

# First Gen Programs

at the

University Service Center

Program Viewbook 2013

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## Overview

The first generation college student programs hosted by the University Service Center are geared toward students who are among the first in their families to attend college.

Through our first gen programming, the USC serves as a resource to students to help them smoothly and successfully transition from high school to college life and beyond. Past workshops have addressed the transition from high school to college, continuing student concerns, and other relevant topics like money management and networking. Monthly newsletters keep students informed of future events, important semester dates, announcements of interest, and helpful tips.

In addition, the USC provides a forum for first generation college students to socialize with one another through events like the fall social, end-of-semester study breaks, and themed monthly events. Our programs are continuously growing and adapting to meet students' changing needs and interests; the USC welcomes ideas from students for future workshop topics and social events.

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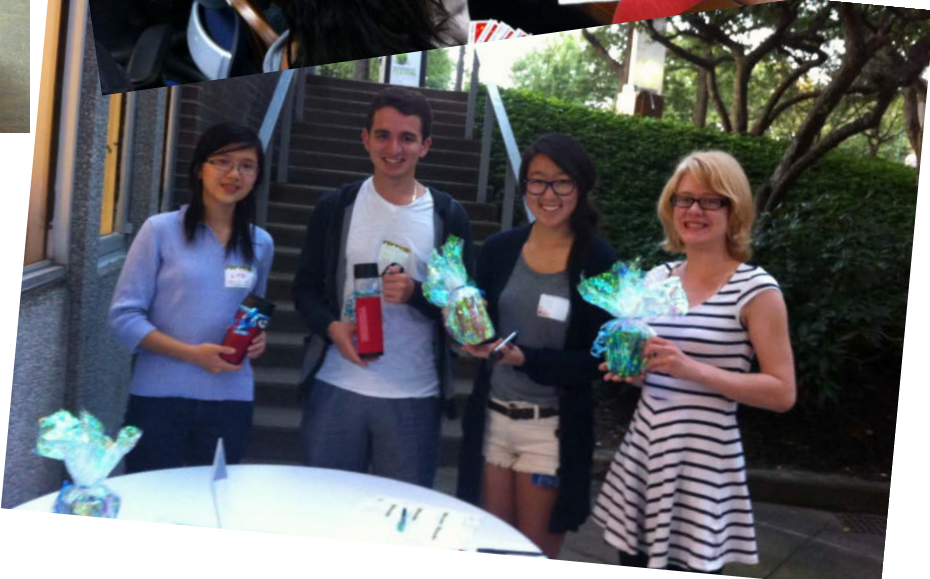
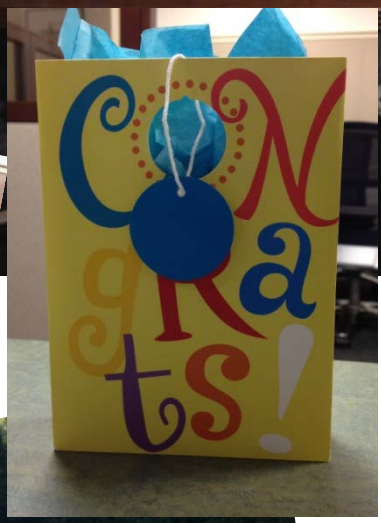
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# Newsletters

# First Generation Student Newsletter

## May 2013

### Upcoming Events

- [Senior Breakfast](#): May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10 a.m. at Metcalf Hall in the GSU
- [First Gen Spring Study Break](#): May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2-3:30 p.m. in **CAS room 226**
- [Cold Fashioned Ice Cream Social](#): May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4-6 p.m. at Cummington Mall
- [Coffee @ Finals](#): May 4<sup>th</sup> from 4-10 p.m. on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor of CAS

### Important Dates

- [May 2<sup>nd</sup>](#)  
Last day of classes
- [May 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>](#)  
Study period
- [May 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>](#)  
Final exams
- [May 11<sup>th</sup>](#)  
Residence dining service suspended after dinner (except for degree candidates)
- [May 12<sup>th</sup> at noon](#)  
Residences close (except for degree candidates)
- [May 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>](#)  
Commencement weekend

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### First Gen Spring Study Break

Recharge your brain at the USC's First Generation Student Spring Study Break, a Cinco de Mayo fiesta, complete with nachos, the popular party game Apples to Apples, and a goody bag with snacks and study essentials. See your first gen friends before the semester ends and congratulate our graduating seniors. We are gathering in **CAS Room 226**; it's close to Mugar so you can easily stop by! Please RSVP [here](#) so that we have a goody bag ready for you.

### First Gen Welcome Reception Volunteers

In Boston this summer? Help us welcome new first gen students to campus at our Orientation Welcome Receptions on June 12th, 19th, and 26th; July 10th, 17th, and 24th; and August 28th. Receptions are held in the late afternoon; email Stephanie at [uscgradi@bu.edu](mailto:uscgradi@bu.edu) if you wish to participate.

