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Biosketch for FirstGen Ahead

Why I am serving as a FirstGen Ahead Coach:

- As a first generation graduate, I would like to share tips and support first-gens as they navigate education system and post-college career paths. I believe that they have so much to offer society and I want to help them overcome obstacles and succeed.
- Being a coach and mentor brings me great personal satisfaction. I love learning about their experience and dreams and seeing others realize their potential and growth. It helps me stay humble and hopeful for our future.

Sample Experience as a Mentor/Coach:

- For almost 10 years, I have managed and mentored staff, Fellows, and graduate student unofficially and officially for those who work in my work units or participating in formal mentoring programs.
- As an alumna of the CDC Evaluation Fellowship (2nd cohort) and currently managing it, I have connected and mentored many Fellows on their professional and career development as well as hired and supervised several Fellows.
- In addition, I serve as a mentor since 2016 to the CDC Fellows Collective, which was created by Fellows for Fellows at CDC.

Sample Work Experience:

- 10 years working in federal government and public health as a behavioral/health scientist
- 12+ years of applying research methods (quantitative and qualitative) to assess and evaluate programs. I have worked with diverse programs ranging from injury and violence, and HIV prevention, health promotion, youth and workforce development

Industries/Sectors/Domains with Expertise:

- Public Health
- Government
- Behavioral Science
- Program Development and Evaluation

Fun Facts about Me:

- When inspiration strikes, I write song parody about what's happening at work or personally for fun.
- There is a large generational gap in my family with at least 10 years between me and the next closest sibling. I'm the youngest of eight. My mom and siblings immigrated to the U.S. from Vietnam without knowing much English nor knowing anyone here.
- I'm a lifelong learner. I'm still figuring out what I want to be when I grow up.