

First-Generation Institute

Fall 2022-Spring 2023

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Who We Are:

We collaboratively build a collegial network of faculty, staff, students, and alumni who identify as first-generation and their supporters to promote, support, and advance first-generation student success while ensuring first-generation personal, professional, academic, and social college experiences are woven into the culture and climate of the university. More specifically, the [First-Generation Institute \(FGI\)](#) is an innovative and student-centered program designed to celebrate and promote the retention of and completion rates advancing first-generation college student success while ensuring first-generation experiences are woven into the culture and climate of the university.

Points of Pride

- First-Generation Institute is designated by NASPA and the Suder Foundation allowing Sacramento State to become a first-gen forward institution.
- Annual National First-Generation Celebration Day on November 8.
- Annual first-gen faculty, staff and student awards luncheon.

Data Outcomes

- After participating in the Becoming First series, 94% of students responded that they agreed that the topics were practical and something they can do on their own to improve.
- After participating in the Becoming First series, 88% of students responded that they agreed with the idea that they gained a sense of belonging with other first-generation students.
- After participating in the Becoming First series, 78% of students responded that they agreed with feeling more encouraged to find a mentor.

Signature Programs

- **National First-Generation College Celebration:** Three workshops followed by a meet and greet with first-gen faculty, staff and students with 80 participants.
- **Annual campus First-Gen faculty, staff and student luncheon:** 30 awards presented at afternoon luncheon.

Events and Activities:

- Monthly regional First-Gen Forward institution meetings to discuss annual goals and cross campus collaboration
- Becoming First Series – a three-part speaker series with first-generation professionals

Community Partnerships:

- NASPA
- VSP
- Sierra Health Foundation
- Asian and Black Chamber of Commerce

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Points of Pride:

- Maintained designation as a First-gen Serving Institution by NASPA and the Suder Foundation.
- Campus-wide interest and inquiry to collaborate on topics of First-generation student success.
- Participation in annual NASPA National First-Generation College Day Celebration.

Data Outcomes

- 86% of students indicated being involved in the institute gave them the skills and knowledge needed to prepare for the workforce.
- 85% of students would recommend the institute to other students.
- 72% of students indicated being involved in the institute made them want to try harder in school and graduate.

Signature Programs

- **National First-Generation College Celebration:** Three workshops with 110 student participants.
- **Annual campus First-Gen faculty, staff and student luncheon:** 20 awards presented at afternoon luncheon.

Events and Activities

- Monthly regional First-Gen Forward institution meetings to discuss annual goals and cross campus collaboration.
- Becoming First Series- a four-part speaker series with first-generation professionals.

Community Partnerships:

- NASPA

- Men's Wearhouse
- AT&T
- SMUD
- VSP