

# Building First-Generation Campus Advocates: Who, When, How

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# First-Gen Advocates: Who?

- Financial Aid
- Bursar
- Residential Life
- Counseling Services
- Faculty
- Intercultural Center
- Academic Affairs Admin (Deans, Provost Office)
- Student Advocates
- Student Life
- Academic Advisors
- Support Services (Tutoring, Writing Services, Career Services, etc.)
- Social Media and Web Design
- Help Desk

Looks like everyone and anyone? Well it is!

Three main categories:

- 1) Programmatic Support
- 2) Academic Support
- 3) Financial Support



# First-Gen Advocates: **When?** from application to graduation

## **Proactive**

- First Gen Identity
- Asking the hard questions
- Transition Points
  - First 6 weeks of semester
  - Admissions/application questions and documentation
  - “Low Risk” Days for Campus Culture: New Student Orientation, Accepted Student Day, Family Weekend

## **Reactive**

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# First-Gen Advocates: How?

*Unity  
in the  
Community*

- Personal connections
- Sharing student success
- Sharing what the concerns are with questions and offer solutions
- Find how YOU can help others (other offices, other projects, other professionals, etc.)
- Be a reliable resource
- Making the invisible visible
- Build community (yours, your depts and your scholars)

# Best Practices(*at Monmouth*)

- Volunteer at events outside department and division
  - Building your social capitol!
- Have lunch or zoom with office to ask questions and get to know more about their practices
- Join professional associations (NACADA, NASPA, etc.)
  - Get involved! Start simple... but start!
- Follow professional social media accounts



# Virtual Roundtable

Building First-Gen Advocates Discussion