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Putting First Gen First.

The Kessler Scholars Program provides holistic support for a diverse community of high-achieving students who are the first in their family to pursue a four-year college degree. Combining financial resources with cohort-based engagement and individualized guidance, the Kessler Scholars Program provides first-generation college students with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed and to thrive on campus and beyond.

The program is built around three key, student-centered principles:

Support • Community • Success

Cultivating a community built on success.

Each fall, the Kessler Scholars Program brings together a cohort of outstanding first-generation college students in order to create a diverse community of scholars dedicated to positively leading and shaping the world around them.

The Kessler Scholars Program is part of the national Kessler Scholars Collaborative, a collection of 16 colleges and universities nationwide that are transforming the undergraduate experience for first-generation college students. Students who join the Kessler Scholars Program are part of a powerful network of first-generation leaders, connected across multiple institutions throughout their undergraduate college experience and beyond.



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CONTENT



Support right from the start.

The pursuit of a four-year college degree can be particularly challenging to navigate for first-generation students whose family members cannot easily provide guidance about the often complex and unwritten rules of higher education. Providing multi-faceted, transformative support to first-generation students across their undergraduate journey and beyond is at the core of the Kessler Scholars Program.

The Kessler Scholars Program combines financial resources with broader support centered along two crucial and complementary pathways. First, dedicated professional staff exists to advise, steer, and support students across their four-year journey via individual engagement and connection. Equally important, peer guidance and mentorship provides students with the incomparable, first-hand perspectives of those who have gone before.

SUPPORT





An instant community that cares.

There is no substitute for the solid foundation of a diverse, compassionate, community of peers to help first-generation college students succeed. The Kessler Scholars Program is designed with a committed and intentional focus on cohort-based community via group classes, events, and support systems that build a true focus on actual peers. Kessler Scholars work together to build a sense of belonging and shared identity to create networks intended to last well beyond their four years on campus.

Students in the Kessler Scholars Program are part of a community that they help shape. The program values and centers the voices and involvement of its scholars to grow and evolve program activities in a way that meets—and exceeds—student-identified needs and goals.



COMMUNITY



Success without boundaries.

The Kessler Scholars Program's ultimate aim is to provide the resources and support necessary so that first-generation college students don't just survive college but that they thrive – making their mark as strong leaders on campus, in their communities, and beyond. To that end, the program leverages Kessler Scholars' strengths in pursuit of their academic, professional and personal goals. The program seeks to connect students with transformative experiential opportunities, including study abroad, research, and internships and with alumni who have traveled similar paths.

College success stretches well beyond the boundaries of campus and a four-year experience. The Kessler Scholars Program is designed to ensure first-generation college students have the resources and support to achieve it.

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