



A MOSAIC OF SUCCESS: HIGHER EDUCATION FOR THE NEW MAJORITY

Wednesday, February 15, 2023

9:00am-9:10am

Symposium Welcome

Join us for the launch of the 2023 6th annual First-generation Symposium

9:10am-9:15am

Break

9:15am-10:00am

Changing Campus Culture: First-gen Students at a Predominantly White Institution

Presenters: Jane De León Griffin, Benjamin Longstreth

9:15am-10:15am

TRIO Programs and Beyond: Integrating Student-centric Programs and Strategies

Presenter: Christina Dilkes

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Why (Not) Me? Supporting Students in the New Majority Utilizing Performance Psychology

Presenter: Paul Furtaw, Psy.D.



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Investigating Barriers to Success: Rowan University 3+1 First-generation Students*

Presenter: Nicole Tota

*Also offered on 2/16 at 10:30am

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Supporting First-gen Students in Overcoming Career Readiness Barriers

Presenters: Lisa Cardello, Ed.S., Sofia Abreu, M.Ed., Erica Franklin, M.Ed.

10:30am-10:40am

Break

10:40am-11:25am

The Lessons Learned and Experiences Gained Navigating (Graduate) Student Life as a Dad and Mentoring a First-generation Graduate Student

Presenter: Mitja Trkov, Ph.D.

10:40am-11:40am

The True Cost of First-gen Guilt*

Presenters: Zachary Desjardins, M.S. SAA, MPA, Shannon Sousa, M.S.

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Taking the Journey Together: Academic Advising for First-generation Student Success*

Presenters: Claude Taylor

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Faculty Panel

Panel: Angela Cirucci, Ph.D., Subash Jonnalagadda, Ph.D., Brittany Bronson, M.S., Miles Coleman

11:40am-12:30pm

Break

12:30pm-1:30pm

Leveraging First-gen Assets: Tips and Tricks for Reaching First-gens in the Digital Space

Presenter: Amanda Coltri, M.S.L.

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Creating an Inclusive Environment for First-generation, Transfer Students in Postsecondary Institutions*

Presenter: Andrew Gold, M.A.

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Students in Medicine Panel

Panelists: Carleigh Burns, Patricia Petersen, Naya Lopez, Elena Sierra, Alex Vega

1:45pm-1:55pm

Break

1:55pm-2:40pm

In Search of Student Success: The Journey of One University to Better Support its First-generation College Students

Presenter: Jackie Masloff, Ph.D.

1:55pm-2:55pm

Student Engagement: A Fluid Process with Varied Approaches to Success*

Presenter: Leah A.B. Johnson

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Her-Story: A Narrative Study on the Lived Experiences of First-generation African American Women Who Transfer to a Predominately White Institution

Presenter: DeLithea Davis

1:55pm-2:55pm

Keep Being the First

Presenter: Brittany Bronson, M.S.



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8:45am-9:00am

Welcome Address

The opening remarks will be delivered by Dr. Ali Houshmand, Rowan University President

9:00am-10:15am

Keynote Address: First-gen, Future-ready: Bold, Just & Transformative Actions for Equitable Success

Keynote Speaker: Lindsay Romasanta, Ed.D.

10:15am-10:30am

Break

10:30am-11:15am

Learning English and Striving to Succeed: A Haitian Immigrant's Journey through the K-12 and Higher-Ed Systems

Presenter: Lauwinda Cherilus

10:30am-11:30am

The Piece of Paper is Not a Golden Ticket to Success

Presenter: Sharon McCann



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Luncheon - Enyon Ballroom

At the conclusion of the luncheon, welcome remarks will be delivered by Dr. Kevin Koett, Rowan University Dean of Students, followed by the awarding of this year's recipient for the Excellence in Support & Advocacy of First-Generation Students

12:45pm-2:00pm

First-generation Student Panel

Panelists: Nateria Burrell, Zarqum Masood, Aronday Harden, Sapjah Zapotitla, Ezeikel Abrams



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Supporting Students Who are Raising Children: Candid Conversation on Current Challenges and Successes

Presenters: Cori Brown, Ph.D., Hannah Kye, Ed.D., Leah Walker, M.Ed.

2:15pm-3:15pm

First-gen and Pregnant: The Challenges & Successes of College Students Who Are Parents

Presenter: Lakeisha Carter, Ed.D.

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Closing Remarks

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