



First Generation  
Scholars Network

# First Gen Symposium

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# “I’m First!” Now What?

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# Introduction

- Background Information
- High School First Gen programming and events
- HS-College Partnership
- North Central College Cardinal First Visit Days

# Glenbard West High School - Glen Ellyn, IL

- 2300 total students
- 70% 4-year college bound
- 31% Students First Gen
- 24% Low Income
  
- 8 School Counselors (generalists)
- 75% Counselors are First Gen (6/8)
- 41% Certified Staff are First Gen



# Data Collection



- **Registration Form - Student Demographics in PowerSchool**
  - *Level of education within the household*
  - *None of the parent/guardian(s) have a four year college degree or higher*

tener éxito en la Universidad. Para poder monitorear esta información, le pedimos que nos proporcione la siguiente información:

¿Alguno de los padres/tutores en el hogar tiene un título universitario de cuatro años o superior?


1 or more of the parent/guardian(s) in the household has a four-year college degree or higher

none of the parent/guardian(s) in the household has a four-year college degree or higher

I prefer not to answer

- **I'm First** icon in PowerSchool for all First Gen students

State Grade :11 Glenbard Grade Level: 11

A small version of the "I'm First!" logo, featuring a graduation cap and a speech bubble with the text "I'm First!" inside.

# Positive First Gen School Culture



- District-wide Strategic Plan
- School Profile data for colleges
- Professional Development for Teachers at Institute Day
- College T-Shirt Monday's
- I'm First - classroom signage & pins
- First Gen Kickoff - all First Gen staff invited
- Share events and updates with community

# First Gen Curriculum (Juniors)

## Kick-Off Event

- Introduction to program
- Share data
- Guest Speakers
- Kahoot!
- Overview of the curriculum



# 1ST GEN PROGRAM OVERVIEW

<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>FEBRUARY</b>
10/3- National Hispanic College Fair	1/26 - First Gen Program Kick-off Event	2/12- Intro to College Planning	2/28- Mock Admissions Night	2/29- D87 College Fair
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>MARCH</b>	<b>APRIL</b>	<b>APRIL</b>	<b>AUGUST</b>
3/ 4- Guest Speaker	3/15 - Senior Student Panel	Common App Workshop	4/26 - North Central College Field Trip!	College 101 Summer Class (August 5th and 6th, 2-5pm)

# Additional Support

## Junior Year

- Individual Junior Meetings
- English Classes - College Essay Unit with Juniors
- College 101 Summer School Class for rising Seniors

## Senior Year

- College application workshops during advisory
- Financial aid and award letter workshops

## Other

- Summer Melt
  - Identify First Gen potential melters
  - Summer Melt counselor outreach
- District Office Enrollment Data



# North Central College Partnership

- Admissions Presentation and Campus Tour
- Lunch in the student cafeteria
- Reconnect with former students



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## FIRST-GENERATION STUDENT VISIT DAYS at NCC

### Visit Options:

1. Group Visits (with high school teachers or counselors)
2. Individual Visits on designated days

Schedule visit through the Office of Admissions. Ask specifically to be connected to First-Gen Team.

# Including First-Gen College Student Voice



# Panels with NCC students at local high schools



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What We Know **Now**  
That We Wish  
We Knew **Then**

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What Didn't Go  
Right My First Year &  
**How I Worked Through It**

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Successful College  
Students **Ask for Help**

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Habits in  
**High School**

That Lead to  
Success in **College**

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Setting Yourself Up for  
**Successful Remote Learning**



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Things to Know **Now**  
Prepare for What Comes **Next**



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Thank  
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