Nov. 10, 2022

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 studentstudent