



**Congratulations on your new role at {Institution Name}, and welcome to the Kessler Scholars Collaborative!** We are a group of committed higher education professionals who work together with the aim of sharing resources and expertise, building upon existing strengths, and leveraging connections to support first-generation students across the undergraduate journey and beyond.

The Kessler Scholars Collaborative, an initiative of the Judy and Fred Wilpon Family Foundation, was established to guide implementation and development of campus-based programming, encourage cross-site engagement for students and staff, and support assessment and evaluation activities at the 16 diverse colleges and universities that support Kessler Scholars Programs.

Our shared work aims to close equity gaps and provide transformative support to support success outcomes for first-generation college students. It is an honor to have you engaged in this very important work. To support your transition to this role, this document was created to help introduce you to the many resources and engagement opportunities available through the Kessler Scholars Collaborative. Please take time to engage and familiarize yourself with the following resources:

- Review the [Kessler Scholars Program Manual](#)
- Explore the [Kessler Scholars Collaborative](#) website
- Update your profile on the website's password-protected Campus Partner Hub and explore information about the other campus partners, access related documents, and review profiles of your new colleagues
- Link the Campus Partner Hub calendar to have all meetings and events added to your work calendar
- On LinkedIn, like the [Kessler Scholars Collaborative](#) organization page and join the [Kessler Scholars and Alumni group](#), a space where you also can encourage connection by students across campus sites.

Congratulations on your new role. We look forward to our shared work to support first-generation students at {Institution Name}. If you have any questions or want to connect further, please contact Shakima M. Clency at [scclency@kesslerscholars.org](mailto:scclency@kesslerscholars.org).