FTG Launches Fall Learning Community

The First To Go Learning Community is a community designed to bring together select first gen students to allow them to discover, experience, and transition to LMU life together. Students are given the opportunity to take courses with their peers and with participation from faculty and staff that are also first generation.

Courses offered:
English 110 College Writing (Section 58) - Required course for LMU freshmen, taught by Dr. La'Tonya Rease Miles, ARC Director. Course theme is on work and community.

LIBA 170 Course (Section 07) - A one unit class held weekly in which students will learn how to navigate LMU on a more personal level with peers, faculty and staff who are also first generation. Co-facilitated by Marisa Cervantes and Yara Hidalgo, students in the First To Go program.

There will also be a transfer student specific course taught in the spring semester.

The First to Go Program’s Summer Research Project

This summer, First To Go students Marisa Cervantes, Valerie Nario and Kelly Velasquez, are participating in the Summer Undergraduate Research Program. While each student is focusing on the general topic of what it means to be a first generation college student, each student is handling a particular research component taking them in different directions. Marisa and Valerie, with the help of their advisor Dr. La'Tonya Rease Miles, are working on improving the experiences of first generation college students at LMU while Kelly, with her advisor Paul Jimenez, is working on transfer student research. We are all very proud of the work these FTG students are doing this summer to help promote awareness of the FTG experience.

Summer Information Sessions

As part of First To Go’s commitment to increasing students’ awareness of internship and graduate school options, FTG has arranged two luncheons to support this goal. On June 14, students had lunch with Allison Fujii, graduate student from CSU-Long Beach, and mentor Paul Jimenez. On July 7, Dr. Rease Miles’ former student, Aminta Aparicio, and Alycia McCullough and Dan Almeida from the Career Development Services will talk to students about research and internship opportunities.

STUDENTS NOW ABLE TO APPLY ONLINE

To facilitate an easier and more efficient method of applying to the program, an online application form for First To Go is now up and running on the First To Go webpage. The page can be accessed through ARC’s website: www.lmu.edu/arc/