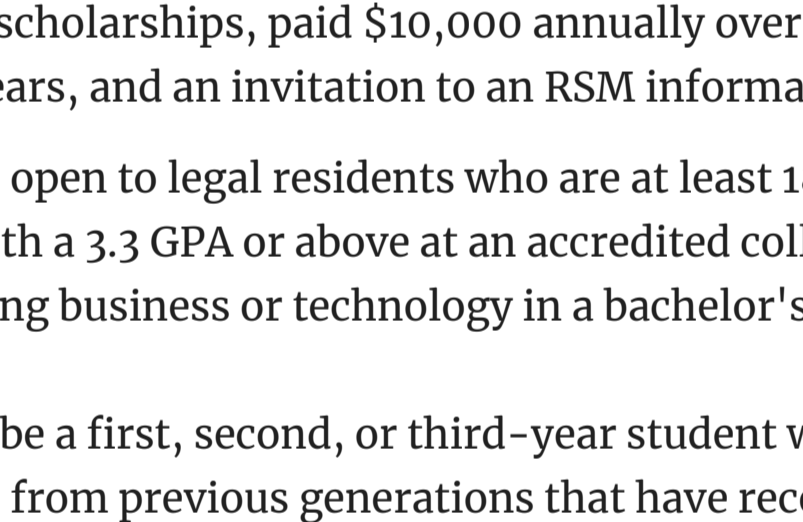
Eligibility Criteria:

- Enrolled in a Philadelphia-area college/university as of 12/1/2024
- A CSN chapter member or a past participant in a CSN program

How to Apply: Submit a short video (max 2 minutes) or essay (max 400 words) on how CSN has impacted your life, career journey, or socio-emotional growth. Be specific and share personal stories!

Application Deadline: March 15, 2025

• **Apply here:** bit.ly/CSN2025awards (left QR code)
• **Full details and instructions:** bit.ly/CSN2025awardsinfo (right QR code)



Awards will be announced in April, followed by an official ceremony later that month.

Take advantage of this opportunity to showcase your journey and celebrate your achievements as a CSN student!

RSM Scholarships for First-Generation Students Studying Business or Technology

RSM Foundation will award five first-generation college students with up to \$30,000 each in scholarships, paid \$10,000 annually over three consecutive academic years, and an invitation to an RSM information session.

The program is open to legal residents who are at least 18 years old, full-time students with a 3.3 GPA or above at an accredited college or university, and those studying business or technology in a bachelor's degree program.

Applicants must be a first-, second-, or third-year student with no immediate family members from previous generations that have received a bachelor's degree. An applicant is still considered a first-generation student even if their immediate siblings have or are currently pursuing a bachelor's degree.

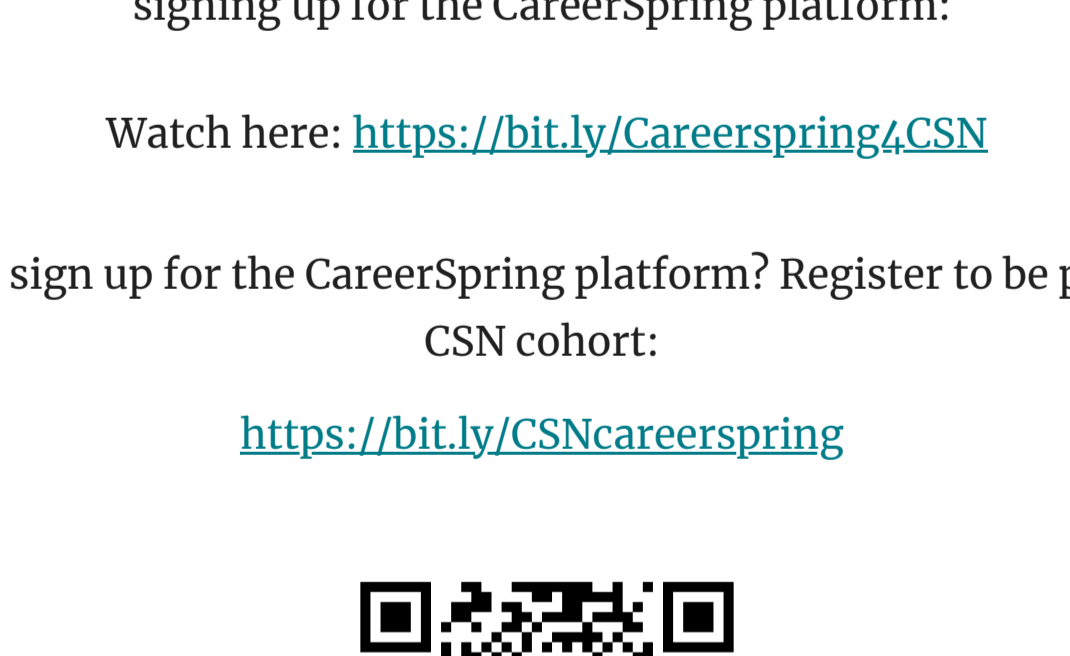
The applications require a transcript, short essay, and short video and are due February 28th, 2025.

