

First-Generation College Students:
BUILD YOUR EDUCATIONAL LEGACY AT SWIC

What was the most helpful thing about the Legacy program?
Student responses

"This was a wonderful experience. I really feel this made me more prepared for my classes and life!"

Lauren of Troy

"I am grateful for all the books we received. They were a great enhancement to the presentations. The entire program will give me more confidence to be a better student, employee and mom."

Kathleen of Swansea

"This program motivated me to work hard to meet personal goals."

Katie of Mascoutah

"I learned where to find the best resources."

Sarah from Modoc

"I learned how to deal with everyday life, school and work at the same time"

Gemala of Belleville

Think it. Be it.



For more information:
Stop by the SWIC Counseling Center
Visit www.swic.edu/counseling
Call 618-235-2700, ext. 5206



The Southwestern Illinois College
LEGACY Program

is designed to help
first-generation college students
succeed at SWIC and beyond.



A Program For First-Generation College Students



WHAT IS IT?

- The mission of the **LEGACY** program is to increase the retention and graduation rates of first-generation college students by offering academic and personal support. This ten-week program is offered in both the fall and spring semesters.

CRITERIA

- Neither parent holds a bachelor's degree
- Enrolled in current semester
- Attend at least four workshops each semester

GOALS OF THE LEGACY PROGRAM

- Offer workshops, personal guidance, mentors and academic support to ease the fear and anxiety about attending college
- Keep students motivated and encouraged through interaction with successful SWIC students
- Help students build their self-confidence
- Provide students with the guidance and information they need to progress through college more easily
- Increase awareness and use of support services, programs and activities at the college

BENEFITS

- FREE \$50 Barnes & Noble book voucher
- Early enrollment in classes
- FREE Success Kit with complimentary school supplies
- FREE orientation banquet for the student and a guest
- Peer mentor, who will assist with the daily challenges of college life
- Counseling services
- Speakers who encourage, motivate and inform
- FREE education workshops with light snacks

WORKSHOPS

- Time Management
- Etiquette
- Financial Planning
- Career Exploration
- Study Skills
- Decisions for Success
- Finding Your Motivation
- Navigating College

For workshop dates, visit www.swic.edu/counseling

LEGACY - FOR FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS

To receive full benefits of the program, students are required to attend at least four workshops/program events.



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