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## A Letter from the Editors

Hello Scripps Community,

We are already in the second month of the year, and time is flying by! For this newsletter, our very casual theme is “Firsts,” so for this month we are focusing on the *first gen first* years! The theme allowed us to reflect on our own first gen experiences and hopefully reminds you of all that you’ve been a part of thus far. Thinking back to our own first year on campus, we agreed that the first gen community was incredibly welcoming and an indispensable part of our time here. We hope that incoming and current first gen students also feel included in this community.

We are very excited to be the Co-Interns for the First-Generation @ Scripps Program and are honored to continue advocating for and celebrating first generation students.

We also want to extend ourselves as resources and support systems with everything going on in regards to DACA, the hurricanes in Texas, the Caribbean, Central America, and the earthquakes in Mexico and Central America. Please remember that the First-Gen Team wants to support you and help you. Please do not hesitate in reaching out, and remember to check in with one another.

We also want to give a big thank you to Daniela Canas Baena, Leslie Schnyder, Michelle Decker, and Mary Hatcher Skeers (<3) for all of the work they put into guiding us and making this program such a success.

We hope you enjoy our very *first* newsletter of the year, and we look forward to connecting with you at events or around campus!

Lots of love,

Evelyn and Clarisse

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# First Look at the First Gen First Years: Our Biggest Cohort, Class of 2021

Big News! We have the largest number of First Generation students in the Class of 2021, and we couldn't be more excited about the future of the First Gen Program! We wanted to see how the class is transitioning and who they are/ what they are doing in the first month of the school year. Here are some of the responses we got:

## Potential Majors:

Africana studies  
Anthropology  
Biology (2)  
Chicanx/Latinx Studies (2)  
Computer science  
Economics (2)

Human Biology  
International relations (3)  
Legal Studies (3)  
Media studies (3)  
Molecular Biology  
Neuroscience (2)

Philosophy  
Psychology (4)  
Sociology  
Undecided (7)

## Classes:

Besides taking Core I, here are some of the classes students are taking.

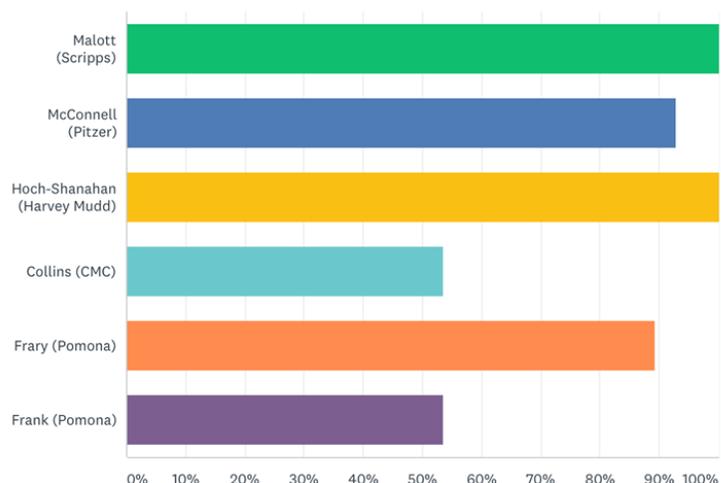
Writing 50  
-Too Much Information  
-Me versus the Garlic Bread She Told  
-You Not to Worry About  
-Women Writing Children's Lives  
Rhetoric of the Real  
-Distribution of Justice  
-Writing for Social Change  
-Wealth Gap  
-Writing Women's History  
Gender Race and Class  
Intro to Drawing  
Intro to Digital Art  
Intro to Macroeconomics  
Intro to Biology

Advanced Tennis  
Basic Principles of Chemistry  
Calculus  
Chicano Music Experience  
Clay, Collaboration, and  
Cooperation  
Colonial Latin American History  
Contemporary Chicana Literature  
Elementary German  
French I  
History of Aesthetics  
History of Photography  
Intro to Biology and Chemistry (IBC)  
Indigenous Women: Representation  
and Struggles

Modern Dance  
Intro to Social Anthropology  
Intro to Africana Studies  
Intro to Chemistry  
Intro to Gender Studies  
Intro to Philosophy  
Intro to Physics  
Intro to Psychology  
Intro to US Politics  
Korean I  
Orchestra  
Queer Film Studies  
Spanish I

## Dining Halls:

We asked student which of the dining hall they have been to so far. They are making great progress already!



