

FIRST- GENERATION DRAGONS



Meet: Allie Cuarenta, First-Generation Dragons Treasurer and First-Generation Student

Hometown: Wooster, OH

Advice for first-generation students: The piece of advice I have is: don't ever be afraid to ask for help from you professors and don't be afraid to be yourself. Go and explore all the events TU has for the students and make new friends.

Campus Involvement: Choir and Band

Motivation to go to college: I think being taught by a lot of good teachers throughout my education has inspired me not only to go to college, but to also become a teacher myself.

Biggest collegiate accomplishment so far: I think my biggest achievement so far has been making the dean's list the first semester of college

FUN Fact

61% of first-generation college students choose careers that allow them to give back to their communities.



Meet: Diamond Thomas, First-Generation Student

Hometown: Austintown, OH

Advice for first-generation students: Start building your resume and create a LinkedIn profile early on in your college career. Also, do not be afraid to reach out to people on-campus when you need help!

Campus involvement: Track and Field, Cross Country, and Soul Purpose

Motivation to go to college: I wanted to set myself up for a better and more successful career.

Biggest collegiate accomplishment so far: Enrolling into a graduate program here at TU!

First-Generation
Dragons is
Sponsoring a
Money and Time
Management
Workshop on
4/21 at 7:00 pm in
Main 13



Meet: Sabrina Vieira, First-Generation Student and First-Generation Dragons Secretary

Hometown: Bronx, NY

Advice for first-generation students: I believe that First-Generation students should know that asking questions is your number one tool. It will never hurt to ask people, whether that be students or faculty, what you should do or how to go about things. Throughout my three years of being a student at TU, I feel as though I have learned a lot about how to effectively communicate with others on any issues that I may be having along with learning how to communicate any questions I may have. Also, it doesn't hurt to ask multiple people! While it may feel like you're being a bother, most of the time answering questions and getting answers is exactly what people are here for.

Campus Involvement: I am a volunteer worker at the ITS department, as well as being the Vice President of PRIDE!, the Public Relations officer for ACM (Association for Computing Machinery), and a member of the NSLS (National Society of Leadership and Success). Along with this I am a member of the University Choir and small group choir called Change of Plans.

Motivation to go to college: My motivation to go to college was my parents. My parents did not have the access to opportunities like I do now. So, considering how hard they have worked to give me the life that I have today, I hope to make not only them proud but also myself proud. It has been a long journey to get to this point. But, it's only up from here!

Biggest collegiate accomplishment so far: My biggest accomplishment thus far has been consecutively being on the Dean's list. Having so much involvement on campus can make for a struggle when it comes to allocating my time well. But, being able to create a balance between involvement, grades, and a social life makes for a great deal of motivation. If I can do it anyone can.