### First Gen Student Spotlight

Read about our spotlighted student, Yassine El Yousfi, by visiting our [website](#)! We're looking for first gen students to feature in upcoming months, so email Stephanie at [uscgradi@bu.edu](mailto:uscgradi@bu.edu) if you'd like to suggest someone—or to be featured yourself!

### Congratulations!

The USC would like to congratulate all of our graduating first gen seniors. You have all worked so hard over the last 4 years, and we are so proud of you. We wish you the best of luck in your future, whether that's grad school, finding a job, or whatever else you're planning on doing. You're on the path to success in whatever career path you choose. Just remember to seize every good opportunity, and for now, enjoy your last couple weeks of being a college student!

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## April 2013

### Upcoming Events

- [How to Work a Career Fair](#): April 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4-5 p.m. at 100 Bay State Road, room 101
- [Spring Fling](#): April 4<sup>th</sup> from 5-6 p.m. at the GSU, room 320-21
- [Resume Blitz](#): April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Center for Career Development (100 Bay State Road, 6<sup>th</sup> floor)
- [Just-in-Time Career Fair](#): April 10<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at the GSU, Metcalf Ballroom
- [Interviewing for Success](#): April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 1-2 p.m. at 100 Bay State Road, room 101

### Important Dates

- [April 15<sup>th</sup>](#)  
Holiday, classes suspended
- [April 18<sup>th</sup>](#)  
Substitute Monday schedule of classes
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### Spring Fling

Celebrate the beginning of spring with the University Service Center and your fellow first gen friends! We'll have spring-themed snacks and games to play, so take a break from studying and paper-writing to have some fun. We welcome new friends as well as regular participants. Note that this event will be held in the **GSU, room 320-21**. We hope that this more central location will make it easier for you to attend. Please RSVP [here](#).

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### How to Stretch a Dollar

- Write down your expenses to track spending patterns. See what you can cut back on, whether it's eating out, shopping, social outings, or something else.
- Take advantage of campus events and activities for fun, free things to do. There's something for everyone at BU. See a full listing of events on the [BU Calendar](#).
- Don't purchase things on impulse. If you see something you want, wait a week. If at the end of the week you're still thinking about it, then consider buying it.
- Buy used textbooks and sell them at the end of the semester if you don't think you'll need them again. Or rent them if that's an option.

### April Events in Boston

- [Swan Boats](#): The famous swan boats return on April 14<sup>th</sup> at the Boston Public Garden. Tickets are only \$2.75.
- [Boston Marathon](#): On April 15<sup>th</sup>, watch the 25,000+ runners in New England's most widely viewed sporting event. See the race from Beacon Street or near Kenmore.
- [Independent Film Festival Boston](#): April 24<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>, primarily at the Somerville Theatre, Davis Square, Somerville. IFF Boston showcases independent film makers from around the world. Tickets are \$10 online and \$11 at the box office; rush tickets also available.
- [31<sup>st</sup> Run of the Charles](#): April 28<sup>th</sup>, Charles River. New England's largest canoe and kayak race; to watch from Boston or Cambridge, be there between 12 and 4 p.m.
- [Art in Bloom at the Museum of Fine Arts](#): April 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> at the MFA. See the MFA's galleries transformed by almost 70 extraordinary arrangements inspired by works of art. Free with BU I.D.

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## March 2013

### Upcoming Events

- [Spring Break Luau](#): March 5<sup>th</sup> from 5-6 p.m. at the University Service Center
- [Landing an Internship Workshop](#): March 6<sup>th</sup> from 4-5 p.m. at 100 Bay State Road, room 101
- [Effective Resumes and Cover Letters](#): March 20<sup>th</sup> from 4-5 p.m. at 100 Bay State Road, room 101
- [Networking 101: Make the Most of your Connections](#): March 21<sup>st</sup> from 3-4 p.m. at 100 Bay State Road, room 101

### Important Dates

- [March 1<sup>st</sup>](#)  
Application deadline for most summer study abroad programs
- [March 15<sup>th</sup>](#)  
Application deadline for most fall study abroad programs
- [March 9-17<sup>th</sup>](#)  
Spring recess; residences close 3/9 at noon and reopen 3/17 at 10 a.m.
- [March 18<sup>th</sup>](#)  
Classes resume
- [March 29<sup>th</sup>](#)  
Last day to drop standard courses (with a 'W' grade)

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### Spring Break Luau

Wish you were traveling somewhere tropical over spring break? Or want to get a head start if you are lucky enough to travel somewhere warm? Come to the University Service Center's First Gen Spring Break Luau to chase the winter blues away with tropical treats and games. It will be Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, from 5-6 p.m. at the USC (881 Comm. Ave., lower level). Please RSVP [here!](#)

### First Gen Alumna Spotlight

Read about our first spotlighted alumna, Judy Phan, by visiting our [website!](#) We're looking for first gen students to feature in upcoming months, so email Stephanie at [uscgradi@bu.edu](mailto:uscgradi@bu.edu) if you'd like to suggest someone—or to be featured yourself!

