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### First to Fly: Building First Generation Campus Community From the Ground Up

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# First to Fly

*Building First Generation Campus Community  
from the Ground Up*

**Claude Taylor and Jenna Fleming**

**Monmouth University**

*Flying First-First Generation Symposium*

*February 13, 2020*

# First to Fly: First Generation at Monmouth



# Session Agenda

- Our First to Fly Story
- Our Efforts to Build Community
- Graduate Student Perspective on First Generation Support
- Next Steps...
- Q&A



# Our First to Fly Story

***First to Fly: First Generation at Monmouth*** represents a set of student-centered campus initiatives and programs designed to offer ***academic, social, and personal*** support for students at Monmouth who identify as first-generation.

# Our First to Fly Story

The central objective of these initiatives is to help first-generation students ***identify, develop, and maintain the competencies they may need to persist to graduation within a community of support.***

First to Fly wants to help first generation students thrive at Monmouth, not just survive.

# First to Fly Timeline (2017-2020)



## New Position

- 2017 Launch
- Designated point person
- Housed in Academic Affairs



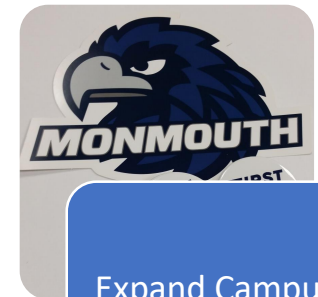
## Research and Visibility

- FG Data Analysis
- First Gen Student Summit
- Logo/ Mark



## Build Infrastructure

- Pilot Programs
- Establish Student Organization



## Expand Campus Community Involvement

# Center the First-Generation Student Voice and Experience







# Celebrate First Generation Identity



JOIN *FIRST TO FLY* AS WE CELEBRATE FIRST GENERATION  
STUDENT SUCCESS AT MONMOUTH  
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 8TH 2019 11:30-2PM  
RSSC-STUDENT CENTER PATIO  
(RAIN LOCATION RSSC FIRST FLOOR)

**FIRST-  
GENERATION**  November 8  
COLLEGE CELEBRATION



**FIRST  
TO FLY**  
*First Generation  
at Monmouth*

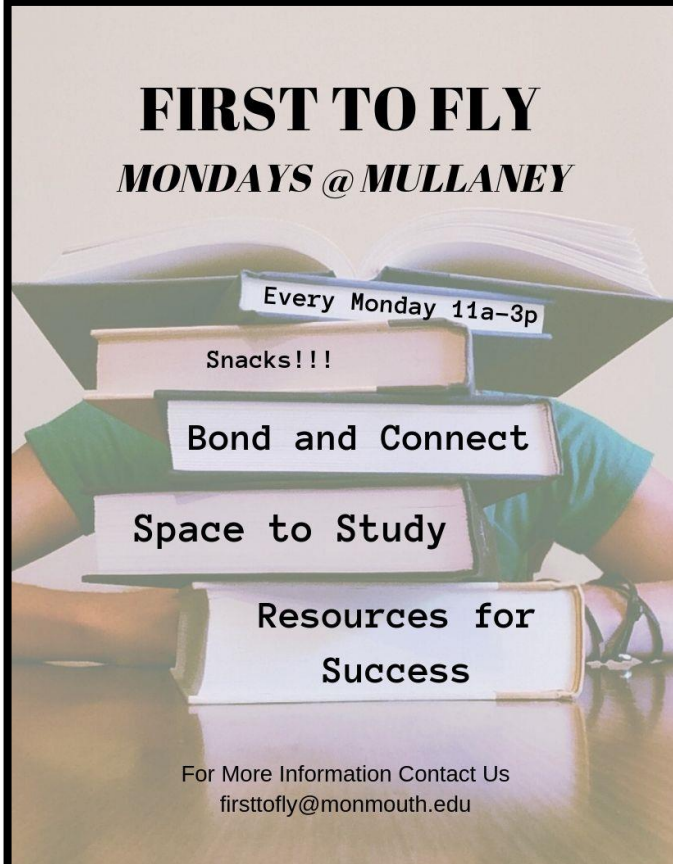
# Celebrate First Generation Identity



# Encourage First Gen Leadership



# Make First Gen Inclusion a Priority



**FIRST TO FLY**  
**MONDAYS @ MULLANEY**

Every Monday 11a-3p

Snacks!!!

