

FIRST-GENERATION DRAGONS

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Name: Professor Nicholas Reinhard, Assistant Professor of Social Sciences and first-generation college student

Hometown: Tiffin, Ohio

Advice for incoming first-generation college students: "Beginnings are usually scary, endings are usually sad, it's what is in the middle that COUNTS"

Motivation to go to college: I knew from an early age that I wanted to become an educator.

Biggest collegiate accomplishment: I have earned three degrees in my lifetime!

Activities: I was a commuter and worked 20-30 hours a week at a local physical therapy clinic. I was also a member of the community chorus during my undergraduate at Heidelberg.

Name: Christain Stevens, second-year undergraduate and first-generation college student

Hometown: Cleveland, Ohio

Advice for incoming first-generation college students: Remember who you are and never let other people or a new environment make you forget or be ashamed of yourself. Be proud, be bold, stand strong in what you want and always be sure to do your absolute best.

Motivation to go to college: There are people watching and looking up to you even when you might not realize. I want a better life for myself, and I want to accomplish the dreams I've had since I was a little girl.

Biggest collegiate accomplishment: Just making it through college each semester successfully!

Activities: University choir and art team



Name: Olivia Miller, first-year undergraduate and first-generation college student



Hometown: Fairview Park, Ohio

Advice for incoming first-generation college students: My advice would be to build relationships with your professors because they will help you out a lot. Also, have good time management and be organized.

Motivation to go to college: I wanted to go to college because no one in my family has graduated from a college. I want to push my self to be the first in my family.

Biggest collegiate accomplishment: My biggest accomplishment is getting a better GPA than I was expecting to get for the fall semester.

Activities: Women's Tennis

Name: Kylie Eshelman, second-year online undergraduate and first-generation college student



Hometown: Kenton, Ohio

Advice for incoming first-generation college students: Remember why you started, take in all the information you can, use time management, and take lots of notes!

Motivation to go to college: My children: I wanted to teach them to chase their dreams because no one is going to chase them for you! I also wanted them to see that even if it is difficult to achieve their goals the outcome will always be worth it, and if they want it to happen they can make it happen!

Biggest collegiate accomplishment: I have been on the dean's list every semester so far in my college career, and I hope to keep meeting that accomplishment every semester until I graduate!

Activities: National Honor Society and strength training