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## Updates from CSN



### **Giving Thanks!**

**We hope that you had a wonderful Thanksgiving.**

As we begin the holiday season, we would like to take the time to express our gratitude. We can say without hesitation that CSN is blessed with an amazing community.

We are deeply grateful for our many generous VOLUNTEERS, DONORS, and SPONSORS who offer their time, talent, and treasure to make it possible for CSN to empower FGLI talent in the Philadelphia area.

CSN is so proud of our STUDENTS for demonstrating their leadership skills, commitment, and working to fulfill their goals and dreams. We are

especially proud of our exceptional STUDENT LEADERS and ALUMNI who choose to pay it forward by volunteering to serve their FGLI peers.

THANK YOU!!

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## Cocktails for a Cause at the Pyramid Club: A Sold-out Event!

Over 60 attendees, including current students, alumni volunteers, and new friends enjoyed drinks, light bites, and great networking with a 52nd-floor view of Philadelphia. Co-Executive Director Geena Asiedu reminded everyone of CSN's mission and Alumni Camellia Brown and Cheryl Zhang brought to life how CSN made a difference in their own career journeys. Co-ED Adrienne Tymiak then invited bidders to the silent auction which earned over \$4,000 for our cause. Sincere thanks to the individuals and businesses who donated valuable items and experiences for the auction.





**Many thanks to our generous donors!**

### Individuals

David Ackerman  
Geena & Kenneth Asiedu  
Chenora Burkett  
Bryant Greene  
Sudhir Kondisetty  
Ro King  
Tom Tritton  
Adrienne Tymiak

### Businesses



## Giving Tuesday



For CSN to offer our impactful Student Leadership program again in the Spring of 2025, we need to raise **\$25,000**. With the proceeds from the recent Cocktails for a Cause silent auction, we're already **20%** of the way to this year-end fundraising goal. Will you help us out and include CSN in your plans to make Giving Tuesday donations? We welcome

donations of any amount and sustaining contributions of as little as **\$5/month** can make a difference in our students' lives. Donations for the benefit of Collective Success Network are made to our fiscal sponsor, Urban Affairs Coalition (501c3), and are fully tax-deductible.

<http://bit.ly/CSNdonation>



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## Fall Leadership Recap

On November 18th, CSN finished our Fall 2024 Student Leadership and Development Program. As usual, we had twice as many applicants as slots in the program. We accepted 25 students, representing seven different Philadelphia-area colleges, including Temple University, Drexel University, Rutgers University-Camden, Rowan University, University of Pennsylvania, Villanova University, and Thomas Jefferson University. Students in the program met for six weekly sessions on a variety of topics, including Improvisation, StrengthFinders2.0, Design Thinking, Mindfulness and Non-Violent Communication, and Crucial Conversations. During the last session, students shared their own homemade TED Talks on a topic of their choice.



**Some reflections on the value of the program from students include:**

- "I think this program is important to FGLI students by providing an avenue for professional development that would otherwise be difficult to get. I found it especially helpful that the guest speakers were also FGLI students, mainly because they can act as role models for what we can achieve!"
- "I gained confidence in my leadership abilities, learned more about my strengths and weaknesses, and developed skills in team-building and problem-solving. The program also helped me improve my public speaking and ability to work with others effectively."
- "I felt like I gained a valuable community of like-minded individuals who I was able to share thoughts with. The past 6 sessions allowed me to see how I'm not alone....It was really nice having that kind of reassurance."

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## Student Resources

### Networking 101 Webinar



Join us for a webinar presented by Dr. Andrea Morris, Assistant Dean and Director of Career and Professional Development at Rockefeller University. Dr. Morris will share her networking tips for FGLI students.

This webinar is being offered as part of the CSN Mentorship program, but all are welcome to attend with registration:



Monday,  
December 2nd

7 pm - 8 pm (via Zoom)

Register at:

<http://bit.ly/CSN2024networking101>

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## STEM Career Navigation Program



FGLI students with a STEM major are invited to join this virtual program to learn how to explore career options including pursuing advanced degrees and preparing to be competitive when applying for internships and jobs. Topics will include using informational interviews, building a professional network, leveraging LinkedIn, recognizing transferrable skills, and polishing resumes. Participants will be reimbursed for one professional society membership of their choice.

**Register by December 15th!**



Thursdays,  
January 23rd & 30th  
February 6th & 13th  
6:30 pm - 8 pm (via Zoom)

Register at:  
<http://bit.ly/CSN2025stem>

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**CSN Talent 2025**



FGLI students and recent graduates are invited to submit their resumes so that CSN can make them aware of local jobs or internship opportunities that are explicitly looking for local FGLI talent. We will make introductions based on self-reported interests and availability. *Resumes will not be shared without permission.*



To join the 2025 cohort,  
registration is now open at:

<https://bit.ly/CSNtalent2025>



Are you an FGLI student or early career professional who would like some more help with your job search, resume polishing, career options, or a personal consultation with a professional?

Check out this overview webinar (~30 min) to learn the many benefits of signing up for the CareerSpring platform:

## [CareerSpring Demo](#)

And when you are ready to sign up for the CareerSpring platform, you can register to be part of the CSN cohort:

<https://bit.ly/CSNcareerspring>



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