

# FIRST- GENERATION DRAGONS

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Meet: Alexia Swisher, First-  
Generation College Student

Hometown: Beaver, Ohio

Advice for first-generation students:  
Use the resources provided for you  
and be determined to conquer any  
challenges that you may face.

Campus Involvement: I am the  
campus coordinator for PRIDE! I  
work for Campus Safety and Security  
and the EAO Office. I'm also a  
member of the Zeta Pi Beta sorority.

Motivation to go to college: I want to  
make something of myself, and my  
mom is one of my biggest  
motivators.

Biggest collegiate accomplishment:  
Just being here is one of my biggest  
accomplishments so far. In my  
hometown, there are a lot of haters  
who bring people down so being in  
college when everyone told me I  
couldn't do it is my biggest  
accomplishment and the next one  
will be graduation.

*did you know...*

Ruth Bader Ginsburg was the  
first person in her family to go to  
college. She was also the second  
woman ever to be appointed as  
Supreme Court Justice. Ginsburg once  
said, "Neither of my parents had the  
means to attend college, but both  
taught me to love learning, to care about  
people, and to work hard for whatever I  
wanted or believed in."

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Meet: HarLee Holbrook, First-Generation College Student

Hometown: Willard, Ohio



Advice for first-generation students: Make your own choices: the only person making your decisions should be you. You might not be able to tell if they are right or wrong, but one thing for sure it that they are your own choices.

Motivation to go to college: Not to have a manual labor job, which is what you'll be stuck with if you don't have a college degree.

Biggest accomplishment: My biggest achievement is honestly sticking with college these four years and almost finishing. I dropped out my first time and it just blows my mind when I think about being right at the finish line.

Campus involvement: I am a tutor, and I am in the accounting club.

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Meet: Turki Alnamlah, First-Generation College Student

Hometown: Saudi Arabia



Advice for first-generation students: Being busy as An undergraduate student for four years is worth the exhaustion in the long run because receiving a degree means you will be comfortable the remainder of your life.

Motivation to go to college: I wanted to study something I enjoyed!

Biggest accomplishment: Attending university in the United States to receive my undergraduate degree.