

First-Generation Symposium Friday, March 26, 2021

Agenda and Event Sessions

9–9:15 a.m.

Presenter: Nicolas P. Simon
Moderator: Maribel Sanchez

Opening of the Symposium

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9:15–9:45 a.m.

Presenter: Elsa Núñez

The Vision of President Núñez

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10–10:45 a.m.

Presenter: Dr. Stacey Close
Moderator: Safa Danesh

The Vision of Eastern Administrators

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11 a.m.–Noon

First Session **see below**

Noon–1:00 p.m.

Presenter: Dr. Ashley Rondini
Moderator: Tara Nguyen

Lunch and Key Note Speaker

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1–2:00 p.m.

Second Session **see below**

2–3:00 p.m.

Third Session **see below**

3–3:20 p.m.

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Closing of the Symposium

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First Session

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Art Transform the World and Serves First-Generation College Students

“First-Gen is Best-Gen”

Presenter: Yulia Tikhonova

“Engaging Students Through Performing Arts”

Presenters: Kristen A. Morgan & DeRon S. Williams

Moderator: Shaheera Khan

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Best Practices to Support First-Generation College Students

“Writing Center – Undergrad Research on Writer”

Presenter: Robert Murray

“OER as a Student Success Strategy”

Presenter: Kevin Corcoran

Moderator: Roussel Jerome

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Eastern Alumni First-Generation College Students Panel

“Eastern Alumni First-Generation College Students”

Panelists: Brittanymarie Barber, Starsheemar Byrum, Clifford Marrett, Maribel Sanchez, Kemesha Wilmot

Moderator: Madison Cotner

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Second Session

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Eastern Centers, A Fundamental Support to First-Generation College Students

“The Academic Success Center: Support the Academic Journey”

Presenters: Alison Garewski, Damali Abbsensetts, Darius Turner

“The Mentee-Mentor Relationship, or How Institutional Actors Can Pave the Path to Success”

Presenters: Nicolas Diaz & Clifford Marrett

Moderator: Annie Audige

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Research Done by Eastern’s Faculty to Support First-Generation College Students

“First Generation College Students at Eastern Computer Science”

Presenter: Kehan Gao & Sarah Tasneem

“College Graduates in Connecticut: The Psychology of Major Choice and Wage Differentials”

Presenters: Brianna Halladay, Margaret Letterman, & Maryanne Clifford

Moderator: Jocelyn Teoyotl-Rayon

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Identifying, Using, and Developing Resources to Succeed in Higher Education

“A Professor Shares Lessons Learned as a First-Generation College Student”

Presenter: Kim Ward

“Promoting First-Generation College Students, or How to Use your Social and Cultural Capital to Succeed in College”

Presenter: Nicolas P. Simon, Safa Danesh, Zaira Hernandez, Jack Irvine, & Jean Rienzo

Moderator: Nicolas P. Simon

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Third Session (Student Presentation)

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm

The Voices of First-Generation College Students Parental Education and Intersectionality

“African-American Students in a Predominantly White Institution, or How the Intersection of Gender, Ethnicity, Culture and Parental Education Affect African-American Conformity, Assimilation, and Resistance”

Presenter: Janell Martin

“How the Model Minority Myth Impacts First-Generation Asian-American College Students”

Presenter: Tara Nguyen

Moderator: Annie Audige

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