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COLLEGE VISIONS

Enrollment | Persistence | Graduation



Thank you for supporting first-generation Scholars!

"I am incredibly proud to be a first-generation student. The college experience for sure does not come without struggles. This is my senior year and the past three years have been a challenge for me. If I did not have College Visions in high school I may not have seen college as a reachable goal. I cannot wait to pay it forward and give back to CV once I am established in my future career."

Lauren,
Biology Major at:
University of Rhode Island '23

Since our founding in 2004, College Visions has celebrated our 444th college graduate. Thank you for investing in the future of Rhode Island's young people!

98%

98% of CV Scholars enroll in college compared to 43% of Providence high school graduates.

92%

92% of CSP Scholars persist to their second year of college compared to 61% of Providence students.

71%

71% of CSP Scholars graduate from college within 6 years compared to 42% of low-income Rhode Island students.

WITH YOU, THEIR FUTURES ARE BRIGHT.



Yuliana

Rhode Island College '24

Future Certified Nurse-Midwife

Yuliana is attending Rhode Island College and is majoring in Nursing. She says, *"I chose this major because I love the medical field and understand that nurses are an important part of it. I would like to specialize as a midwife because I love everything about the birthing process and think I would be happy working with new moms."*

Are you part of any on-campus groups and why did you join?

I am part of the Latin American Students' Organization which is a beautiful community where I get to meet people from my own and different backgrounds, organize different activities, eat Latino foods and more. I decided to join this group because it's made up of people that have gone through similar experiences and I'm interested to hear their stories.

How is CV supporting you?

CV has been an incredible help to me. If it wasn't for CV, I wouldn't have been studying at RIC. I am so lucky to have CV by my side because they believed in me from the very beginning of my journey. They hype me up every semester by telling me I'll do well and removes some stress with their awesome self-care packages.

What does being a first-generation college student mean to you?

Being a first-generation student means a lot to me because it is not only a responsibility, but a way to be prouder of the person I know I can become. Being able to be the first graduate in my family is a blessing and I believe I can do it.

What would you say to donors who are consistently giving to CV and making this resource available to you?

I am very grateful to all CV donors because they really are making a big change for the world. Youth are the future and donors are investing in young people that really want to become better men and women for the future. Thank you so much!

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Angel Peña

Bates College '13

Second Lieutenant, United States Army

Angel is not only an active duty Second Lieutenant in the US Army but is currently working on his doctorate degree for occupational therapy through the Army Baylor Program. Upon graduation, he plans to serve as a Military Occupational Therapist whose mission is to prepare soldiers to be mentally and physically fit for deployment.

Here is what he had to say about College Visions:

"CV made the college application process manageable and afforded me the opportunity to visit colleges and universities I would have not been able to on my own. I learned about Bates College because of CV and this college offered me almost a full ride for my undergraduate degree. Also, during this time CV started a new program to follow up with their college students and do a wellness check with them which I greatly appreciated. It was my first time away from home as a first-generation college student. During finals week, CV would send a care package and it would brighten my day."



Why should others support College Visions?

My parents moved to the state of Rhode Island from Puerto Rico to afford our family better opportunities. However, my parents did not graduate from high school nor do they speak English so that left me to navigate the college process on my own. College Visions bridges that knowledge gap so students like myself can pursue opportunities in higher education. CV streamlines the college application process and helps students determine the academic environment that is right for them.



Maria Marin is part of YMCA's 30 under 30, a national award that recognizes 30 staff members that embody YMCA's mission. Maria collaboratively developed a Youth Health Equity Leadership Group for youth ages 14-19. She is pivotal in addressing and improving the health disparities of the diverse populations in Pawtucket and Central Falls.

Read her story here: bit.ly/cvalummaria

WHAT'S GOING ON AT COLLEGE VISIONS?



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SAVE THE DATE FOR 401GIVES

Weekend Edition

Mar 31 - Apr 3

401Gives is Rhode Island's day of giving and an opportunity to unite our community around causes in which we truly believe and help nonprofit organizations like College Visions connect to the larger community. We hope you can join us in sharing, engaging and giving on April 1st!



Join us for Spring Celebration as we gather our friends and supporters, Board, staff, students, and alums for an evening of celebration, music, food, and fundraising!

RSVP: bit.ly/cvspring