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### A Call for Orientation Volunteers

Are you planning on staying in Boston for all or part of the summer and want to help new first gen students feel welcomed to campus? Then become a First Gen Orientation Reception volunteer! Attend one or all seven receptions. The dates are June 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>; July 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>; and August 28<sup>th</sup> in the early evening. Please email Stephanie at [uscgradi@bu.edu](mailto:uscgradi@bu.edu) if you think you might be able to help! (You get free catered food, too!)

### Time Management Tips

- Use a calendar to keep track of everything in your schedule, including assignment due dates, classes, meetings, and activities. You may even want to block out time for studying and sleeping so that you have ample time for them.
- Try to complete homework and studying early in the day so that at night you have time to relax, watch TV, hang out with friends, etc. Having something fun to look forward to can help counter procrastination.
- Use small chunks of time wisely. While you're on the T, read or study instead of playing games on your phone. Go to the library in between classes if you have any short breaks. You'll get more things out of the way earlier in the day.
- Plan ahead in your schedule. If you know that you have a large research assignment due at the end of the semester, plan out how much time you think you'll need to complete it. Write this down in your calendar so that the assignment doesn't take you by surprise the week before it's due.

# First Generation Student Newsletter

## February 2013

### Upcoming Events

- [Valentine's Day Celebration](#): Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> from 5-6 p.m. at the USC
- [Winterfest 2013](#): Feb. 8-10<sup>th</sup> at various locations around campus
- [Spring Career Expo](#): Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. in the Metcalf Ballroom, GSU
- [Off-Campus Housing Fair](#): Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> from 4-6 p.m. in the Back Court of the GSU

### Important Dates

- [February 15](#)  
Deadline to find a work-study job for the spring
- [February 18](#)  
Holiday, courses suspended
- [February 20](#)  
Substitute Monday schedule of classes
- [February 21](#)  
Last day to drop standard courses without a 'W' grade
- [March 1](#)  
Application deadline for most summer study abroad programs
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### Valentine's Day Celebration

Get into the Valentine's Day spirit early this year by celebrating it with the USC on Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, from 5-6 p.m. Reconnect with the first gen students you met at last semester's Study Break as well as make new friends. We'll have lots of heart-themed treats and refreshments, popular games like Apples to Apples and Qwirkle, and fun! It will be held at the USC. Please RSVP [here](#)!

### First Gen Student Spotlight

Read about our third spotlighted student, Marco Spencer, by visiting our [website](#)! We're looking for first gen students to feature in upcoming months, so please email Stephanie at [uscgradi@bu.edu](mailto:uscgradi@bu.edu) if you'd like to suggest someone—or to be featured yourself!

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### Financial Planning

- BU Financial Assistance: Discuss new or special circumstances with your assistant director in [Financial Assistance](#) to see if you might qualify for additional need-based aid from BU.
- BU Fellowships and Scholarships: Check out this [site](#) for a listing of nationally competitive scholarships and fellowships for which you may be eligible.
- American Student Assistance: This Boston-based nonprofit [organization](#) helps students and families manage higher education debt by offering counseling about loan repayment options, information, and support.
- At Home: Visit your high school guidance counselor or hometown public library to find out about locally-based scholarships.
- USC: You can always make an appointment to meet with one of the associate directors here at the USC to discuss financial concerns that might impact your studies.

### Study Abroad

Study Abroad application deadlines are coming up soon. Most summer program applications are due March 1<sup>st</sup>, while most fall program applications are due March 15<sup>th</sup>. There are exceptions for certain programs that can be seen [here](#). Click [here](#) for the Study Abroad events calendar to find applicable information sessions.



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December 2012 – January 2013

## Upcoming Events

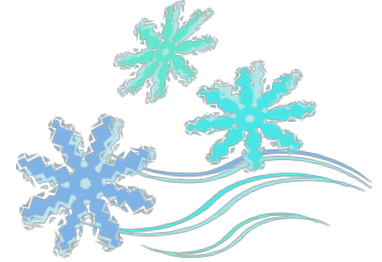
- [Summer Leadership 2013 Information Session](#):  
December 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7 p.m. in the lower level of the GSU
- [Test Prep](#): presented by the Educational Resource Center on December 6<sup>th</sup> from 5-6 p.m. at 100 Bay State Road, room 101
- [First Gen Study Break](#):  
December 13<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-2 p.m. at the USC

## Important Dates

- [December 12](#)  
Last day of classes
- [December 13-16](#)  
Study period
- [December 17-21](#)  
Final exams
- [December 22](#)  
Residences close at noon
- [January 11](#)  
Residence move-in from 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.
- [January 16](#)  
Classes begin
- [January 21](#)  
Holiday, classes suspended
- [January 30](#)  
Last day to add a course

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## First Gen Study Break

Finals are around the corner, and that means it's time for the USC's annual Fall Study Break! We'll have food, hot chocolate, and fun games like Apples to Apples, Taboo, and Scattergories. Everyone who attends will receive a goody bag with snacks and study essentials to help sustain you through finals. Stop by for half an hour or the whole event. Please [RSVP](#) if you plan on attending so that we have a goody bag ready for you.

