First-generation students, faculty, and staff came together to share their stories.
- Office of Student Retention & Completion

To celebrate National First-Generation Student Day, Aggie First Scholars (AFS) held a Kick-Off on Thursday, November 7, and a Day of Celebration on Friday, November 8.

The Kick-Off was opened to all first-generation students, faculty, and staff. The group took a photo together in the AFS t-shirts, enjoyed a free dinner and Dr. Chris Corcoran, a first-generation student who is now department head of management information systems, gave a speech.

During the event, the AFS Hansen Scholarship recipients were announced. Seven students were awarded a $2,000 scholarship, six were awarded a $1,250 scholarship, and ten were awarded an $850 scholarship.

The next day, the Day of Celebration featured an opportunity for AFS members to sign a pledge to become Aggie graduates. Refreshments were available, as well as an information booth to learn more about being a first-generation student. There was also a video booth on hand for those interested to share their first-generation stories, as well as share them on social media using #CelebrateFirstGen and #AggieFamily.