



Career Services Alumni Network

Hello CCSJ Alumni, and thank you for your interest in what we're calling The Career Services Alumni Network.

As a renewed and expanding Career Services Department here at Cal College, we frame our mission as "helping students get to where they are trying to go" in regards to their career aspirations. While our students are doing the heavy lifting of gaining education and entry level experience (a time I'm sure you all remember well), our department knows that sometimes it really can be about who you know, which is why we're hoping to connect some of our current students with you all to help them reach the next level of their professional career.

Some of the ways you can contribute to the success of current CCSJ students through the Alumni network include:

- ❖ Sharing job and internship opportunities from your current organization: If your current company, business, or organization is looking to hire in-school interns or recent graduates, we'd be more than happy to share those openings with our current students and recent grads, and help connect your organization with some qualified candidates.
- ❖ Participating in industry panels and conversations: Throughout the upcoming semesters we plan to bring professionals to campus to share their stories with students, to help future graduates better envision pragmatic career paths for themselves. These could be larger panel presentations or more candid conversations with a class of students, but hearing about an alumni's success can be very inspiring for our current students.
- ❖ Becoming a mentor: Many of our current students could also benefit from a one-on-one mentorship, someone to connect with regularly to offer guidance and suggestions, but also to lend an ear and help navigate the next steps in a student's path towards success.

We'd also be open to any other suggestions you have as well! This is a collaborative effort to help our students succeed, so if you have any ideas of your own, or would like to discuss things in more detail, please don't hesitate to reach out! We appreciate you donating your time, energy, and resources to our students, and thank you for helping the next Crimson Wave find success!

Sincerely,

Matt Vicars

Director of Career Services

Calumet College of St. Joseph

2400 New York Ave. Whiting, IN 46394

P. 219-473-4253

mvicars@ccsj.edu