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Updates from CSN



**Happy September – International Update Your
Resume Month!**

FGLI Career Survey

A strong resume includes education and work experience, and highlights one's accomplishments and personal strengths. Collective Success Network provides programs and events that can help bolster one's resume and career journey. Now, we invite our community members to "pay it forward" for FGLI students and early career professionals by sharing their experiences and advice as people who have had a similar background and

have faced and overcome adversity. **If you identify as a first-generation professional, at any stage of your career, please provide your input in a brief, anonymous survey.** This will be used to help CSN design future programs for first-generation professionals.

The survey is open until Monday September 23rd:

Fill Out the Survey Here!

Or scan the QR code below:



Fall has Arrived: CSN On-Campus Visits



Fall has arrived, and students are settling back into campus life! We were thrilled to meet with students at the various campus involvement and

resources fairs, where we introduced CSN, recruited new members, and built valuable connections. CSN made on-campus visits to join welcome week activities and student involvement fairs at Thomas Jefferson University, Gwynedd Mercy, Rutgers Camden, Villanova, and Drexel. We're excited about the upcoming academic year and look forward to an active and impactful year ahead for everyone!



Welcome Guy Madison to the CSN Advisory Board



Guy is Vice President of Strategic Partnerships at InfraSource, a Quanta

Services, responsible for business growth in supplier diversity, community outreach, mentoring, and developing programs to increase career awareness in skilled-trade fields. Guy's personal interest in career development, mentoring, and community-based initiatives targeted at those who are disenfranchised, minorities, underserved, or isolated has been a focus of his for many years and will continue to be. After enthusiastically participating in many CSN events last academic year, we are thrilled to welcome Guy as the newest member of the CSN Advisory Board!

Upcoming Programs

Fall 2024 Student Leadership Development Training and Certificate Program

There's still time to sign up for the Fall 2024 Student Leadership Development Training and Certificate Program, and a chance to earn a \$500 stipend. Apply by September 25th at: <https://bit.ly/CSNfall2024leadership>

Or scan the QR code below:



If you have any questions, please contact Alice Ginsberg, CSN Director of Programs at: aliceginsberg@collectivesuccess.org

Mentorship program

You don't have to do it alone!!

Apply now to be part of CSN's 2024-2025 Mentorship Program.

The year-long program begins with a hybrid Orientation on Saturday, October 19th from 3:00-5:00 pm, and runs through May 2025. Participants can choose from two tracks: 1) A general track for freshmen and sophomores that covers all aspects of navigating college; or 2) A professional track for juniors and seniors in which you are paired with a professional in your field of study. If chosen to participate in the program, you are expected to meet with your assigned mentor at least two times (in-person or virtually) and attend at least four of the program's frequent webinars on topics such as Expansive Thinking, Networking, Telling Your First Gen Story, Organization and Strategic Time Management, Self-Advocacy, Job Applications, Interviews, and Professional Etiquette, among others.

Application Deadline is October 7th, 2024

at: <https://bit.ly/2024CSNmentorship>

Or scan the QR code below:



Recap of Policy Briefs from the Advocacy, Belonging and Careers Program:

In mid-August, CSN concluded another highly successful offering of its summer Advocacy, Belonging and Careers (ABC) Program. For the last session, student participants were asked to write and share a short policy

brief on any topic they felt passionate about, including answering questions such as: 1) Based on current research, what are some of the root causes of this issue? 2) Who does this issue impact the most? 3) What are three ideas you have for addressing/advocating for this issue? 4) What kinds of resources would you need to have an impact? and 5) What would be an actionable next step you could take if you were going to move forward?

Students choose a wide variety of issues that they care about, such as food insecurity; lack of access to health care, including mental health; inequities in education; digital access and literacy; and income inequality; among many others.

Reflecting on their experience writing and sharing the policy briefs, students told us:

- “I liked how we got many different passions and perspectives on everyone's policy brief. I got to hear everybody's stories and backgrounds that made their policy briefs that much more personal.”
- “I learned that viewing issues on a global scale, understanding the perspectives of recent graduates, and realizing that some resources that I take for granted are not accessible to everyone who needs them.”
- “I learned all kinds of new things, including the lack of awareness in food insecurity across college campuses, the importance of mental health counseling in college campuses and worldwide, and the many different ways to advocate for these issues.”

This program – which includes sessions on self-branding, how other FGLI students and professionals navigated the transition from school to work, identifying the best workplace for your unique talents and interests, giving and receiving constructive feedback, and navigating crucial conversations -- will be offered again next summer.

CSN Has Been Selected!



We are thrilled to share fantastic news about our journey with Compass Pro Bono. Previously, a grant from Compass was instrumental in reshaping our technological strategy, and we're proud to announce that CSN will be implementing a new Customer Relationship Management (CRM) system to help us better track community engagement, program impact, and communications to support our efforts for continuous improvement. Now, we've been selected as a 2024-2025 Compass Pro Bono Nonprofit Client, this time to focus on our financial strategy. This new collaboration is crucial as we aim for long-term financial sustainability and continued impact.

Interested in Marketing?

Publicis Media has been nominated as a top 100 company for providing internships. They have reached out to CSN and will be hosting a webinar to explain about their organization and opportunities for jobs and internships.

Publicis Media webinar:

for students pursuing careers in media, marketing, business, or communications.

Date: **October 1st**

Time: **5-6pm EST**

Where: **Zoom**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82679781853?>

[pwd=UrwUmBbkpaYrGBmEAo4kH0mzN2lvYk.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82679781853?pwd=UrwUmBbkpaYrGBmEAo4kH0mzN2lvYk.1)



You can also peruse Publicis Media open full-time positions at: [Publicis Groupe Associate - Philadelphia | SmartRecruiters](#)

Searching for an Internship or Job?

It's never too early to learn about career options and to get some professional advice. For example, some internships for the summer of 2025 are already accepting applicants. By signing up for CareerSpring through CSN, you can view a wide variety of career paths through online video clips, be matched with opportunities, and request a personalized consult.

All of CareerSpring services are designed specifically for FGLI talent!

Sign up now for free:

<https://bit.ly/CSNcareerspring>



There is Still Time to Register to Vote!

The last day to register to vote in PA for the general election is
October 21st!

If you are a PA resident and have not yet registered to vote, there is still time before the November 5th, general election. Click the button below to see how PA Youth Vote can help out:

PA Youth Vote

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)



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