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### **Center for First-generation Student Success Announces New Grant from the Crimsonbridge Foundation**

**WASHINGTON, DC (January 11, 2021)** - The [Center for First-generation Student Success](#), an initiative of NASPA and The Suder Foundation, is pleased to announce a new partnership with the [Crimsonbridge Foundation](#) to advance understanding of the college-to-career journeys of first-generation students.

A one-year grant from the Crimsonbridge Foundation will support a joint effort by the Center and RTI International to create a fact sheet series with national data on career preparation pathways and post-completion outcomes for first-generation students. The new fact sheets will address various dimensions of this critical but understudied topic, such as if and how first-generation students use campus career planning services; the role of extracurricular activities in job market preparation; the channels through which first-generation students secure jobs upon graduation; and first-generation students' post-completion trajectories, including graduate school enrollment.

As part of the project, the Center also will produce evidence-based resources for higher education leaders, professionals, scholars, and faculty members who want to support first-generation student career preparation efforts on campus. Planned resources include an issue brief with summary points and actionable recommendations for practice, as well as a short guide to help practitioners and scholars gather comparable first-generation student-focused career preparation data from their own institutions. The project will culminate in summer 2021 with a Center-hosted online learning event featuring experts in first-generation student career preparation programs and activities.

"So many organizations, including our partners, are hungry for national benchmarks on career outcomes for first-generation college students," said Danielle M. Reyes, Executive Director of the Crimsonbridge Foundation. "The research and development of this practical guide will be an invaluable resource for student affairs professionals at community colleges, universities, and nonprofits."

“Examining how postsecondary institutions support first-generation students in transitioning from college to career is more vital than ever,” said Kevin Kruger, president and CEO of NASPA. “We are deeply grateful to the Crimsonbridge Foundation for investing in the Center’s new research. The knowledge that we produce and share through this project will benefit first-generation students and those who serve them for years to come.”

The project’s fact sheets, issue brief, and practitioner guide will be free and publicly accessible on the Center’s website later this year. Visit our website at [firstgen.naspa.org](http://firstgen.naspa.org) or connect with the Center on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), and [LinkedIn](#) to learn more about our work and how you may engage or partner with us.

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### **ABOUT THE CENTER**

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. Based in Washington, DC, the Center aims to acknowledge the intersectional experiences of first-generation college students. It offers an outlet for sharing cutting-edge research and current media conversations, opportunities for engagement through online learning, conferences, and events, and access to a bevy of programs and services intended to improve first-generation initiatives across higher education.

### **ABOUT NASPA**

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