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Welcome Class of 2023!

Dear Member of the Class of 2023,

My name is Robert McGowan, and I currently serve as the Program Coordinator for THRIVE, a new initiative designed to celebrate and support those of you who identify as first-generation college students. On behalf of my colleagues in the Center for Student Engagement, I wanted to welcome you to the University of Scranton, and congratulate you on being the first in your family to attend college!

In addition to welcoming you, I wanted to take a moment to share some information regarding the THRIVE program and what it means to be a first-generation college student at Scranton.



The THRIVE Program

The THRIVE Program is a new initiative designed to both celebrate and support first-generation students (those whose parents did not attend college or complete a college degree) throughout their time at the University of Scranton.

THRIVE EVENTS

The THRIVE Program hosts bimonthly programs designed to provide first-gen students with information on a variety of topics, including:

- Financial Wellness
- Academic Planning
- Stress Management
- Study Skills



THRIVE Experiences

Our office offers several co-curricular experiences for first-gen students during the Fall Semester, including:

- IMPACT! (an overnight leadership development retreat)
- Scranton Emerging Leaders Program (SEL, a semester-long leadership development course)

These experiences are designed to provide you with the skills you'll need to succeed on campus, while allowing you to meet fellow first-gen students, faculty, and staff!





Getting Involved

Students interested in the THRIVE Program may participate by:

- Attending biweekly programs
- Registering for IMPACT! and SEL
- Joining our Advisory Board
- Applying for a Student Coordinator position

Staying in the Loop

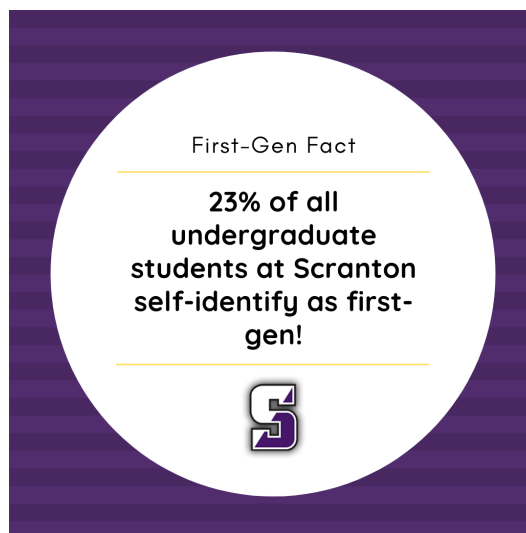
For information on upcoming events and involvement opportunities, please check out our website and social media (links below).

Those interested in the THRIVE program may also subscribe to our biweekly email newsletter. This publication will include:

- Upcoming events
- Important dates/deadlines
- Involvement opportunities
- Links to University resources

Interested students may also join our RoyalSync portal (the University's website for club and organization updates) by clicking below:

[Join Here!](#)



Still Have Questions?

Please feel free to reach out to me using the information provided below.

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Upcoming Events

- ***Student Activities Fair***

- *Learn how you can get involved in several campus departments and over 80 student clubs and organizations!*
 - Friday, August 30
 - 11:00am - 2:00pm
 - Dionne Green (Rain Location: DeNaples 4th Floor Ballroom)

- ***THRIVE General Advisory Board Meeting (Wing Night)***

- *Help us plan our Fall events and learn how you can get involved in first-gen programming!*
 - Friday, September 6
 - 3:00pm - 4:00pm
 - Butler Student Forum Room 213 (DeNaples Center, 2nd Floor)

- ***Study Skills & Sundaes***

- *Learn the best ways to study for your upcoming exams, while enjoying our sundae/ice cream bar!*
 - Friday, September 13
 - 3:00pm - 4:00pm
 - Location TBA

