

Thank you for your interest in the Center for First-generation Student Success.



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PREFERRED SPELLING

Please note the correct spelling: **Center for First-generation Student Success**.

If beginning a sentence, please only capitalize the “F” in “First-generation.” When written in a sentence, please use lower case “first-generation.”

QUESTIONS OR INTERVIEWS

All press related questions can be sent to first-gencenter@naspa.org.

Any requests for interviews from Center staff should be submitted at least two weeks ahead of press deadline, when possible.

ABOUT THE CENTER

First-generation college students are critically important and an increasing population at nearly all institutions of higher education. As college and university leaders and practitioners are actively seeking avenues to best meet the specific needs of first-generation students, the Center for First-generation Student Success emerges as a leader for scholarly discussion, information sharing, networking, and program development.

Through provision of services and guidance across institutional types, the Center aims to acknowledge the intersectional experiences of first-generation college students. Our [website](#) serves as a home for Center updates and announcements, an outlet for sharing cutting edge research and current media conversations, opportunities for engagement through conferences and events, and access to a bevy of programs and services intended to improve first-generation initiatives across higher education.

MISSION

The Center is the premier source of evidence-based practices, professional development, and knowledge creation for the higher education community to advance the success of first-generation students.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The Center advances efforts through **four strategic priorities**; each critical to driving higher education innovation and advocacy for first-generation student success.

Connect & Recognize



Knowledge Creation & Evidence-based Practices

Innovation & Scalable Approaches



Thought Leadership & Advocacy

WHY FIRST-GEN?

The term “first-generation” may seem to be the newest buzzword in higher education, yet, it has been actively used for decades. However, shifting populations entering higher education, continual increases in first-generation college student enrollment, debate surrounding rising tuition and costs, and genuine desires for a rise in graduation rates and a better prepared workforce has positioned the experiences of first-generation college students as a renewed focus across postsecondary education.

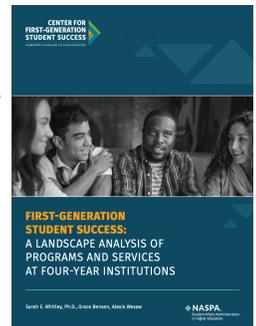
Visit firstgen.naspa.org to explore robust resources, to better understand the first-generation student experience, engage with research and data, identify support strategies, and explore why advancing first-generation student success is a desirable outcome. Below highlights the Research & Policy as well as the News & Blogs tabs.

RESEARCH & POLICY

Dedicated first-generation research allows for evidence-based decision-making that is critical to student success. The **Research & Policy** section of our website highlights both foundational research and recent scholarship that informs understanding of the student experience, institutional approaches to programming, and identification of supports and barriers for first-generation students. Timely updates on public policy discussions shaping first-generation student success are also provided. In addition to the filters in this section, please utilize the “search” bar in the top, right corner to search by keyword, author name, or publication title.

Content Type Category Topic

The report, *First-generation Student Success: A Landscape Analysis of Programs and Services at Four-year Institutions*, lead by the Center for First-generation Student Success, details how institutions are serving first-generation students, the challenges institutions encounter in providing support, and how first-generation students perceive their institutional experience. Click [here](#) to read the full report and executive summary.



NEWS & BLOGS

Find the latest from the Center under the **News & Blogs** section of the website, learn new and innovative approaches from colleagues, and engage with current mainstream media conversations on first-generation student success. In addition to the filters provided, please utilize the “search” bar in the top, right corner of our site to search by keyword, author name, or publication title.

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