THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING FIRST-GENERATION STUDENTS!!

College Visions students earn college degrees because you support them in the pursuit of higher education. Here are some of the students you have impacted as a friend of CV. We hope you enjoy their stories!

STUDENTS ACHIEVE BECAUSE YOU BELIEVE

“Being a second semester senior, CV is pivotal in helping me to finish out my undergrad years on a strong note. They’ve continued to support me since my first day in college. Being part of CV has provided me with a solid platform to build off of by exposing me to opportunities that I would not have accessed otherwise. Additionally, I believe the support system that CV represents has been instrumental to my college journey. Knowing that there is a group of people cheering me on keeps me motivated, and at the same time, understanding that there are people I can reach out to for input is very comforting. Now that my college journey is coming to an end, I am extremely excited for graduation and cannot wait to move to New York where I will be joining Goldman Sachs in their Investment Management Division.”

- William Feng, Finance Major, Boston University ‘18
ANGELA MARTINEZ, BIOLOGY & EDUCATION MAJOR, DENISON UNIVERSITY ‘19

“I am a part of Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority, Incorporated and joined because I believe in its principles of unity, love, and respect. I am part of the Black Student Union, La Fuerza Latina, the Pre-medical Club, and Sisters in Dialogue, which is a group of women in conversation about occurring issues. Being involved on campus is important because you get exposed to different cultures, identities, and ideas you might not have been familiar with. It’s also a way to challenge yourself intellectually while helping the community!”

ANTHONY AZANON, ARCHITECTURE MAJOR, RHODE ISLAND SCHOOL OF DESIGN ‘19

“I help facilitate a class through DownCity Design called “Design Your Life”. It provides high school students with the skills to think like a designer. We give them the conceptual tools they can utilize to break down future goals step by step in a way you would do with a design project. I honestly couldn’t be happier because I get to make the educational tools I’m receiving accessible to others. The mentors I have at CV inspire me to keep helping students and give back to a community that helped me grow.”

AMBAR OLIVARES, NURSING MAJOR, UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND ‘20

“I was able to take vitals and provide patient care. I also joined P.I.N.K. Women because it’s multicultural sisterhood allows me to feel connected to a diverse community.”
WHY DO YOU SUPPORT CV STUDENTS?

LAUREN ZURIER, ESQ.

What moved you to donate to College Visions (CV)?

It always disturbed me that many public school students don’t have access to the best advice because their guidance counselors have overwhelming caseloads or because their parents aren’t knowledgeable about the process. Once my own children went off to college, I began to focus on ways I could “give back” in this particular area, and CV immediately seemed like the most natural fit.

Do you think CV is an important resource to the community and why?

Many public schools don’t have the resources to provide the sort of college counseling that private schools do, and it puts public school students—particularly those whose parents did not attend college—at a distinct disadvantage in the college application process. The whole college application process is much more competitive and confusing than it used to be, which makes CV’s work all the more valuable to the community. CV is equally, if not more, valuable in the support it provides students after they matriculate. College isn’t an award; it’s a gateway, and passing through the gateway is just the beginning of four years of hard work. Not everyone can do that without some individualized support. If I’d had someone show me better study skills freshman year, my own transition would have been a lot easier!

$4,262

Average unmet need at college of choice is less than $4,262.

100%

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

91%

of average demonstrated financial need is met by financial aid awards at college of choice.
EMERGENCY GRANT FUND

Being a first-generation college graduate and now a CV staff member, we really get to see how important it is to have funding for the unexpected. Our students are juggling a number of responsibilities and sometimes they need the extra help to get by. Something as simple as getting supplies for a class or paying off that last bit of tuition goes a long way for our students and it increases their academic success. CV students know that we’re here every step of the way, not only to celebrate victories but to pick up the pieces when they feel like they have exhausted all their options. Emergency grants make college graduation happen!

- Gleyribel Rodriguez, College Visions Success Manager

DERMEKERSAL KARBAN, MÜHLENBERG COLLEGE ‘20

“Emergency grants are important for students because there are times when we are not able to afford textbooks for some of our classes. With the grants, CV is able to aid us in getting those books so that we can be successful in our classes. For me, during the Fall of 2016 and at the start of this current semester there were textbooks I needed and CV was able to help me get them. I thank the staff at CV for the work that they do and a huge thanks to the donors as well.”

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