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A Letter from the Editors

WELCOME BACK!

We hope that you all had restful winter breaks and are enjoying being back on campus.

This past weekend we held our second annual ***First-Gen Retreat*** centered on themes of identity, narrative, and inclusivity. The retreat opened up with a dinner that was attended by many faculty and staff; showing a lot of support to our First-Gen community. Following the dinner, we had an incredible array of faculty panelists who told personal stories of resilience and encouraged each of us to keep striving towards our goals.

We engaged in a number of workshops centered on personal identity and inter-ethnic solidarity that deeply strengthened the bonds between everyone who participated in the retreat.

In this newsletter you will have the opportunity to read student reflections from the retreat that were produced in a creative and thoughtful Zine-Making Workshop led by our very own first-gen student, Evelyn Gonzalez '18.

The zine pages take many different forms and capture a breadth of lived experiences, but the community that binds us brings these narratives together as one. We hope that you will be moved by our students' words and strength.

Extremely thankful and proud to be part of this community,

Daniela Canas Baena '16 and Juliana Canas Baena '16
Program Co-Interns

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Parting Words for February



Thank you so much to all the faculty and staff that joined us for dinner. We truly appreciate all the support you provide to this community!

A Time for Identity, Narrative, and Inclusivity:

Second Annual First-Gen @ Scripps Retreat

February 5-6, 2016 – Sallie Tiernan Field House

As mentioned above, after much planning and anticipation, the First-Gen @ Scripps Program launched its second annual retreat during the first weekend of February 2016. We had a great time, reflected on who we are, where we come from, and how our lived experiences inform our identities. In so doing, we were able to move from understanding our individual identities toward building interethnic solidarity across identities. We wanted to share the beauty of the retreat experience with the whole campus, so without further ado, here are some photos from the retreat!



You will find the pages of our second annual First-Gen @ Scripps Retreat Zine below!



PUSH

We want more.

BEAUTY

Some things have the power to make me feel unique. They make me proud of where I came from while never forgetting where I am.

HELLO my name is

of the 1st Generation

VOICES

Inspired

PASSIONATE

ORIGINAL

Leading Roles

GREAT

**SOMETHING
IGNITE**

EXPRESS

In Between

**SPEAK
OUT**

TODAY.

for **CLEARER
TOMORROW.**

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Being Latina never goes out of season

The View

¿Morena?
Tú no eres.
No sabes español.
No eres de México.
No eres de allá.

White Girl?
No you're not.
You speak English "well".
Go back.
You're not from here.

Esa gringa, ella quiere ser Chicana.
Esa gringa, ella piensa que ella entiende.
No te queremos. Sal.

Brown Girl, she thinks she's white.
Brown Girl, she thinks she can fit in here.
We don't want you here.

Quiero ser lo que soy.
White, but brown.
Morena, pero blanca.
I'm not behind or across the fence.
Pero, ni de aquí ni de allá.



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Estoy aquí para mí.

I am here for the ones like me.

Yo puedo, nosotros podemos, estar aquí.

We belong.

¿Dónde? No sé.

Our culture rejects us.

Ningún lado no nos quiere.

What do we do?

Nosotros vivimos. Vivimos para nosotros.

I write for the people who need it.

Personas viven en el mundo sin una casa.

People are searching for the ones like them.

Nosotros aquí. Nosotros te esperamos.

Not from here, not from there

Mi amiga me dice,

ni de aquí ni de allá.

-C.S.

Keep
growing
!!!



Lost.

¡Estamos
aquí!

