

FIRST-GENERATION DRAGONS

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Name: Chloe DuPlaga, first-year undergraduate student and first-generation college student

Hometown: Wooster, Ohio

Advice for incoming first-generation college students: It is scary at first, but anything is possible with hard work and dedication. Coming in as a freshman was very scary for me. None of my family has ever went through college, so they did not know how to help me. They tried their best though. When I got on campus and started making friends everything became easier.

Motivation to go to college: I wanted to prove something to my family. I wanted to do better than the people before me.

Biggest collegiate accomplishment: In the first semester, I made the deans list while being on the soccer team

Activities: TU Women's Soccer



Name: Hayley Davis, first-year undergraduate student and first-generation college student

Hometown: Shiloh, Ohio

Advice for incoming first-generation college students: Don't give up even though it can be super challenging and you want to quit! Just keep pushing forward.

Motivation to go to college: My kids. I have 3 kids, and I wanted to show them to keep reaching and striving for what they want even if it may get challenging. We can do anything if we put our minds to it.

Biggest collegiate accomplishment: So far, I have a 4.0 GPA!

Activities: I work full-time, and I am a mom!

Name: Miranda Gammella, alumni and first-generation college student



Hometown: Vermilion, Ohio

Advice for incoming first-generation college students: If you are a non-traditional student, like I was for my undergrad, don't be afraid. You may be a little older, or came through a different path, but those extra life experiences will help you in the long run. You are never too old to learn.

Motivation to go to college: After working for several years after high school and not really getting anywhere, I wanted to further myself and all the jobs that I saw that looked interesting and fulfilling required college degrees. I had always planned on going to college, I just hadn't yet. So I finally said now was the time, and enrolled at my local community college at 23.

Biggest collegiate accomplishment: Graduating with honors while working full-time I think is my biggest accomplishment. The entire time I was in school for my undergrad, both before Tiffin and after I transferred, I worked full-time. Once I transferred to Tiffin, I was now enrolled in college full-time instead of part-time like I had been before. It was hard, but it was worth it, especially when I graduated cum laude. Now, over ten years later I'm back to get my graduate degree. That is probably a tie for my biggest accomplishment of graduating with honors: coming back to get my Masters over ten years after receiving my Bachelors.



Name: Amy Brag, TU alumni (undergraduate and graduate) and first-generation college student

Hometown: Millville, New Jersey

Advice for incoming first-generation college students: Know your limits, plan ahead and believe in yourself.

Motivation to go to college: To better myself and to set me up for my next career after I retire in 5 years.

Biggest collegiate accomplishment: I would have to say graduating my master's degree with a 4.0 GPA while working full time and raising my family.

Activities: I was and am a police explorer advisor and the treasure for unions FOP lodge

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