

# Focus

A newsletter for first-generation students

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*Let us help you  
shine!*

Inside this issue: The semester winds down, team members join, and we celebrate you!



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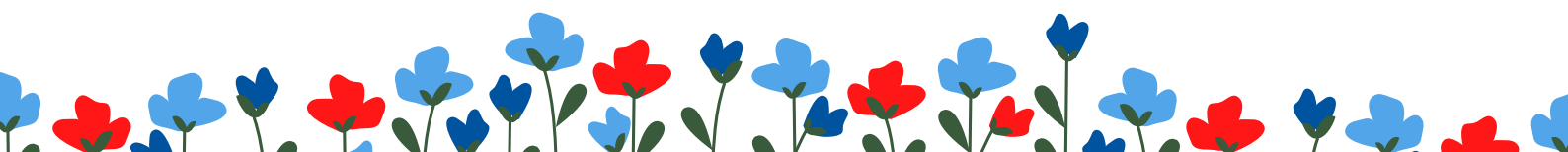
# *From My Desk*

Meet our newest First-Generation Specialist, Mr. Martin Turnley!



Mr. Turnley is a two-time graduate of Western Kentucky University, where he received his B.A. in Music and his M.A.E. in Student Affairs in Higher Education. In his capacity as an FGS, he sees coaching as a continuous learning process met with support to help unlock our fullest potential beyond our set expectations. One of his favorite quotes comes from Malcolm X: "Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who prepare for it today."

Learn more about Mr. Turnley and all the FGS staff on [our website!](#)

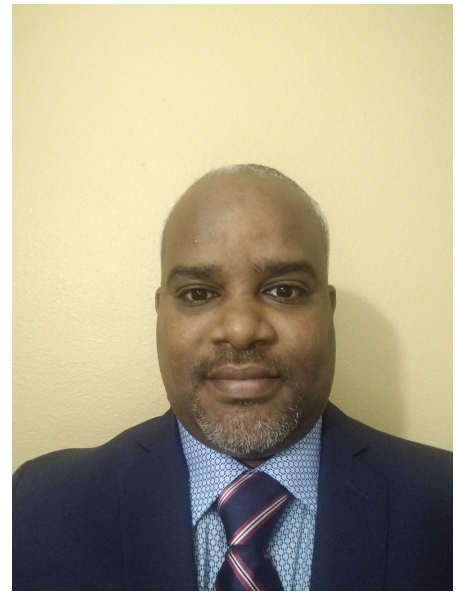


# *First-Gen at the Forefront*

The You First Project celebrates the graduating class of 2022, especially our first-gen seniors! Congratulations to Quianna Hardy, Tesfaye Segni, Veeyon Adam, Charlotte Elliott, and India Otero!



Quianna, a graduate in chemistry and aspirant for graduate school, says "Attract what you expect, reflect what you desire, become what you respect, mirror what you admire."



Tesfaye, a graduate in mechanical engineering, says "Plan your time properly and dedicate the allocated time for that specific task and keep on pushing until you reach the goal ."





# *What's Going On?*



First-year, first-generation students are invited to join The You First Project on April 22nd at 10:00am as we celebrate your successful completion of the academic year!

You Did It!  
Celebration

Register on <http://evite.me/jRcNFcCfCJ>  
and join Zoom: 867 7173 3267  
Passcode: 463787

April 22nd and 24th in the Health Sciences Building, Room 104B.

Harambee

Harambee aims to enhance the college and post-graduation experience of Black males through involvement and engagement with community.



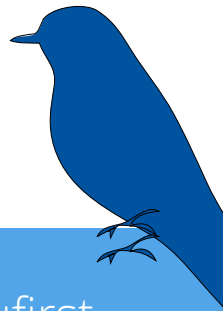
Don't Forget - Finals Start on May 2nd





# *Can We Pique Your Interest?*

Have you considered traveling and studying abroad? Studying abroad can be a valuable and memorable experience. Learn more from the [Office of International Affairs](#)! There are scholarships and grants available for eligible students.



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How would you like to attend a networking event with industry professionals? We would be grateful if you told us what would be most important to you in such an event. Tell your first-generation specialist what you would like to experience!