BRAINS

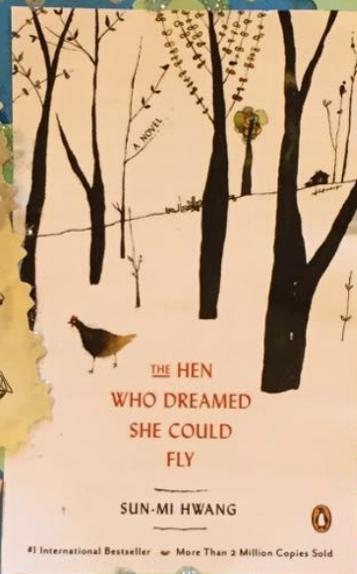
LOVE &

SLEEP

SELF-CARE

I had
dreams of
my own

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Be

you

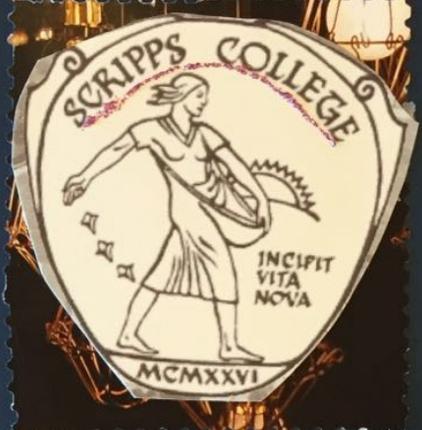


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SOMETHING
WORTH
FIGHTING FOR



We are
Warriors



We WON'T
FIT THE MOLD

We will

Stand

TOGETHER



we are a diverse community

cultivate

Open

inclusive

Christian

environment

HEALTHY 21
LATINA
1st GEN SISTER
FRIEND
FEMINIST
HAPPY
CHRISTIAN
TWIN
DAUGHTER

"TRUE FAITH IS STRENGTHENED THROUGH CRITICAL ANALYSIS AND INTELLIGENT DISCUSSION"



BRAINS

HONOR EmPOWER

LOVE

HAPPY OF YOU

What I Learned
I discover new things every single month—but in September the lessons come fast and furious.

Still Standing.

85

WE ARE

1st Generation

Stay

1 IN 950

GETTING BACK IN SYNC

Inspiring

MADE WITH PRIDE
CRAFTED WITH

PROTECT

PASSION
REMOTE
AREA

WE A RIGHT
unstoppable

History in the Making

Get Up, Stand Up!

FIND NEW ROADS



How To Turn Your Anger Into Action

DISCUSS

on Track

Leaders

Impact

Support

United Front CONTRIBUTORS

“...It is our job to disturb the comfortable. To force those who consider themselves blissfully unaffected to engage, acknowledge, learn, witness, and act.”

HONOR

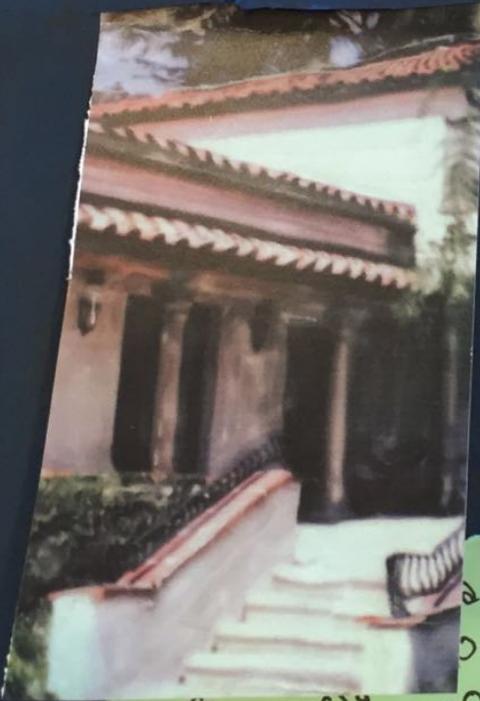
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Respect given to someone who is admired; a showing of merited respect.

SPIRIT OF EXCELLENCE

Si sólo fuera una vez,
quisiera saber lo que es
conocer el mundo
así como lo conoces tú.

WHAT DO YOU KNOW?



Caminas
nos miras hacia
y sigues tu camino.

Nancy Vigil

Silent
Ashamed
Failed

I am so sorry

Disrespected
Disowned
Disempowered

I'm sorry for you too

unashamed

Ignorant

And Blissful.

You walk away,
unaffected.

you don't feel what I do?

Be grateful,
you don't have to feel
the way I do,
live the way I do
see the way I do.

crouching
Afraid
Doubtful
Out of place.

HOW HEAVY IS YOUR LOAD?

ENDURANCE

Thriving

EATHE

BELOUD



preparing for college.

