

Student Senate

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**STUDENT SENATE BILL 2022-1061**

**TITLE:** Resolution Recognizing the First Generation Week and the Creation of the First Generation Living Learning Community

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**SPONSORS:** Student Body Vice President Daniel Badell, Senate President Pro-Tempore Catherine Giordano, Judiciary Chairman Sean Harkins, Budget & Appropriations Chairwoman Emily Pecora, Rules & Ethics Chairwoman Lilliana Clark, Information & Communications Chairwoman Phoebe Funai, Member-at-Large Mara Vaknin, Member-at-Large Ana Carolina Troncoso, Senator Jacob Kanfer, Senator Julia Seifer, Senator Brendan Kligerman, Senator Clayton Bush, Senator Garrett Josephson, Senator Bianca Barrios, Senator Nyla Pierre, Senator Shelby Schultz, Senator Viridiana Lopez-Lugo, Minority Party Leader Faith Corbett, Deputy Minority Party Leader Gabriela Montes, Senator Hana Ali, Senator Cassie Urbenz, Senator Joaquin Rafaele Cecilia Marcelino, Senator Harry Bonilla, Senator Evan Rafanan

**WHEREAS,** In 2017, the Council for Opportunity in Education and the Center for First-generation Student Success created the First Generation College Celebration beginning on November 8th [1]; and,

**WHEREAS,** The University of Florida First Generation Cabinet leads a week of events during the month of November to recognize the sacrifices and work first generation college students have had to make; and,

**WHEREAS,** First Generation Week is dedicated to the experiences, challenges, and opportunities to First Generation Students with the aim of celebrating them; and,

**WHEREAS,** In 2020, the First Generation Affairs Cabinet, directed by current Student Body Vice President Daniel Badell alongside Jorge Perez and Lenna Menocal, and the University of Florida Housing Department launched the First Generation Living Learning Community in Thomas Hall [2]; and,

**WHEREAS,** The First Generation Living Learning Community opened its doors to its first residents in Fall 2021; and,

**WHEREAS,** The University of Florida First Generation Living Learning Community was intended to provide first generation students a sense of home and community on campus; and,

**THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED,** the University of Florida Student Senate supports the continued efforts of making First Generation students voices be heard and acted upon; and,

**THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED**, the University of Florida Student Senate commemorates the annual celebration of First Generation week; and,

**THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED**, the University of Florida Student Senate applauds Student Body Vice President Daniel Badell and the University of Florida Housing Department for the creation of the First Generation Living Learning Community; and,

**THEREFORE, LET IT FINALLY BE RESOLVED**, the University of Florida Student Senate dedicates itself to spreading awareness about the opportunities available for First Generation Students during this week of celebration and throughout their time at the University of Florida.

*Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to University President Kent Fuchs, Vice President of Student Life Heather White, Chief Diversity Officer Marsha McGriff, Student Body President Lauren Lemasters, Student Body Vice President Daniel Badell, Student Body Treasurer Sierra Kantamneni, First Generation Affairs Cabinet Director Angelina Del Toro*

[1] <https://firstgen.naspa.org/engagement/first-generation-college-celebration>

[2] <https://housing.ufl.edu/living-learning-communities/first-generation-living-learning-community/>



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