

Alumni Program

About Us

In 2016, Communities In Schools® (CIS®) National launched its first alumni program to provide networking, personal and professional development, and storytelling training. This initiative supports our alumni in serving as ambassadors, advocates, and advisors to CIS National. While our organization is proven to keep students in school, these alumni voices helped us see that ensuring their success “in life” needed greater focus and development.

Our strategic plan includes alumni programming as an ongoing opportunity to support engagement, connectivity, and leadership opportunities for CIS alumni. We believe this work is critical to building the foundation for why continuing our work with alumni is important.

Goals

- ▶ Provide resources and support to our alumni post-graduation.
- ▶ Develop inclusive policies and practices within CIS National to hire alumni, place them on boards, and engage them to share their stories on our behalf.
- ▶ Empower and equip CIS organizations to build their alumni programs, recognizing that graduating from high school is an important milestone, but not the final destination.



Beyond the stories of overcoming barriers to high school graduation, alumni have more to offer, such as their own interests and passions that can be cultivated with the help of alumni engagement.



Whitney Cole, Alum from CIS of Southern Nevada

Alumni Engagement Opportunities

- ▶ Alumni Advisory Group
- ▶ Alumni Community Online Platform
- ▶ Getro Job Search in partnership with CIS local affiliates
- ▶ Board Training through BoardSource
- ▶ Host annual FAFSA information sessions
- ▶ Leadership development and advancement through Leadership U (KornFerry Foundation).
- ▶ Representation at CIS National sponsored events such as Student Supports Institute and Leadership Town Hall.

Alumni Work within CIS Organizations

Alumni presence at the local level continues to expand. CIS National recognizes the importance of collaborative work, ongoing communication about opportunities for alumni, and increased visibility within the network. We also value the programming, data tracking, and resources shared with CIS National.



Did you know?

- ▶ Over 30 alumni serve on 25 affiliate boards, and one alumn serves at the national office.
- ▶ We have dedicated alumni staff, both full and part-time.
- ▶ Alumni executive councils/boards are in place.
- ▶ We host graduation and alumni induction events.
- ▶ Alumni social media pages are active.
- ▶ We provide support to alumni with college, career, and military readiness tools.

Connect with Us

Stay up-to-date with the latest alumni news from CIS National and our alums by joining the alumni community at cisalumnicommunity.org. For any questions, please contact Cecilia Lee.



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