"NOTHING IS AN ISOLATED INCIDENT"

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esperanza

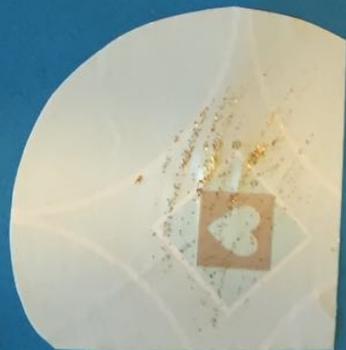
CULTURE



fuerza

LEARNING
LOVE &

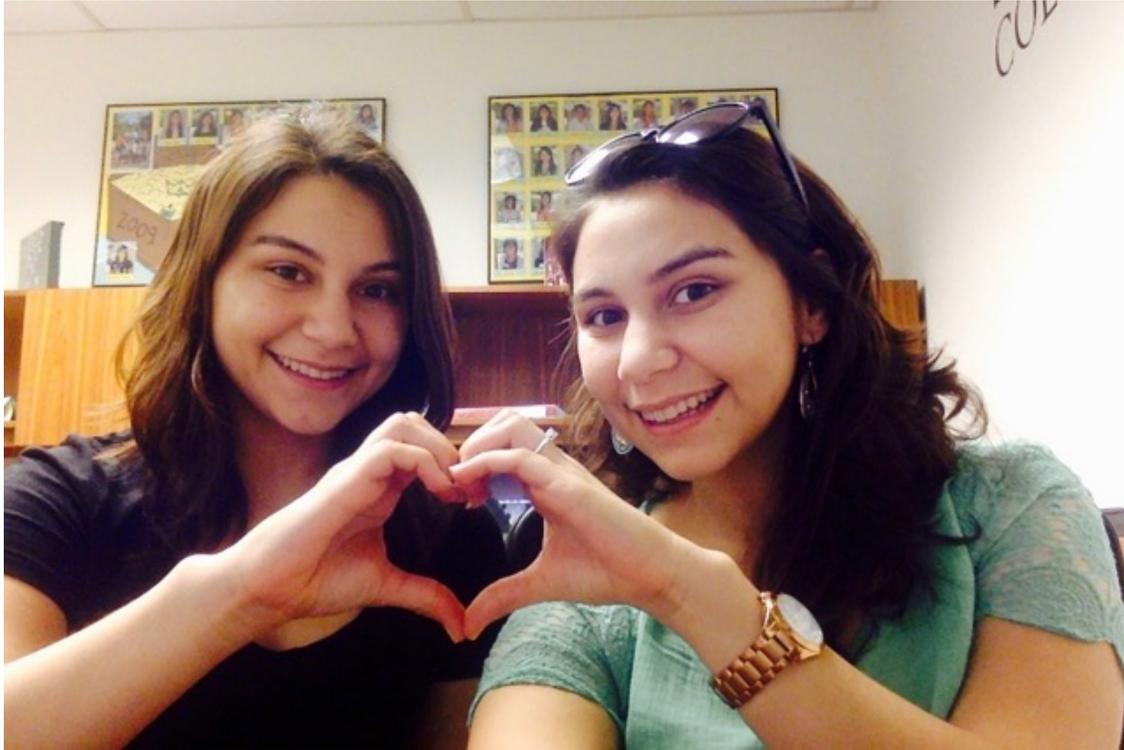
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Ariene Ortiz

Parting Words

Our identity is constantly being shaped by the new experiences we have; it's an ever-evolving aspect of what makes us each unique. At the retreat we had the opportunity to share with our fellow first-gen peers different aspects of our identity and we were reminded of just how vibrant, fearless, and loving this community is. Thank you to all who participated, we hope this experience was as amazing for you as it was for us!



Sending everyone some love as we finish the newsletter, hope you enjoy it!

UPCOMING FIRST-GEN EVENTS:

- **February:**
 - **Faculty-Student Lunch 11:30am-1pm Thurs. 18th, Dean of Students Office Conf. Room**
 - **Study Abroad Discussion with Neva Baker and Patricia Guenther-Gleason followed by a Busting it Open: Study Abroad*. Event begins at 5PM, Wed. 24th, Malott North Meeting Room.**

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We Want to Hear From You!

To inspire our readers and recognize your accomplishments, we would like to feature your story in one of our upcoming newsletters. Please send us a personal article or poem depicting your experience as a first-gener to firstgeneration@scrippscollege.edu.