

FIRST- GENERATION DRAGONS



Meet: Marley Gussler, First-Generation College Student

Hometown: Wakeman, OH

Advice for first-generation students: Things may be scary at first, but remember that nothing can stop you in achieving what you set your mind to.

Campus Involvement: I am a member of the Dance Team, and I also am an employee of the campus bookstore.

Motivation to go to college: I struggled in school when I was younger, and I didn't see myself making it to college. When I got older, I wanted to prove to myself that I was able to go to college and obtain a degree.

Biggest collegiate accomplishment so far: Making it on the dean's list every semester since I started at TU.

FUN Fact

First-Generation College students represent 50% of the current college student population in the US.



Meet: Marrissa Claburn, First-Generation College Student

Hometown: Kansas, OH

Advice for first-generation students: I would tell them to be confident and be excited for this journey here at TU.

Campus involvement: National Society of Leadership and Success and Alpha Iota Sorority

Motivation to go to college: My motivation is to prove to everyone that doubted me that I can be something amazing, and I can do it on my own.

Biggest collegiate accomplishment so far: I made the deans list and I got inducted to the National Society of Leadership and Success





Meet: Britt Weese, First-Generation College Student

Hometown: Wellington, OH

Advice for first-generation students: Be yourself, and do not let anyone tell you that you are not capable of accomplishing what you set your mind to.

Campus Involvement: I am a member of CRU. Off campus, I attend Overflow Ministries and Grace Community Church.

Motivation to go to college: I want to prove to my family I can do more than what they expect from me and to also get out of my hometown.

Biggest collegiate accomplishment so far: My biggest accomplishment was that I was able to pick my minors based off of something that I love doing and not having anybody tell me that I should do that.



Meet: Madison Wagner, First-Generation College Student

Hometown: McCutchenville, OH

Advice for first-generation students: It's okay to be nervous, but most students on campus will answer any questions you have and the staff at TU is always willing to help! Also, join clubs and organizations, they help you make friends and keep you busy!

Campus Involvement: I am the president of PRIDE!, I'm involved in THHA, and I'm on the track team. I also work for campus security and the equity office.

Motivation to go to college: My motivation for going to college was to further my education so that I would be able to advance easier in my career field, and I also wanted to throw for track here. Also being a first gen student, I wanted to prove to myself and family that I could do it.

Biggest collegiate accomplishment so far: My biggest collegiate accomplishment is becoming the president of the PRIDE! club on campus.