## First Gen Student Spotlight

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## Winter in Boston

There's still plenty to do outside in Boston when the weather gets colder!

- Skate on the [Boston Common Frog Pond](#). Every Tuesday from 6-9 p.m. is college night; show your ID and get half-price admission (\$2). Skate rental is \$9.
- Once it snows, go sledding at one of Boston's top-rated hills: [Arnold Arboretum](#) in Jamaica Plain, Amory Park in Brookline, or Larz Anderson Park in Brookline.
- Go skiing at [Blue Hills Ski Area](#), located 11 miles south of BU. Passes start at \$20, and equipment rental is \$28. Discount student season passes are available.
- Cold from all the outdoor activities? Warm up with gourmet hot chocolate from [L.A. Burdick Chocolate](#) at 220 Clarendon St. (Boston) or 52 Brattle St. (Harvard Sq.)

## Spring Events

Save the dates for our spring semester events. We've come up with some ideas for programming, but as always, if you have any ideas for event themes, food, games, or other suggestions, please let Stephanie know at [uscgradi@bu.edu](mailto:uscgradi@bu.edu).

- Valentine's Day Celebration: February 7<sup>th</sup> from 5-6 p.m.
- Tropical Spring Break: March 5<sup>th</sup> from 5-6 p.m.
- Your choice theme! Email Stephanie with ideas: April 4<sup>th</sup> from 5-6 p.m.
- Study Break/Cinco de Mayo Celebration: May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2-3:30 p.m.

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## November 2012

### Upcoming Events

- [BU's Road to Washington: An Election Year Series](#): November 8<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the GSU Auditorium (7<sup>th</sup> floor)
  - [First Gen Thanksgiving](#): November 13<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 6 p.m. at the USC
  - [Roadtrip Nation: Screening and Discussion](#): November 26<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 p.m. in the Student Support Center (100 Bay State Road, room 101)
- ### Important Dates
- [November 4](#)  
Registration begins for seniors and juniors
  - [November 9](#)  
Last day to drop classes (with a 'W' grade)
  - [November 11](#)  
Registration begins for sophomores
  - [November 18](#)  
Registration begins for freshmen
  - [November 21-26](#)  
Thanksgiving Recess
  - [November 28](#)  
Spring 2013 work study job listings posted to Student Link

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### First Gen Thanksgiving

Start the Thanksgiving season with your fellow first gen students on Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, from 5-6 p.m. at the University Service Center. Meet other students while enjoying delicious pumpkin pie, apple cider, and other Thanksgiving-themed foods. Also, compete for a prize in Qwirkle. Let us know if you'll be stopping by via our [RSVP form](#). We hope to see you there!

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### Improve your Motivation with Tips from the ERC

- Identify one thing about each class that makes it relevant to your goals.
- Tackle projects in small steps. Map out each stage of a large project, and assign small due dates to each one. Set a time limit for each stage. If you let it, work will expand to take up all of your available time. Be sure to minimize interruptions; every time you check your email or Facebook, you break your concentration.
- Determine which things you can and cannot change. Knowing which things are beyond your control will make your workload feel much more manageable.
- Do unpleasant tasks first and save the best for last, and at the end reward yourself!

### Internship and Career Resources

If you haven't already done so, you should look into BU's CareerLink, which can be found on its brand new website (<http://www.bu.edu/careers/>). The site is an online hub for career resources, including internship and job listings around the world. Many recruiters come to campus to hold interviews, so take advantage of their desire to hire BU students! You don't have to be looking for a job right now to take advantage of CareerLink. Get a jump start on your future through internships and attending the Center for Career Service's informative workshops. See the full calendar of events [here](#).

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## October 2012

### Upcoming Events

- [Internships, Internships, and more Internships](#):  
October 15<sup>th</sup> from 7 – 8 p.m. at the Center for Career Services, 100 Bay State Road, 6<sup>th</sup> floor
- USC Oktoberfest:  
October 16<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 6 p.m. at the University Service Center
- [Fall Career Expo](#):  
October 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at the GSU's Metcalf Ballroom

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- [October 15](#)  
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- [October 19-21](#)  
Parents Weekend

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### Oktoberfest at the USC

The leaves are changing and the air is crisper, which means summer is over and fall is upon us. Celebrate Oktoberfest at the University Service Center with root beer floats and apple-themed foods. Meet and reconnect with other first gen students and compete for a prize in the game Apples to Apples. Please RSVP for this event. We hope to see you there!

