## First-Generation Students: A Guide



We are thrilled you are an Ichabod! Welcome to Washburn, we are excited and value the knowledge and experience that you are bringing here!



## Why is it important?

They represent



• In Fall 2019, 342 of the 732 total incoming direct from highschool students met the first-gen definition.

"A first-generation student means neither of the student's parents/guardians completed a bachelor's degree regardless of siblings and other relatives."

## **First-Generation WU Resources**

#### **First-Generation Specialist**

- Teaches WU101 for First-Generation students.
- Researches and implements best practices in retention and graduation of first-generation students.
- Advises first-generation student organizations.

#### We Are F1rst

- Official organization for firstgeneration students.
- Provides opportunities for collaboration with first-generation students, faculty, administrators, and community members.
- Organizes meetings and events.

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# First-Generation Living Learning Community

- Receive mentoring from firstgeneration Washburn faculty and staff.
- Monthly in-hall workshops hosted by the Center for Student Success & Retention.
- Students co-enroll in a designated firstgeneration section of Wu101.

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# First-Generation Decal Outreach for Faculty/Staff

• Faculty and staff can receive a First-Gen or First-Gen ALLY office badge.





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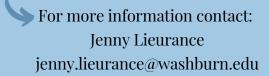
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#### **National First-Generation Day**

- Across the United States, colleges and universities annually celebrate National First-Generation Day on November 8 by recognizing the successes of faculty, staff, and students who are the first in their families to earn a college degree.
- Washburn has participated since 2018.



#### **Ichabod Success Institute**

• Collaboration with Topeka USD #501 schools for incoming first-generation students.

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### **Recognitions:**

- Member of the inaugural First-Gen Forward cohort, recognized by NASPA, for 2019-2020.
- We Are First New Student Organization of the Year, WU's SOAR Awards, 2017
- Ichabod Success Institute: Model of Excellence, University Business, Winter 2016
- Programs to Watch, Excelencia in Education. 2018
- Finalist Ed Excelencia, Excelencia in Education, 2019

#### **Success Coaching**

- Title III Federally funded initiative since Fall 2019.
- Coaches meet with students throughout each semester, access individual strengths and needs, and help students devise personalized plans of action that can facilitate student success.

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## What our First-Gen say about WU:

The faculty and staff make it a really great experience and always let you know it's okay to ask for help and remind you to ask for help when you need it most.

- Precious Jackson

Generous and caring students, faculty, and staff sets Washburn apart from all other colleges. The sense of community is something I haven't found anywhere else.

Warm and welcoming staff and faculty.
They are supportive and encouraging. All staff is always willing to go the extra mile

for a student.
- Jessica De La Rosa

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