

FIRST- GENERATION DRAGONS



Meet: Trinity Berry, First-Generation College Student

Hometown: Culpeper, VA

Advice for first-generation students: Make sure you stay on top of your studies but don't forget to have fun and open up to and make new friends in and out of your sport or extracurricular activities.

Campus Involvement: I am a part of rugby, equestrian, and women's wrestling.

Motivation to go to college: I'm a first-generation college student as well as I'm part of the women's wrestling team. Family and wrestling is my whole life, and I wanted to make a better future for not only myself but my future family as well.

Biggest collegiate accomplishment: As a first-year student, I took first place at the women's regional qualifier and participated in the nationals that we hosted here at tiffin university.

Fun Fact

23% of first-generation college students pursue graduate studies after their bachelor's degree.

Meet: Brianna Henning, First-Generation College Student

Hometown: Celina, OH

Advice for first-generation students: Do not try to do everything. Experience what you can, and there is always next year to do something similar!

Campus Involvement: Bowling

Motivation to go to college: My parents

Biggest collegiate accomplishment: My biggest accomplishment so far is making it to sectionals as a first-year in college with a full freshman team.

Meet: Melonie Lumpkin, First-Generation College Student, Tiffin University Alumna, and JD Candidate

Hometown: Medina, OH

Advice for first-generation students: It is important to seek mentorship from people in your field. They can provide you with insights and potential opportunities that can help you in your career. Also, there has been an increase in students attending college, making the market more competitive. Therefore, it is important to do internships. Internships will allow you to learn more about yourself and what kind of jobs you would be interested in, and also, it could potentially lead to a job after graduation.

Campus Involvement: I was involved in the Campus Activities Board, LASO, Former Vice President for Student African American Sisterhood, LOVE, Cheerleader for Tiffin University, and peer mentor.

Motivation to go to college: I wanted to be a lawyer; therefore, I knew that I have to go to college to accomplish that goal.

Biggest collegiate accomplishment: Graduating college in three years and graduating with honors.



Meet: Keely Hoover, First-Generation College Student



Hometown: Tiffin, OH

Advice for first-generation students: My advice to incoming first-generation college students would be to get your work done and out of the way as soon as possible. Save the weekend for spending time with your friends and enjoying the college experience!

Campus Involvement: I participated in the STUNT team my first year at Tiffin, but no I did not participate in any other activities after.

Motivation to go to college: My biggest motivation was my mom; I couldn't have done it without her. I also wanted to earn my degree and wrestle in college

Biggest collegiate accomplishment: My biggest collegiate accomplishment would be graduating with Cum Laude.

Meet: Madelyne Mossbarger



Hometown: Wayne, OH

Advice for first-generation college students: Don't be afraid to ask for help, whether you're asking your advisor or a professor. Also, don't be afraid to go out and make new friends and try new things!

Motivation to go to college: To make sure I get the education I need for a successful career and make my friends and family proud.

Biggest collegiate accomplishment: Maintaining a high GPA and getting on the dean's list!