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### Fun (Free) Things to do in Boston

- Cheer on the rowers at the [Head of the Charles Regatta](#) along the Charles River on October 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Take a free [tour](#) of the Freedom Trail any day except Tuesday or Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Tours start outside the Park Street T station. [Reservations](#) required.
- Your Terrier Card gets you into the Museum of Fine Arts for free; hours are Wednesday – Friday 10 a.m. – 9:45 p.m. and Saturday – Thursday 10 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.
- Visit the site of the famous Battle of Bunker Hill. The 294-step climb up the [monument](#) is worth the incredible views of the city. Both the monument and the [museum](#) are open daily 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Go on board the [USS Constitution](#) and experience life at sea during the War of 1812. In October, it's open Tuesday – Sunday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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- [USC First Gen Fall Social](#):  
September 13<sup>th</sup> from  
5:30 – 7 p.m. on the Fox  
Fountain Patio in the  
GSU
- [Fall Study Abroad Expo](#):  
September 14<sup>th</sup> from 2 –  
5 p.m. in the Ziskind  
Lounge (GSU 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)
- [Landing an Internship](#):  
September 26<sup>th</sup> from 4 –  
5 p.m. at the Center for  
Career Development  
(100 Bay State Road, 6<sup>th</sup>  
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### Get Involved on Campus

Start the semester right by getting involved on campus. You'll develop your leadership and teamwork skills, network with other students, develop lasting friendships around a common interest, and have fun doing it all. BU has a wealth of student organizations, so chances are you'll find one that appeals to your interests. Search the [organization directory](#) to get started.

Interested in being a founding member of a new group this year? Consider helping the USC start a first gen student organization. We want to expand our first gen program, and we want you, the students, to have a group to call your own. Starting an organization is a great leadership opportunity and resume booster. The USC will provide you with all the support you need to succeed. The SAO has [guidelines](#) on how to create a new student organization. Please email Stephanie at [uscgradi@bu.edu](mailto:uscgradi@bu.edu) for more information.

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### ERC/CCD Info Sessions

The Center for Career Development (CCD) and the Educational Resource Center (ERC) work together to create a variety of academic and career development support tools for students of all class years. They're holding information sessions that will offer a glimpse of their programs and how they can enhance your BU experience. They'll discuss programs and workshops offered by both centers, including academic skills and professional development workshops, the peer tutoring program, and BU CareerLink. You can choose from two sessions, both of which will be held in room 101 at 100 Bay State Road: 1) Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 3 p.m. OR 2) Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. If you're interested in attending, please RSVP to Jill Atkinson at [jillatk@bu.edu](mailto:jillatk@bu.edu) by Wednesday, 9/19.

# Programming

# First Gen Spring Study Break

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Feeling worn down from studying for finals? Recharge your brain at the University Service Center's First Generation Student Spring Study Break! It will be a Cinco de Mayo fiesta, complete with nachos and the popular party game Apples to Apples.

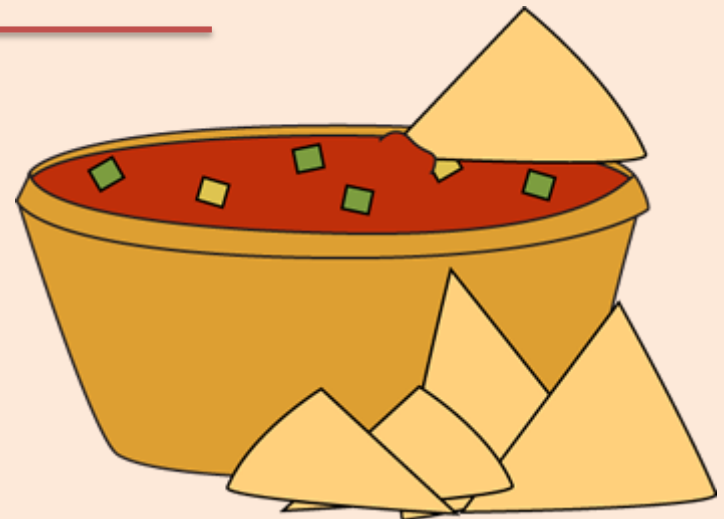
You'll receive a goody bag with snacks and study essentials to help sustain you through finals. See your first gen friends before the semester ends and say goodbye to those who are graduating! Stop by for half an hour or for the whole event.

RSVP at <http://www.bu.edu/usc/outreach/g1/events/usc-events-rsvp/>

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**When:** Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 2-3:30 p.m.

**Where:** CAS Room 226





# Spring Fling

Celebrate the beginning of spring with the University Service Center's First Generation Program. We'll have spring-themed snacks and games to play, so take a break to reconnect with your first gen friends as well as meet new ones.

Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, from 5-6 p.m.

George Sherman Union, Room 320-21

RSVP at <http://www.bu.edu/usc/outreach/g1/events/usc-events-rsvp/>





You're invited to the

# Spring Break Luau

Wish you were traveling somewhere tropical over spring break? Or want to get a head start if you are lucky enough to travel somewhere warm? Come to the University Service Center's First Gen Spring Break Luau to chase the winter blues away with tropical treats and games.

When: Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, from 5-6 p.m.