Bond and Connect

Space to Study

Resources for  
Success

For More Information Contact Us  
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FIRST TO FLY: FIRST GENERATION AT MONMOUTH

**FIRST TO FLY  
MEET & GREET  
RECEPTION**

Stop by for light refreshments and to learn more  
about First Generation Student Support at MU

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 5TH  
4:30 PM - 5:30 PM  
CLUB DINING ROOM-MAGILL COMMONS

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# Connect to Campus Community



## **First to Fly** **First Generation at Monmouth** **Mentor Community**


Join us to help first generation students thrive at Monmouth University



*First to Fly* is seeking volunteers to join our mentoring community to support first generation students at Monmouth. This mentor community is open to members of the campus interested in supporting first generation students in a mentor role. There are a range of mentor roles available within the community.

**For more information or to get involved contact**  
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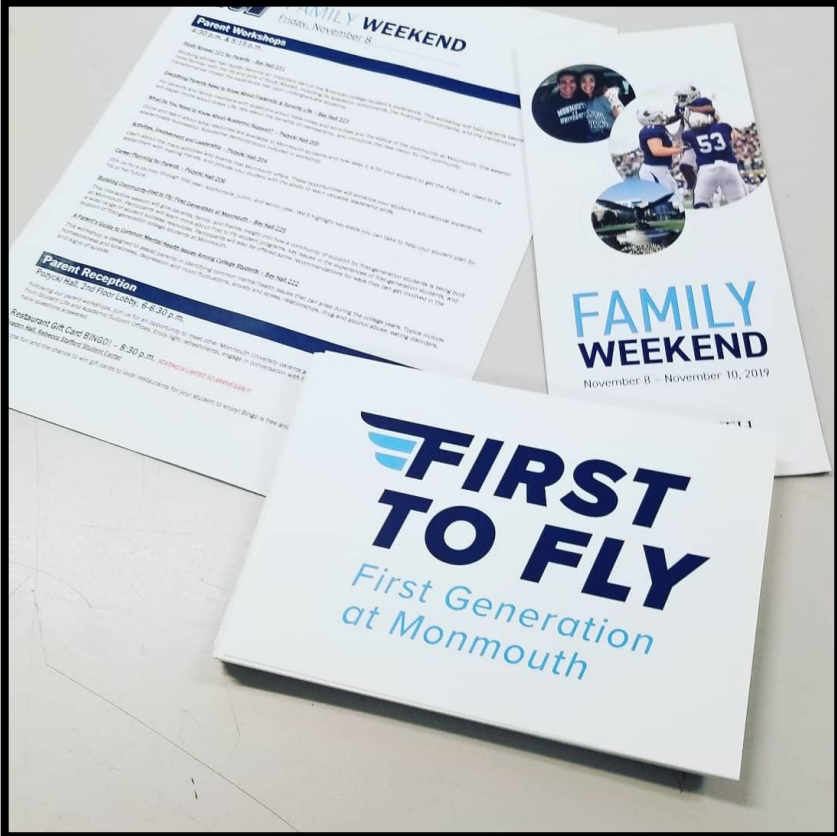
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**FIRST IN THE FAMILY  
TO GO TO COLLEGE?**

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**Parent Workshops**  
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**FAMILY WEEKEND**  
November 8 - November 10, 2019

**FIRST TO FLY**  
First Generation at Monmouth

# Graduate Student Perspective

Jenna Fleming First to Fly Graduate Assistant



# First to Fly-*Next Steps*



## **CENTER FOR FIRST-GENERATION STUDENT SUCCESS**

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# Question & Answer



Thank you!

 **FIRST**  
**TO FLY**

*First Generation  
at Monmouth*