



FIRST GENERATION FAMILY FORUM

WELCOME!

Welcome to the **University of Washington Tacoma's First Generation Family Forum Newsletter**. Being a first-gen student means that your parent(s) did not complete a 4-year college or university degree, regardless of other family member's level of education.

Our Office of First Generation Student Initiatives includes Pre-Collegiate programming which is where this newsletter comes into play. This year we plan to release a monthly newsletter to assist **EVERYONE** in navigating our educational system and preparing students for postsecondary education, with an emphasis on First Generation families.



TIPS FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

- **Help your child develop an organizational strategy.**
- **Designate a study space and set a consistent study time.**
- **Buy your child the necessary folders and binders to stay organized.**

CONSISTENCY IS KEY!!

- **Conduct a weekly clean-up.**
- **Keep a master calendar.**
- **Prepare for the week/day ahead.**
- **Provide help and support while your child is learning to become more organized.**
- **Check your child's assignment book daily.**



UW Tacoma takes pride in serving students who are the first in the family to attend college. Many UW Tacoma staff and faculty are also first generation. EACH MONTH WE WILL SHARE the diverse experiences and strengths they bring to our learning community. Get advice about what it takes to achieve your dreams! **LEARN FROM OTHERS WHO HAVE ALREADY ACHIEVED THEIR GOAL EACH MONTH IN OUR FIRST GEN STUDENT SPOTLIGHT!**



<https://www.tacoma.uw.edu/firstgen/we-are-first-generation>



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FIRST GEN STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

"I am a Black man who was raised in poverty surrounded by domestic abuse, drugs, and violence. Statistically speaking, I should not even be steppin onto a college campus let alone walking across that stage to receive my degree. I realized my presence here was the answer to many of my ancestors' prayers. I would end the needless cycle of pain, heartache and abuse. I would transform my family's trajectory." my presence here was the answer to many of my ancestors' prayers. I would end the needless cycle of pain, heartache and abuse. I would transform my family's trajectory."

Once a student has graduated from high school they are left with four postsecondary options. Middle school is a great place to start exploring options for postsecondary educational pathways. It is important to be aware of your choices! Each month we will explore one of the following options.

WHAT IS YOUR 'E'?



ENROLLMENT

EXPLORE

EMPOLYMENT

ENLISTMENT



PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE RESOURCES REGARDING PLANNING FOR POSTSECONDARY PATHWAYS: <https://www.tacoma.uw.edu/pre-collegiate>