UNDERSTANDING FIRST-GENERATION STUDENTS

FIRST-GEN CHALLENGES

1. Lack of Understanding
   Students often deal with all applications (FASFA, admissions, registering for classes, etc.) and college journey by themselves.

2. Students are intimidated by college costs
   High prices of college may stop students from applying to dream schools.

3. Students are afraid to seek help
   Many students don’t know how to apply for college, financial aid, or scholarships and might not know when or who to ask for help.

What does first generation mean?
A student is first-generation if neither the parent/permanent guardian has completed a 4 year degree.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- **Tell your FIRST-GEN story**
  Telling your story can give confidence to first-generation students. Seeing your success can motivate them to follow their dream.

- **Celebrate FIRST-GEN Day**
  Celebrating first-gen day on November 8 by providing key resources and celebrations can help students find pride within themselves and their journey.

- **Be open to answering questions**
  Helping first-generation students navigate the ins and outs of getting into college can be crucial to their success.

Median Parental Income for Dependent Students

| $41,000  | for first-generation students |
| $90,000  | for continuing generation students |

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