Where: University Service Center (881 Comm. Ave., lower level)

Please RSVP at

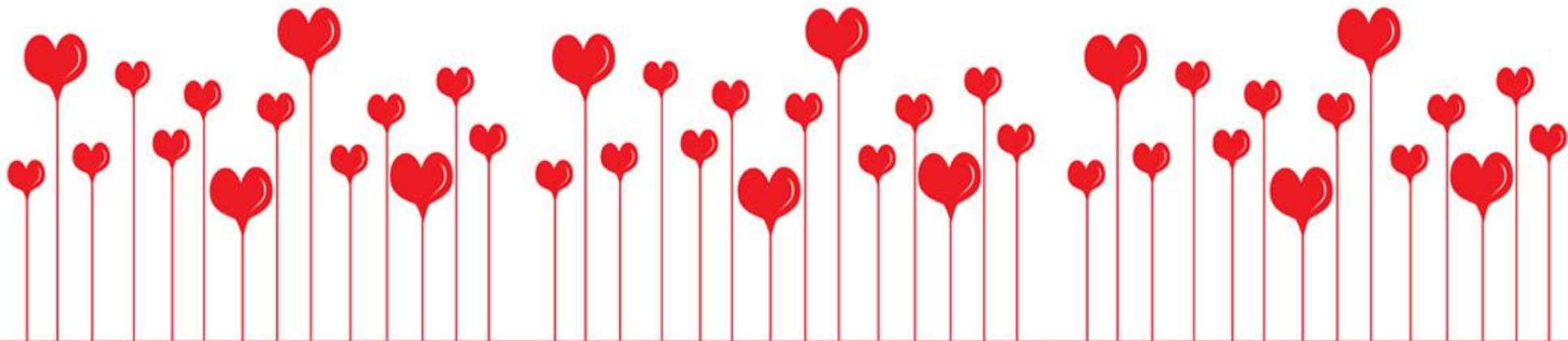
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# Valentine's Day Celebration

Get into the Valentine's Day spirit early this year by celebrating with the University Service Center. Reconnect with the first gen students you met at last semester's Study Break as well as make new friends. We also welcome those who are new to BU! We'll have heart-themed treats and refreshments, popular games like Apples to Apples and Qwirkle, and fun! Please RSVP at <http://www.bu.edu/usc/outreach/g1/events/usc-events-rsvp/>

Thursday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, from 5-6 p.m. at the University Service Center  
(881 Commonwealth Avenue, lower level)





# Fall 2012 First Gen Study Break



Take a well-deserved break from studying for finals at the University Service Center. Sip on hot chocolate while playing games and meeting or reconnecting with other first gen students. You'll receive a goody bag with snacks and study essentials to help sustain you through finals! Stop by for half an hour or for the whole event.



Please RSVP at



<http://www.bu.edu/usc/outreach/g1/events/usc-events-rsvp/>

We want to have a goody bag ready for you!

Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, from 12:30-2 p.m.

The University Service Center  
881 Commonwealth Avenue, lower level

# First Gen Thanksgiving

Start the Thanksgiving season with your fellow first gen students.

Enjoy delicious pumpkin pie, apple cider, and other Thanksgiving foods while competing for a prize in Qwirkle.

Please RSVP for this event at

[http://www.bu.edu/usc/outreach/g1/  
events/usc-events-rsvp/](http://www.bu.edu/usc/outreach/g1/events/usc-events-rsvp/)

We hope to see you there!

Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, from 5-6 p.m.

The University Service Center

881 Commonwealth Avenue, lower level



Happy Thanksgiving



FIRST GEN  
**OKTOBERFEST**

TUESDAY  
OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup>  
5 – 6 p.m.

THE USC  
(881 COMM AVE,  
LOWER LEVEL)



*Win a prize in  
Apples to  
Apples!*

*Root beer floats  
and apple-  
themed foods!*

Fall is upon us! Celebrate Oktoberfest at the University Service Center and meet and reconnect with other first generation students. We hope to see you there! Please RSVP here:

<http://www.bu.edu/usc/outreach/g1/events/usc-events-rsvp/>





# First Generation Fall Social 2012

Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>

5:30-7 p.m.

Fox Fountain Patio at the QSU

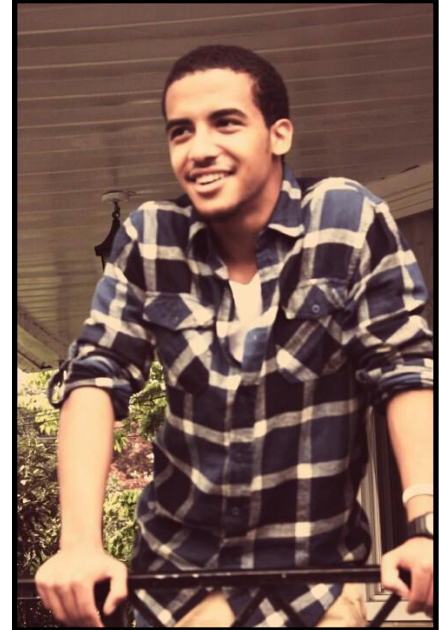
RSVP: [www.bu.edu/usc/outreach/g1/study-breaks](http://www.bu.edu/usc/outreach/g1/study-breaks)

You're invited to the University Service Center's annual first generation student social. Come meet new and current first gen BU students at a barbeque dinner.

