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Think about a situation where you had no idea what to expect. What was it? How did you feel

What would you have wanted to know to better prepare you for the situation or experience?



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# The First Gen. Experience



Various Backgrounds



Many paths to Higher Ed



Differing Resources



Differing Ideas
About Education



Meaningful College Experience

### What is the "Ideal" First Gen. Student?



BIASES AND ASSUMPTIONS



**LOW INCOME** 



UNDERPREPARED



**NEEDY/ LACKING** 



NOTHING TO CONTRIBUTE



STREET SMART

# Pre-Immersion Experience



SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAM



IN RESIDENCE



FOCUS ON SKILLS AND REFLECTIVE PRACTICE



2 COURSES: MATH AND ENGLISH



RAPTOR 101

### Shift from Skills to Reflective Practice











STUDENT ROLE

### The Shift

Reflection grounds the student in their own experience. They can build on this experience over time.



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## Curriculum



Who am I?



Why am I here?



Where am I going?



Who can help me?

## Tool Kit



FINANCIAL LITERACY



CULTURAL AND SOCIAL CAPITAL



REFLECTION AND CRITICAL THOUGHT



ESSENTIAL LEARNER SKILLS



SUCCESSFUL EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES



**FOCUS PLAN** 

# Takeaways

Study and understand the population

Don't dismiss their previous experiences

Create activities and artifacts students can take with them and use

Build an inclusive environment

Plan for diversity

High Impact Practices

Take time to collaborate with faculty

(Kuh and O'Donnell, 2013)



# Questions

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