

# COLLEGE VISIONS

Enrollment | Persistence | Graduation

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## THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT!

*"I am extremely grateful for everything College Visions has done for me. I feel like I have a support system back home and people who are constantly rooting for me. I want to thank donors for contributing to the development of many students' educations and supporting their pathways to success. Your continued generosity is what has allowed for such things to happen."*

- Ana Brasil, Tufts University '21

Thank you for being part of a family that supports low-income, first-generation students as they maneuver through their educational journeys and earn their college degrees! Here are some of the students you have impacted by giving to College Visions. We hope you enjoy their stories.



### ANA BRASIL, TUFTS UNIVERSITY '21

Ana is a sophomore at Tufts University where she is studying sociology with a concentration in social inequalities and social change and minoring in Portuguese. She chose to study sociology because it was a subject that allowed her to explore matters in society that are important and prominent in her community. Ana is not only part of *Latinas Promoviendo Comunidad* / *Lambda Pi Chi Sorority Incorporated*, but has also:

*"...been working at a law firm for the last year and a half as a legal assistant. I wanted to find a job that was related to something I was passionate about and working here has given me the kinds of skills needed as I am looking forward to exploring this career field after graduating."*

- Ana Brasil, Tufts University '21

#### Enrollment

98% of CV students enroll in college compared to 46% of students in Providence.



#### Persistence

94% of CSP students persist to their second year of college compared to 69% of Providence students.



#### Graduation

66% of CSP students graduate from college with 6 years compared to 29% of low-income RI students.

## COLLEGE VISIONS STUDENTS ON THE MOVE



Magda Flores is a senior at the University of Rhode Island where she is in the International Engineering Program as a double major in civil engineering and Spanish. Currently, she is studying abroad in Spain until August because, *"I want to be able to travel throughout Europe and in Spain and learn from all their different transportation advances as well as to see the way they build their structures."*

In the photo, she poses in front of the Cathedral of Palma de Mallorca.

## EXPLORE

## DREAM

Markeem is senior at E-Cubed Academy who recently had the opportunity to

volunteer at The Data for Black Lives conference at MIT.

*"The conference was a great opportunity for me to enhance my knowledge on the stories and perspectives of black people and people of color. I also networked with people who have the same interests as me and can help me in the future. CV plays a big role in my educational process by helping me choose my best fit schools and even going the extra step by helping me advocate for issues that I am passionate about, allowing me to post flyers, and even showing up to my events. This is why CV is the best!" - Markeem Rodrigues, E-Cubed Academy '19*



Stephanie is a Junior at Providence College where she is majoring in biology and a member of Alpha

Epsilon Delta which is a premedical honor society and the PC Orchestra. Currently, she is studying abroad in Sweden!

*"The moment I landed I felt as if I was coming home in a sense (I guess because I love winter). The culture academically and socially is different from the US, from the classroom approach of calling your professor by their first name, to an emphasis on group learning, not speaking*

*on the train, and going out to fikka (a daily coffee break). I have been embracing the country and learning some Swedish as well."*

*- Stephanie Nunez, Providence College '20*

## GROW

## WHY DO YOU SUPPORT COLLEGE VISIONS?

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

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



### ROSSELINE CV ALUM

"CV helped me see that college was not cheap and that I had to make the best financial decisions for not only my future, but

for my parents to help me pay for it. I did not get a lot of financial aid for the 4 years of schooling and my parents were struggling financially, so CV helped me understand my award letters, which lead me to making the best financial decisions I could for my education. I graduated debt free from college and learned basic budgeting skills and more because I majored in Accounting. CV helped me see how important it is to be responsible with my money. And my best advice is to not follow trends, but to be true to yourself, and to LIVE WITHIN YOUR MEANS. I cannot stress that enough."

- Rosseline B., CCRI '16 & RIC '18



### MEET MICHAEL FOURNIER

Michael Fournier is a CV supporter, friend, and previous board member! He is truly a superstar in his community and has been in a number of Senior Leadership roles! Now as a retiree, he supports

small to mid-sized non-profits around Capacity Building, Executive Coaching and Professional Development! Here is what he had to say about CV!

#### What moved you to donate to CV?

*I was moved to get involved with CV and to be a donor because I was impressed with the work they do and impact CV makes on the students they serve. Ensuring college access and support to first-gen students is incredibly important to me and I am blessed to be a small part of it.*

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

*I am very impressed by the way in which CV engages with students, families and all of the key stakeholders. CV is an important asset to the city and one that needs to be sustained for years to come.*

**Will you join Michael in supporting the future leaders of Rhode Island? There are so many ways to support the students in your community!**

**Give Online at [www.collegevisions.org/donate](http://www.collegevisions.org/donate) and/or**

**Follow us on social media to stay informed on volunteer opportunities and other events!**

**Your support makes a difference!  
#CVCommunity**



## THANK YOU, SOUTHWEST AIRLINES!

Thank you so much! These tickets are incredibly helpful to me. My mom and I are currently worrying about so many expenses, particularly after spending the semester abroad. But, not having to worry about how I will get back to school is such a refreshing feeling. I am so grateful that Southwest Airlines is working with CV to provide these tickets. I am returning to American University for my final semester and this honestly wouldn't have been possible without your continuous support.

Thanks again,  
Ashan'ti Stevens

**Southwest** 

## EMERGENCY GRANT FUND

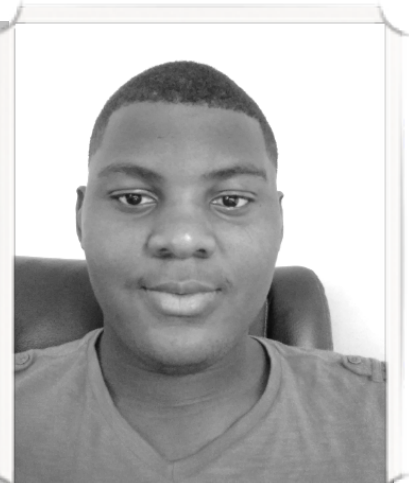
As a CV alum and advisor, I am constantly reminded about how crucial and impactful our Emergency Grant Fund is to our students. Being first-generation, low income students, one of the major obstacles our students face are financial barriers. These barriers of not being able to afford textbooks, flights or semester tuition, can hinder students from obtaining their college degree. When students have a financial burden resting on their shoulders, they become stressed about how they can afford all their educational dues, as well as their daily necessities. This can affect a student's performance in class and their overall well-being. The Emergency Grant Fund at College Visions allows us to support our students by decreasing their financial burdens so they can focus on their academic and personal growth. I give a huge thanks to all of you who have given to College Visions in order to make this Emergency Grant possible.

- Tina Meetran, College Access Manager

## DEAR CV SUPPORTER,

Thank you so much for the scholarship money sent to CCRI for my fall semester, I really appreciate it. I just want to say a big thank you to the CV community for funding my academic year and I hope I'm able to perform even better than expected academically and put that money to good use. Once again, I really appreciate your support and I hope I'm able to reward/help the community in the future years.

Yours Sincerely,  
Afolabi Abayomi



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