# Spotlights

# First Gen Student Spotlight

## May 2013



- **The best book I've read recently that wasn't assigned for class:** *The Fountainhead* by Ayn Rand
- **Favorite restaurant in Boston:** Noodle Street
- **The best movie I've seen within the last year:** *Django Unchained*
- **Best place to study on campus:** Ingalls Study Lounge
- **When I graduate, I hope to:** Work for a well-known tech company such as Apple or Google
- **My favorite BU class has been:** ENG EK 128 Engineering Computation++
- **What do you like best about BU?** The diversity and the chance to meet so many people
- **If I could share one piece of advice with other first gen students, it would be:** It may look hard when it seems that others have adjusted to college, but it is still possible. It just needs more effort, which you've done before because you've made it to BU.

**Hometown:** Bronx, NY  
**School or College:** ENG  
**Major:** Computer Engineering  
**Class Year:** 2016  
**Clubs/Organizations:** UMOJA as Freshman Representative;  
College of Engineering Dean's Host as a tour guide

# First Gen Student Spotlight

## April 2013



- **The best book I've read recently that wasn't assigned for class:** *It's Kind of a Funny Story* by Ned Vizzini
- **Favorite restaurant in Boston:** The Black Rose
- **The best movie I've seen within the last year:** *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*
- **Best place to study on campus:** Theology Library or Shelton Hall
- **When I graduate, I hope to:** Live in San Francisco and work as an art director at an advertising agency
- **My favorite BU class has been:** Intro to Gender and Sexuality Studies
- **What do you like best about BU?** Everyone at BU has such a unique story—there are people from all over the world, and I can learn something from everyone.
- **If I could share one piece of advice with other first gen students, it would be:** Step outside your comfort zone and learn new things about yourself!

**Hometown:** East Stroudsburg, PA  
**School or College:** COM  
**Major:** Advertising  
**Class Year:** 2016  
**Clubs/Organizations:** Wandering Minds and Snowboarding Team



# First Gen Alumna Spotlight

## March 2013



- **Favorite restaurant in Boston:** Angora Cafe
- **My favorite BU class was:** Race and Society (SO 408) with Prof. Benjamin
- **What did you like best about BU?** The variety of options available from clubs to classes to food. Everything you could possibly want was there if you took the time to find it.
- **Best aspect of life after school:** No more homework and exams!
- **What advice do you have for first gen students on finding a job after graduation?** Start early and network, network, network! It's all about the connections you have and build. You never know who knows who. Also, don't worry about finding the perfect job. Take what experience you can get and make the most of it. Self-reflect often, learn about yourself, and strive to grow as an employee and person.
- **If I could share one piece of advice with first gen students, it would be:** Don't let society's labels define who you are. As Gandhi said, "Be the change you want to see in the world."

**Current Town/City:** Boston, MA  
**Hometown:** San Diego, CA  
**Occupation:** Academic Resource Counselor for Upward Bound/Upward Bound Math Science at Boston University  
**Degree:** BS in Math Education, BA in Sociology  
**Year Graduated:** 2012  
**Activities/Hobbies:** Dance, yoga, tae kwon do, volunteering

# First Gen Student Spotlight

## February 2013



- **The best book I've read recently that wasn't assigned for class:** *Things Fall Apart*
- **Favorite restaurant in Boston:** Warren Dining Hall
- **The best movie I've seen within the last year:** *Argo*
- **Best place to study on campus:** Mugar's basement or the second floor between the bookshelves
- **When I graduate, I hope to:** Go to dental school
- **My favorite BU class has been:** Professor Steward's Ecology
- **What do you like best about BU?** I have the sense that BU is an exceptionally student-focused school and is in tune with what is going on on campus.
- **If I could share one piece of advice with other first gen students, it would be:** My piece of advice to other first generation students at BU is that they become familiar with resources made available here on campus, academically and otherwise. I believe that a sense of integration and belonging is crucial for success for first generation students, especially here at BU as we have a large community. These things are certainly important to me.

**Hometown:** Providence, RI

**School or College:** CAS

**Major:** Biology

**Class Year:** 2015

**Clubs/Organization:** None at the moment, but have just applied to become an RA

# First Gen Student Spotlight

## December 2012



- **The best book I've read recently that wasn't assigned for class:** *Tales of a Pioneer Woman*  
*Ambassador in the U.S. Foreign Service*
- **Favorite restaurant in Boston:** Too many! Shabu-ya, Boston Burger Company, My Thai Vegan Café, Felipe's Taqueria, Ittyo...
- **The best movie I've seen within the last year:** Shanghai Calling
- **Best place to study on campus:** SMG Pardee Library
- **When I graduate, I hope to:** Travel overseas. Eventually I hope to work in public policy or foreign policy.
- **My favorite BU class has been:** Study abroad—it is a life changing experience! Also, 500 level IR courses.
- **What do you like best about BU?** It's so big, you can always meet someone with similar interests.
- **If I could share one piece of advice with other first gen students, it would be:** Challenge yourself!

