

FIRST-GENERATION DRAGONS

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Name: Sidney Marsman, First-Generation College student and First-Year Undergraduate

Hometown: Ravenna, Michigan, USA

Advice for incoming first-generation college students: Don't be so stressed, you have more free time than you think and it isn't as hard as people tell you. Stay motivated and give your best effort in everything.

Motivation to go to college: I was motivated to go to college because I am passionate about the career that I want to go into and want to make a difference in the world.

Biggest lesson learned thus far: I have learned so much about time management and how to be an independent person.

Activities: Soul Purpose Women's Ministries, Women's Soccer, The Innocence Project

Someone at TU who has made your experience easier: Isabel Hammond, she is an alumni from my same high school and she has been the big sister I never had. She has answered so many questions and been extremely helpful.



Name: Sarah McClain, First-Generation College Student and Graduate Student

Hometown: Massillon, OH

Advice for students: Talk to people who have gone to college. Since no family member had attended, I didn't know how to choose a major, when to start applying, and how much it would cost depending on school.

The biggest lesson in college: Taking school day by day. Some days are better and easier than others, but even the bad days bring you one day closer to your goals.

Motivation to go to college: My high school calculus teacher Mr. Kilgore. He really motivated everyone to do their best in a challenging class. I had a conversation with him one day that he probably doesn't even remember, but it was a pivotal moment in helping me realize that college was for me. He told me that I was a bright student and that I should go to school and major in math (his running joke for most students). That conversation pushed me to look into local colleges and apply. I now have two bachelor's degrees and am really excited to be earning my Master's degree at Tiffin.

Someone at TU who made your college experience easier: My advisor, Erin Conti, has been so kind in helping me plan my classes according to what I have going on in my life.



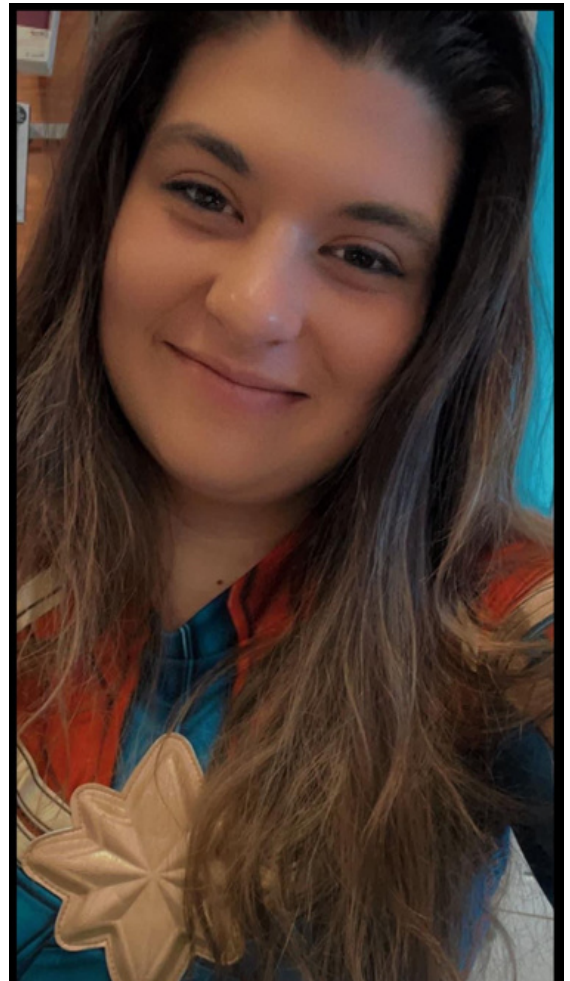
Name: Kyley Sigman, First-Generation College Student and Dual Enrollment Student for undergrad and an MS in Forensic Psychology

Hometown: Bucyrus, Ohio

Biggest lesson in college: Be yourself even if you don't fit in. Focus on why you're here.

Motivation to go to college: My family are big motivators as well as having a degree to get somewhere else in life.

Advice for students: Stay motivated and on top of things, don't let one bad grade affect you too much it doesn't define who you are.



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