First and foremost, we would like to sincerely thank you for attending our event and supporting our efforts to bring awareness to first-generation student issues. Just by attending, you have helped us make the first step towards making real change here at WVU and beyond. Similarly, as much as we value your attendance, we equally appreciate and value your feedback. Thank you!

Have Questions? Want to Get Involved?

- Contact the “Ambassadors for Change” (Honors Course SPTP 293B)
  - Virtual Conversation Host, Transform This! Grant Recipient
  - Description: “Ambassadors for Change in West Virginia” trains students to serve as leaders and allies for first-generation college students in West Virginia. This course formalizes a region-wide effort called the “First 2 Network,” a project spearheaded by multiple institutions around the state and funded as only one of five National Science Foundation (NSF) INCLUDES Alliance projects nationwide.
  - Available Resources (for students): Connections within WVU, Advice from Current WVU Students and Faculty
  - Contact List
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    - Jordan Means - Immunology & Medical Microbiology major; First2 WVU Club Vice-President; jam0128@mix.wvu.edu

- Join the “First2 Network” NSF INCLUDES Alliance
  - Description: “The First2 Network (First2) is a grassroots effort that aims to improve the college enrollment rate and success of undergraduate STEM students, with emphasis on rural first-generation students through their first 2 years of college.
Available Resources (for students): Summer Research Program, Summer Research Mentor, School Year Research, Campus Clubs, etc.
  
  Application (incoming freshman):
  https://first2network.org/students/apprisingfresh
  
  Application (current college students):
  https://first2network.org/students/scholarsapp
  
  Website: https://first2network.org/
  
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TRIO
  
  Description: Students Support Services, a federally funded TRiO, grant program, serves undergraduate students who meet the following program requirements: First-generation college student (neither parent/guardian has graduated from a 4-year institution); Income eligible (as determined annually by the federal government); Or have a disability and be registered with WVU’s Office of Accessibility Services
  
  Available Resources (for students): Individualized Tutoring, Academic Advising, Computer Workstations, etc.
  
  Website: https://sss.wvu.edu/
  
  Apply by emailing: SSS_TRIO@mail.wvu.edu
  
  Contact List
  
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Student Success Services
  
  Description: The Office of Student Success is a part of the Center for Learning, Advising, and Student Success. We offer services and programs that provide academic support for students during their journey at WVU.
  
  Available Resources (for students): Tutoring Centers, Student Success Coaching, Students On the Road To Success (SORTS) Seminars, Mentoring
- Online Tutoring: [https://studentsuccess.wvu.edu/files/d/3631ad22-9e70-400b-8342-a3578e90292a/creating-a-tutoring-appointment.pdf](https://studentsuccess.wvu.edu/files/d/3631ad22-9e70-400b-8342-a3578e90292a/creating-a-tutoring-appointment.pdf)
- Mentoring: [https://wvu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3h2qZwD9IOkBnW](https://wvu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3h2qZwD9IOkBnW)

- **Website:** [https://studentsuccess.wvu.edu/](https://studentsuccess.wvu.edu/)
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**Mountaineer Mentors**
- **Description:** Mountaineer Mentors is an organization with the goal of providing a 1-on-1 counseling service to West Virginia high school students to help them become more competitive applicants for colleges and scholarships.
- **Available Resources (for students):** 1-on-1 counseling/mentoring
- **Contact List**
  - David Laub - *Founder*; djlaub@mix.wvu.edu

**First-Generation Faculty (Eberly College)**
- **Description:** A list of Eberly College faculty that share first-generation status and the associated experience.
- **Available Resources (for students):** Help with an unfamiliar culture with its own language and expectations
- **Link:** [https://eberly.wvu.edu/faculty-and-staff/first-generation-faculty](https://eberly.wvu.edu/faculty-and-staff/first-generation-faculty)

**Other Resources:**
- “The First-Generation Student Experience” book by Jeff Davis
- “Beyond the Bell Tower” Podcast from NC State University