



First Generation Initiative

News, Events & Updates

Hey Slugs! Finals are just around the corner and we are here to help you get through these last few weeks. Also, be sure to help us celebrate our First-Gen Graduates. They are being featured on our website and on social media. See our first ones included below. What are you listening to? The FGI team is putting together a Playlist for Slugs! And, as always, we invite you to visit our social media sites in (see Linktr.ee below) to check out more information about the First-Gen graduating class of 2021 and our work.

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[Submit Song Suggestions Here!](#)

HELP US MAKE A SPOTIFY PLAYLIST FOR OUR SLUGS!

Hey Slugs! The First-Gen Team is compiling a Spotify playlist for slugs to discover new music, and we need your input! Whether its tunes to study to, driving with the windows down classics, or bangers for a Post-Pandemic Party, we want to hear from you! We will be releasing a public Spotify playlist with top picks from our team and your suggestions before finals!

Celebrating our Class of 2021 First-Gen Slugs!

With graduation approaching, we will be featuring our very own 2020-21 first-generation graduates in the upcoming newsletters as a celebration of all their accomplishments. Check out their quotes...what it means to be a First-Gen Slugs graduating from college...

"I think that by graduating as a first-generation student I will motivate the following generations in my family to



achieve higher education. From my dad's side of the family, I'm the first person to graduate from college."

- Erika Esmeralda Gomez Puentes (Porter College)

"It means so much to me to graduate as a first generation college grad. I feel like I can be a source of encouragement for my younger brother and sister. Showing them that they can go out and pursue any education that they desire. I think it's beautiful to see others that may not have had any higher education advice or role model go out and reach their dreams."

- Erykah Bazile (Stevenson College)



"Graduating as first-gen I can finally have my parents say they are proud of me, since being an Asian household, this not expressed through words."

- Xiuyi (Suzy) Xu (Rachel Carson College)



Read more about our graduating First-Gen Slugs [HERE!](#)

Join us in celebrating our grads on social media by liking and commenting on our first-gen graduate posts!

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UCSC undergrads provide books to kids with incarcerated family member

A UC Santa Cruz junior has led the charge in the effort to provide books for children in criminal legal system-impacted families. The Walls to Bridges Book Project is a program that helps incarcerated parents give



the gift of reading to their children from inside prison walls. The program was started by Walls to Bridges, a program that aims to bridge communication between incarcerated parents and their children. [Read More](#)

AMAH MUTSUN SPEAKER SERIES
Honoring our Past and Celebrating our Future:
 A Conversation with Amah Mutsun Tribal Member College Students

THIS SPECIAL PROGRAM WILL HIGHLIGHT SIX AMAH MUTSUN COLLEGE STUDENTS WHO WILL DISCUSS THEIR EXPERIENCES IN HIGHER EDUCATION, SHARE ABOUT THEIR RESEARCH AND HOW THEY HOPE TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY AFTER COMPLETING THEIR DEGREE PROGRAMS.

 Alexii Sigona UC Berkeley	 Julisa Lopez University of Michigan	 Steven Pratt Cabrillo College
 Athena Hernandez Golden Gate University School of Law	 Dominic Lopez-Toney St. Georges University School of Medicine	 Carolyn Rodriguez UC Los Angeles

MAY 22, 2021
1 PM- 3 PM PST
REGISTRATION LINK:
[HTTP://BIT.LY/AMSS-S21](http://bit.ly/amss-s21)

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Amah Mutsun Speaker Series
Honoring our Past and Celebrating our Future:
A Conversation with Amah Mutsun Tribal Member College Students

This special program will highlight six Amah Mutsun college students who will discuss their experiences in higher education, share about their research, and how they hope to serve the community after completing their degree programs.

This event will take place May 22nd, 2021 from 1-3 pm via Zoom. Register [here!](#)

MONDAYS
 WEDNESDAYS
 THURSDAYS

12-12:30PM

30-Minute
Guided Relaxation

Are you feeling stressed about...

- > New changes
- > Online learning
- > Upcoming elections
- > Ongoing racialized violence
- > Wildfires
- > Covid

-Come Join Us-

- > Pause to relax the mind and body
- > Learn how we respond to stress
- > Improve focus and concentration

[CLICK HERE](#)
 For the CAPS Calendar & Links

CAPS Counseling & Psychological Services | UCSC

CAPS Drop-In Group

CAPS is offering a new drop-in program designed to provide immediate relief and practical skills!

The skills are based in the latest scientific research and will help students manage the stressors and traumatic events that we are all experiencing. (Although targeted for students, anyone can drop in).

They will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 12pm-12:30pm.

[Click here for CAPS calendar & links.](#)

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