Introducing FirstVU

FirstVU is the student-run organization that supports, celebrates, and empowers first-generation students at Vanderbilt. Peer advocates who are also first-generation students lead the group and serve on the FirstVU executive board.

The mission of FirstVU is to provide support and foster a strong community where first-generation students feel empowered and supported by the University. FirstVU advocates will guide students to campus resources in the following areas:

- Student Life and Co-Curricular Engagement
- Academics
- Faculty and Instructors
- Career Guidance

FirstVU is proud to host an annual information panel for first-generation students and their parents during Family Weekend. FirstVU also collaborates with other campus offices for a Student Success Series which is designed to complement the Vanderbilt Visions program and encourage first-generation student engagement with campus services.

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To find out more, please visit https://www.vanderbilt.edu/transition-programs/firstvu/
FAQs

Q: Who is eligible to join FirstVU?
A: Any student can join FirstVU — you do not have to be a first-generation student. The only requirement is to be interested in advocating for first-generation students and being a part of an organization that will offer support.

Q: Is there a fee to join FirstVU?
A: No, there are no fees or dues associated with FirstVU.

Q: What office advises FirstVU?
A: FirstVU is advised by the Office of Transition Programs.

Q: How often does FirstVU meet?
A: FirstVU will meet about once a month and have events and activities to support first-generation students.

Q: Does FirstVU have a designated space on campus?
A: FirstVU will be able to utilize the new student spaces in the center for Social Justice & Identity located in Sarratt Student Center.

Q: How can I join FirstVU?
A: Students will be able to join FirstVU through Anchor Link: https://anchorlink.vanderbilt.edu/organization/FirstVU