



Proclamation

By the Governor of Alabama

WHEREAS, in 2017 the Council for Opportunity in Education (COE) and the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) Center for First-generation Student Success launched the inaugural First-generation College Student Celebration commemorating the passing of the Higher Education Act of 1965, which increased access to higher education for low-income and first-generation students. It also celebrates the achievement of first-generation college students, faculty, staff, alumni, and professionals nationwide; and

WHEREAS, a first-generation college student is defined as neither parent(s) or guardian(s) graduated with a four year degree. Forty percent of college students in the State of Alabama are first-generation. These students aid in removing generational barriers and provide opportunity for future generations to thrive; and

WHEREAS, first-generation college students may face additional academic, financial, and social challenges when pursuing higher education; and

WHEREAS, Auburn University at Montgomery recognizes their struggles and the importance of providing support to first-generation students and celebrating their accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, First Generation College Student Celebration Week occurs yearly during the second week of November to acknowledge and call attention to first-generation college students, alumni and their contributions; and

WHEREAS, throughout the State of Alabama we encourage all institutions to join in by celebrating and acknowledging first-generation college students by implementing programming that provides various support, assists in their success, and highlights their efforts.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, Governor of Alabama, do hereby proclaim the second week of November 2024, be proclaimed as

First-Generation College Student Celebration Week

in the state of Alabama.



Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the
Office of the Governor at the State Capitol in the City
of Montgomery on the 14th day of November 2024.

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Kay Ivey, Governor