

FIRST- GENERATION DRAGONS



Meet: Sasha Johnson, First-Generation Dragons Vice President

Hometown: Sandusky, Ohio

Advice for first-generation students: Pace yourself! I know you always hear that doing work early is better but that can be hard with sports, clubs, and other organizations. Setting a regular schedule will not only teach you time management which you'll need, but always keep you on track. I use my Google Calendar to put in all my events to know when I have time and when I don't.

Campus Involvement: Bowling and Band

Motivation to go to college: My family motivated me to go to college definitely! I come from a migrant family where education wasn't really pushed due to lack of opportunity. I am the first to have the opportunity to start a new chapter for my family, a new legacy. That is why I work hard and take on every opportunity that comes my way.

Biggest collegiate accomplishment so far: So far, I'd say my biggest accomplishment in college is finishing my first semester of college with all A's, a 4.0 GPA, and making the Dean's list all while dealing with two practices a day, performances, and family troubles. Time management became my best friend!

Do you identify as a first-generation student? Yes I identify as a first generation college student! I'm so happy I get to start a new path for my family to go on.

FUN Fact

Nearly 1/3 of
undergraduate
students in the US
are first-generation



Meet: Stephen Embaugh, Student Government Rep for First-Generation Dragons

Hometown: I am from Columbus, Ohio, but I live in Westerville and graduated from Big Walnut high school in Sunbury Ohio.

Advice for first-generation students: A piece of advice I have for first-generation/in coming first generation college students is, believe in yourself it will be hard but if you put in the effort and work hard every day you will be successful. Also DON'T procrastinate!!

Campus involvement: I am on the track team here at Tiffin University. I run short sprints and I am also on the executive board for the First-Generation College Student Organization!

Motivation to go to college: My parents and myself motivated me to go to college. They want the best for me so they always told me I didn't have a choice. I was going to college no matter what. But I also wanted to go myself. My parents didn't graduate, and I wanted to do something that would make them proud and also possibly help them out when I graduate.

Biggest collegiate accomplishment so far: My biggest collegiate accomplishment is making the dean's list. I was not a very good student in high school. I had a low GPA and making the dean's list with a 3.80 GPA was huge for me. It shows that no matter what you did in high school you can turn that around in college with a fresh plate and that's something I really want new students to understand.

Do you identify as first-generation: I am a first generation college student. Neither of my parents have a bachelor's degree, but they are the most hardworking and supportive people I know!

Join First-Generation
Dragons for our
first meeting on
3/18 at 8:00 pm