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Dear Friends,

Today, November 10, The University of Scranton is recognizing first-generation college students during the annual National First-Generation College Celebration. Through events organized by our THR1VE program, we celebrate the successes of our students and also our first-gen faculty, staff, and alumni.

First-generation students have a special place in the identity of the University as we were specifically founded by the Diocese of Scranton in 1888 to serve this population. Our history is filled with examples of alumni who, empowered by a life-changing Scranton education, made a positive difference for their families and for communities across Northeastern Pennsylvania, our country and the globe.

We remain committed to serving trailblazers who are the first in their families to go to college and earn a degree. First-Gen Royals make up approximately 23% of the undergraduates at Scranton. I happen to be a first-gen student myself, and I'm sure many of you are as well.

Please join us as we celebrate the contributions of our first-generation students to our campus community!

Yours faithfully,

Fr. Joseph Marina, S.J.
President