Thank you for your support!!

You know that young people who join College Visions self-identify as students who want to attend college and earn college degrees. But, do you know how much more CV students bring to their lives as students? We hope you enjoy some of their stories!

Alum in Education: Kevin Pajaro

“Without CV, I know I would not be the student I am today. Even now, I constantly reflect on the privilege it was to be guided by an amazing organization that had a genuine investment in their students’ success. I am thankful for my advisor all these years later, who helped me navigate the long, tedious, and often-times discouraging college application process. What made even more of an impact was the assistance during and beyond my undergraduate career. CV made sure to keep me in the loop with different opportunities for community involvement, as well as checking in to ensure I was on a path to graduate and be successful. It is this type of commitment, labor, and dedication that cemented CV as the most influential factor of where I am now in my life.”

- Kevin, URI master’s degree candidate in Student Affairs Administration at Michigan State University

97% Enroll
97% of CV students enroll in college.

94% Persist
94% of CSP students persist to their second year of college.

65% Graduate
65% of CSP students graduate from college within 6 years.
Donor profile: Dr. Taino Palermo, Program Director at Roger Williams University School of Continuing Studies

Through a dual enrollment program, Taino met two CV students, Kaylee and Jennifer.

“Both of them would constantly express how much CV is helping them navigate the college application process and I took time to learn more about them. I met with Simon and knew that the organization and its leader were doing great work and worthy of supporting to ensure they can continue doing great work.

College access and success is extremely important to me. I’ve seen first-hand how education can transform someone’s life. It transformed mine. If you ask anyone from my old days whether or not I’d end up with a doctorate degree, they’d probably laugh at you. It surprises me still to this day. But I knew that if I wanted to have a bigger impact in the lives of the people I work with and the communities I work in, I needed the letters after my name to open doors that would otherwise be closed to me and create a seat for me at tables where people from the communities I come from were never represented. It’s my education and how I applied it that allowed me to be where I am today.”

Why do you give to College Visions?

100% of eligible students complete the FAFSA before the state grant deadline of March 1st.

91% of demonstrated financial need is met by financial aid awards at students’ college choices.

$4,262 Average unmet need at students’ college choices is less than $4,262.
Cofounder of the Providence Immigrants Rights Coalition

“I realize that I hold an ethical responsibility in empowering and encouraging others in making a difference. As a Youth Development major, my career goals consist of serving and educating immigrant and refugee youth. This profession will require me to advocate for those who may not able to speak for themselves.”

- Yuselly M., Rhode Island College ‘18

With the current political climate, I am one of the cofounders of the Providence Immigrants Rights Coalition (PIRC). It is a club/organization that really looks to foster safe, critical space for conversations around immigration and immigrant experiences, to critically look at what policies are in place and how they’ll affect us, and lastly to grow community engagement.

College Visions helped to remind me of how important this work is and that what I’m doing is for my peers. Someone did it for me. Students want the opportunity to have access to higher education, but the system is not set up for us to succeed. CV is able to support us through it.”

- Rosa R., Providence College ‘17

Future Doctor

“I want to keep fighting for justice within underdeveloped communities that are in need of adequate medical care. I believe that growing up in a country where medical assistance wasn’t the same for everyone shaped my perspective when it came to justice in poor communities.”

- Licelot C., E-Cubed Academy ‘17
Did You Know?

The College Visions Emergency Fund

Popular culture often tells us that parents pay for college and all the extra expenses that come with it. But, for many families basic living costs don’t leave any extra funds for tuition or textbooks. College Visions created the Emergency Grant Fund to make sure small expenses don’t derail college students.

“The CV Emergency Grant Fund is one reason that CV students earn degrees at more than 3 times the national average for low-income, first-generation students. For first-gen students, the financial burden of textbooks and course materials causes hardship because they are extremely expensive. We don’t want students to panic in these situations. Instead, CV advisors regularly check in with our college students to make sure they have the funds they need to persist in college. Emergency grants serve to further demonstrate to our students that we’re here for them and invested in their success.” - Emily Rodriguez, College Success Program Director

Thank you all for your generous support of the Emergency Fund and CV students!

Southwest Airlines Supports CV!!

We are truly proud of our partnership with College Visions, and equally as proud to support its students on their journeys in higher-ed. Deciding to go out-of-state is not easy. It’s tough being away from our families, and our support systems. At Southwest, we aim high and take pride in setting goals that can be reached through commitment, diligence and believing in one’s self! I see students’ decisions to "venture out” exactly like a goal. It can be done! The network of support that CV provides has definitely made these choices a reality for thousands of students. - Jill Simonson Luciano, Regional Leader of Community Affairs & Grassroots

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“Without my CSP Emergency Fund grant I wouldn’t have been able to pass my required first year writing class. With the money I was able to buy two textbooks that I couldn’t afford at the time. I planned on using earlier volumes of the book, but the professor didn’t allow it. Luckily, CV helped me get the materials I needed to pass.” - Sherly, Rhode Island College ’17