

FIRST-GENERATION DRAGONS

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Meet: Khauriee Sullivan, First-Generation College Student

Hometown: Gainesville, Florida

Advice for first-generation students: Make strong connections and build your network

Campus Involvement: Rugby

Motivation to go to college: I wanted the ability to take care of my family

Biggest collegiate accomplishment: Gaining academic honors and joining the NLHS.

Meet: Angela Sosebee, First-Generation College Student and TU Alumna

Hometown: Napoleon, Ohio

Advice for first-generation students: Get to know your faculty and staff! Learn the paths they have traveled to get to where they are, because most of them have experience that transcends the classroom.

Motivation to go to college: My parents. My mom went to business school and earned a certificate in secretarial studies in the 70s when that's all women were told they could do. My dad worked much of his adult life to earn an associate's degree in the late 90s. Seeing my dad constantly passed over for promotions because he didn't have a degree was heartbreaking. He often trained his supervisors. I always promised them that I would take any educational opportunity that came my way.

Biggest accomplishment: I think my biggest collegiate accomplishment of my college journey was graduating. My dad passed away from cancer in the Fall semester of my senior year, and finishing out that year was a challenge. When the opportunity to attend grad school was presented to me, I could basically hear my dad in my head telling me it was something I had to do. Both times I walked across the stage to receive those diplomas, it wasn't just for me.

Campus involvement: Choir, Up in the Air (touring vocal ensemble), Theatre, Student Government, Circle K, Dance Team (the inaugural year), campus ministries, Gospel Choir





Meet: Cassidy Smith-Fields, First-Generation College Student
Hometown: Castalia, Ohio

Advice for first-generation students: Always be yourself and try your absolute best and everything else will fall into place! I'm proud of you!

Motivation to go to college: I love learning and I want the best possible future for myself.

Biggest accomplishment: Receiving scholarships to help pay for schooling!

Campus Involvement: Alpha Iota Sorority-duties held within the organization include: Student Government Rep., Head Autism Awareness Rep., & Historian

Name: Natasha Boyd, First-Generation College Student, TU Alumna, and Student Success Advisor

Hometown: Attica, Ohio



Advice for first-generation college students: Push yourself to achieve your dreams and don't give up. The only person standing in your way of crossing that graduation stage and getting that diploma, is yourself. It won't always be easy, but remember: YOU CAN DO IT!

Motivation to go to college: My mom was a single mother raising my siblings and me. During that time, she worked two, sometimes three, jobs to provide for us. I saw the struggles that my mom went through. Those struggles that we endured were the reason that I went to college: to provide a better future for myself and my family.

Biggest accomplishment: I not only went on to be a first-generation college graduate from TU, but I was also the first in my family to receive my graduate degree.

Campus Involvement: I was part of the cheerleading team during my undergrad - GO GONS!



Name: Mitchell Kramer, First-Generation College Student and TU Alumnus

Hometown: New Riegel, Ohio

Advice for first-generation college students: Be yourself, and always keep your options open.

Motivation to go to college: To be the first person in my family to graduate from college.

Biggest accomplishment: Scoring in the 90% on the LSAT!
Campus involvement: Basketball and Criminal Justice Club