Learn more about eligibility, application details, and how this scholarship can support your academic journey by visiting the official RSM First-Generation Scholarship page below:

[First Generation scholarship | RSM US](#)

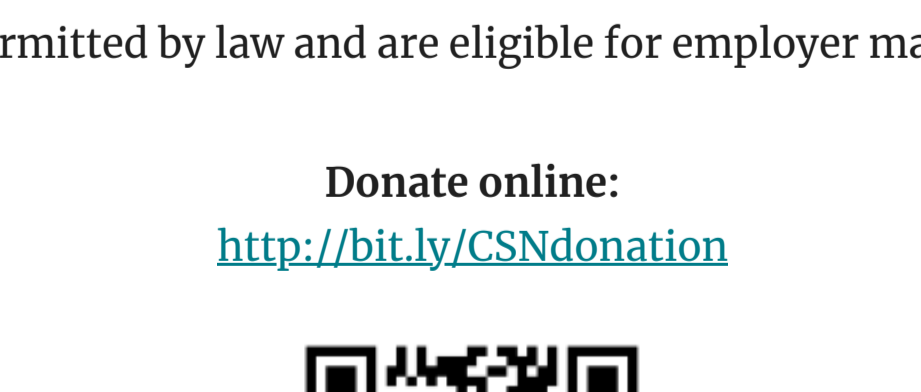
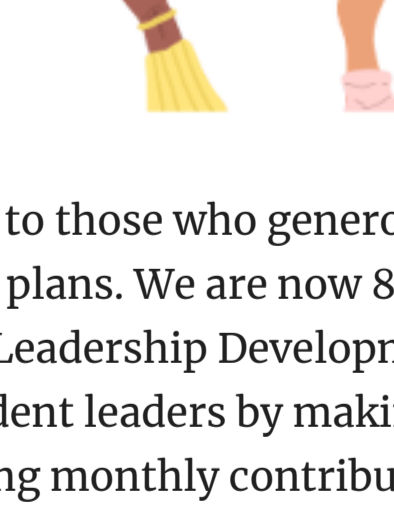


Summer Internships & Jobs



Students - looking to find a job or internship this summer? There's still time to submit your resume to be part of the CSN 2025 talent pool. You will receive help polishing your resume and connecting with local employers who are looking to hire EGLI talent.

Sign-up now at: <https://bit.ly/CSNtalent2025>



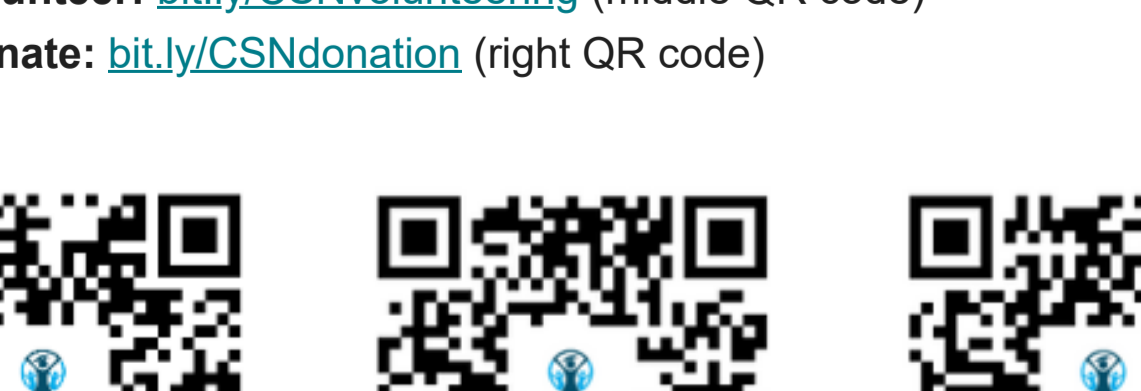
EGLI students and early career professionals can get help with their career exploration, job search, and resume polishing from professionals for free. Check out this overview webinar (~30 min) to learn the many benefits of signing up for the CareerSpring platform:

Watch here: <https://bit.ly/CareerspringCSN>

Ready to sign up for the CareerSpring platform? Register to be part of the CSN cohort:



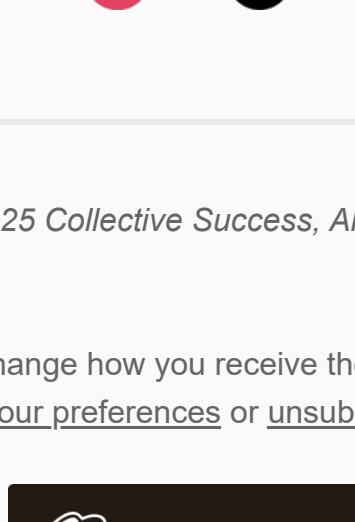
It's not too late to show your support for CSN!



We are sincerely grateful to those who generously included CSN in their year-end charitable giving plans. We are now 80% of the way to our goal to fund CSN's spring Student Leadership Development program. Please help us cultivate future EGLI student leaders by making a one-time donation or setting up a sustaining monthly contribution of as little as \$5.

Donations made payable to our fiscal sponsor Urban Affairs Coalition (501c3 nonprofit) for the benefit of Collective Success Network are tax-deductible as permitted by law and are eligible for employer matches.

Donate online: <http://bit.ly/CSNdonation>



Donate by check: Collective Success Network c/o Urban Affairs Coalition, 1650 Arch St, Suite 2701, Philadelphia, PA 19103.

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Wishing us all a year of collective success!

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

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

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

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