**Hometown:** Boston, MA  
**School or College:** CAS  
**Major:** International Relations  
**Class Year:** 2013  
**Clubs/Organizations:** Asian Studies Initiative at BU

# First Gen Student Spotlight

## November 2012



- **The best book I've read recently that wasn't assigned for class:** *Strength in What Remains* by Tracy Kidder
- **Favorite restaurant in Boston:** No. 9 Park near the Statehouse and Boston Harbor Hotel at Rowes Wharf for afternoon tea
- **The best movie I've seen within the last year:** The Avengers
- **Best place to study on campus:** Personally, the first floor of the library, but best place is the Dean's Office in the GSU
- **When I graduate, I hope to:** Pay off my college debt and travel
- **My favorite BU class has been:** Oceanography with Professor Wally Fulweiler; she's funny and class time flies fast. You will love her and convert to marine biology.
- **What do you like best about BU?** Meeting so many people and having the option of having many resources/advisors/professors. BU is definitely up there for student life and events that touch on every topic in the world from film, music, academia, civic engagement, and more.
- **If I could share one piece of advice with other first gen students, it would be:** Meet as many people as you can and find what makes you happy!

**Hometown:** Dorchester, MA

**School or College:** CAS

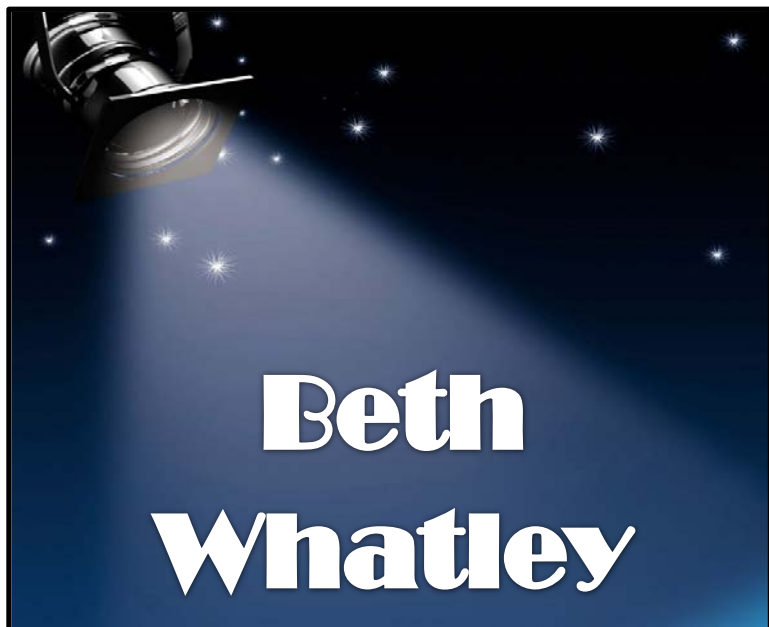
**Major:** Cultural Anthropology

**Class Year:** 2014

**Clubs/Organizations:** Was involved in the Asian Studies Initiative at BU and the Vietnamese Student Association. Currently full-time in the Boston Asian American Student Intercollegiate Coalition.

# First Gen Student Spotlight

## October 2012



- **The best book I've read recently that wasn't assigned for class:** The *Game of Thrones* series by George R.R. Martin: currently on *A Feast For Crows*
- **Favorite restaurant in Boston:** Cafe Japonaise on Beacon St. and Veggie Galaxy in Central Square
- **The best movie I've seen within the last year:** The Avengers
- **Best place to study on campus:** The third floor library lounge, or, during finals, definitely the Mugar basement, which is the best place for a blanket fort
- **When I graduate, I hope to:** Make a positive difference in the world
- **My favorite BU class has been:** I have taken many outstanding classes here, but my favorite class at BU has been Non-State Actors in International Relations with Professor Schilde; it really challenged my naive worldview and broadened my conception of how the world actually works.
- **What do you like best about BU?** I love the diversity of BU, the inclusivity of the student groups I have enjoyed taking part in, and the academic environment I have found here, which encourages active participation in the promotion of developing cross-cultural understandings.
- **If I could share one piece of advice with other first gen students, it would be:** To try not to procrastinate! =]

**Hometown:** Pearland, TX

**School or College:** CAS

**Major:** International Relations

**Class Year:** 2013

**Clubs/Organizations:** Auxiliary Percussionist of the BU Marching Band and BU Winter Percussion Ensemble, VP of Anime Club, Student Manager at the GSU Food Court