

FIRST-GENERATION DRAGONS

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Name: Bruce Hyde, 2017 and 2021 TU alumnus and first-generation college student

Hometown: Aberdeen, Washington

Advice for incoming first-generation college students: Have a good support system. I am a non-traditional student. I started my BA at 35, I have a full-time job, a part-time job, a wife and three kids. It is important to have a good support system so you can achieve your goals. Whether that support system is there to motivate you, or just help take care of things so you can focus on school. YOUR EDUCATION MATTERS.

Motivation to go to college: My family was definitely a motivating factor for going back to school. After we found out we were having twins, my wife became a stay-at-home mom. So the doors in my career my MBA will open will help me to provide a better future for my family.

Biggest collegiate accomplishment: My Biggest accomplishments from both my BA and MBA was my GPA. I am not the best student. I am dyslexic so I HATE to read (textbooks). Dyslexia causes issues with comprehension and focus. I dropped out of college when I was 20, if you were to tell me I would complete my BA and even an MBA with a 4.0 I would have laughed in your face. But it was a goal I was SHOCKINGLY able to achieve.

Activities: Delta Mu Delta





Name: Taylor Gerschutz, First-Generation College Student and Incoming First-Year at TU for fall 2022

Hometown: Alvada, Ohio

Advice for incoming first-generation college students: Be yourself and always work hard!

Motivation to go to college: My parents did not go to college after they graduated from high school, and I knew I wanted that for myself. I wanted to expand my learning, and I wanted to be a role model for my younger siblings.

Activities: In the fall, I will be part of marching band, concert band, choir, and theater.

Name: Cerina Galvan, First-Generation College Student and First-Year at TU

Hometown: Hesperia, California



Advice for incoming first-generation college students: It's okay to be discouraged sometimes, often the most beautiful things and lessons we learn from life come from those times. It teaches us what it means to never give up and reach for the stars.

Motivation to go to college: I wanted to better myself as a person and learn more. It's been a journey to get to where I'm at, but the important thing is I never gave up despite living with a mental illness and not knowing where the road was going to take me.

Biggest collegiate accomplishment: My biggest accomplishment was getting my Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. It's a tough profession and there's a lot to learn, but knowing how people are and the reason that makes them who they are was what interested me the most.



Name: Pamela Grover, First-Generation College Student and Second-Year at TU

Hometown: Tiffin, Ohio

Advice for incoming first-generation college students: Study hard, and do what you can. Always ask your instructor for help.

Motivation to go to college: I really wanted a new career for myself.

Biggest collegiate accomplishment: Passing a class that I had very little confidence in thinking I could pass.

A First-Generation College Student is any student whose parents did not go to college. This definition includes students whose parents maybe started college and did not ever finish and students whose parents did not go to college but older siblings did. If this definition aligns with your collegiate identity, please consider scanning the QR code so we can feature your story in our newsletter!! We are seeking features from students, faculty, staff, and alumni!