## Jobs:

Tiernan Fieldhouse  
Denison Library  
Scripps College Academy  
Mailroom  
SAGE Office

Balch Office Assistant  
Dance Department  
The Motely  
The Student Life  
Honnold Mudd Library

Pomona Seaver Theatre  
Scripps Tutor  
Upward Bound

**Motley Drinks:** About 78% of first gen students have visited the Motely, thus far. Here are a few drinks they had.

Bowl of Soul  
London Fog  
Burning Willow Smoothie  
White Hot Chocolate  
Dark Hot Chocolate

Hazelnut Latte  
Vanilla Latte  
Caramel Latte  
Matcha Cha Cha  
Mango Pineapple Smoothie

Salted Caramel Latte  
Ol' Yeller  
Chai tea  
Iced dirty chai  
Orange Caesar

## CLORGS:

OBSA  
Refugee Action Network  
Pomona College Choir  
Planned Parenthood  
Café con Leche  
First Gen <3  
CLSA  
Watu Weusi  
Hillel  
Vietnamese Student Association  
KSPC  
BSU  
A-Team  
5C Science Bus

Food Recovery Network  
Orchestra  
College Community Action Network  
OTL  
Refresh Bolivia  
QuestBridge Scholars  
Calremont Colleges Fighting Cancer  
Mock Trial  
PAYS College Advising  
Community Service at Mountain  
View Elementary  
AASP  
Leadership and Engagement in  
Gender and Sexuality (LEGS)

Prison Abolition  
roots.  
Black Womyn's Collective  
SAS  
CASA  
FoRCES  
Salsa club  
Rooftop Gardening  
Babes and Blankets  
AMSA  
Pan African Student Association  
AASU

## Sports First Gen students play:

Rugby

Cross Country and Track

Field Hockey

Club Tennis

Volleyball



Check out some of our first year students hanging at Malott together

# Thoughts of Pre-Orientation 2017-2018

"PreO was amazing I met so many great people and was given lots of useful information. Wow I love all of the PreO peeps." - **Florencia Varsalona**

"I thought it was a great opportunity to get settled into our new dorms and meet new people! Evelyn and Clarisse are amazing!" – **Loise Velazquez**

"I loved it for many different reasons: it gave me a head start on knowing all the different types of resources on campus and it was very helpful to have representatives from different places on campus to come and speak to us about college life. I got the chance to meet so many amazing people that come from different backgrounds. It's nice to have a group of people that were here from the start and I can count on them whenever I need a friend~" - **Chantal Balta**



"I really enjoyed my experience at Pre-Orientation. I met a lot of people who I consider my friends now and was introduced to the support systems that were available to me. The sessions and workshops really stressed the resources that were there to help us navigate space as first-gen students, and... did a lot in helping me to acclimate to Scripps a little bit faster. I went into orientation a lot more prepared and able than I would have had I not attended Pre-Orientation. (11/10 would recommend ;))" - **Tselot Aklilu**



"I am so grateful for Pre-Orientation. I flew from Texas on my own and I was really nervous to get here and not know anybody. Pre-Orientation helped me settle and understand that I'm meant to be here. I felt encouraged, welcomed, and supported." - **Daisy Hernandez**

"It was extremely informative and connected me to my closest friends! I am incredibly glad that I came, and I highly recommend this program to all first-generation students on campus!" - **Ann Ly**



"Loved it!!! I met some of the greatest people there!!!" - **Citlalli Vivar**

"I found Pre-Orientation really helpful because I got to know the different resources available to me and how to access them. I also really like building a community with the other first gen students and having people relate to my background." – **Luci Diaz**

# First-Gen Mentor-Mentee Mixer!





We're so glad folks could join us for our Mentor/Mentee Mixer.

We hope that you all continue to build bonds and community with one another. Enjoy these beautiful photos from the event.



## MEET THE FIRST-GEN TEAM

From left to right: Daniela Canas Baena, Mary Hatcher-Skeers, Leslie Schnyder, Michelle Decker, Evelyn Gonzalez, Clarisse Salazar.



*Our first picture together after finding out we were this year's First Gen Co-Interns!*

**We've had a lot of firsts on this campus, and we'd like to share a few:**

**Evelyn**

First Motely Drink: Berry Manilow

First Event: Frosh Aid at Pomona

First All-Nighter: October 14, 2014

First Class I Attended: Intro Italian

First Residence Hall: Kimberly

**Clarisse**

First Motely Drink: Hot Chocolate

First Event: Frosh Aid at Pomona

First All- Nighter: April 7, 2015

First Class I Attended: Core I

First Residence Hall: Kimberly

*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](mailto:firstgeneration@scrippscollege.edu)