



20%

of Westmont **faculty and staff** identify as first-generation



17%

of Westmont **students** identify as first-generation



Westmont is a proud



## Goals for incoming first-generation students at Westmont:

- » Forming new friendships
- » Achieving good grades
- » Setting future goals
- » Managing commitments
- » Being on one's own without family and friends
- » Establishing an identity

## Stay in Touch!

Please reach out with questions and let us know how we can support you!

We're here for **you!**



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First  
Generation  
College  
Students



*Paving the  
Path Ahead*





## Welcome!

We're delighted you're considering Westmont and honored to join you and your family as you explore the next steps on your college journey. Westmont is deeply committed to celebrating and supporting our students who are first in their families to attend college. You'll find many opportunities to share your gifts and perspectives with the Westmont community. This brochure provides helpful information about resources at Westmont offering you support throughout your college years.

## Building Support Networks

### First Connections

A few days before the new fall semester begins, join other first-generation students and their guests at this pre-orientation gathering! You'll appreciate this great opportunity to meet college leadership, Student Success Coaches, other first-generation students, and Westmont staff and faculty. You'll learn more about the resources available to you as you make the transition to Westmont.



### First-Gen Student Organization

The First-Gen Student Organization offers fun social and professional development opportunities. It's a great place to make new friends!

### ICP and Cultural Adjustments

Intercultural Programs (ICP) provides a space for students of similar backgrounds to come together for support and fellowship. It gives all students the opportunity to build new friendships and to learn about and value different cultures, histories and perspectives.



#### ICP Organizations

- » African Student Union
- » Asian Student Association
- » Black Student Union
- » Global and International Student Association
- » Latiné Student Union
- » Multi-Ethnic Student Association
- » Students for Racial Justice

### Connecting with a Faith Community

We're here to help you get connected with a faith community in Santa Barbara. The Campus Pastor's Office is a great place to start to learn about faith communities in your new area.

## Academic Resources

### BALANCING STUDY AND WORK

### Alpha Alpha Alpha Honor Society

Westmont hosts its own chapter of Alpha Alpha Alpha (also called Tri-Alpha), a national honor society for first-generation college students. We're growing and excited to serve you!



### Academic Advisors

Academic advisors can support you in many ways. They'll help you explore options regarding a major and career choices as they listen and learn about your strengths and weaknesses. Academic advisors also guide you when it's time to register for classes.

### Career Resource Center

Visit the Career Resource Center in the Kerr Student Center (above the Dining Commons) to learn more about potential career paths, resume tips, interviewing skills, internships, and on-campus student employment.

### Peer Coaching Program

Peer coaches offer personal and academic support and guidance.

### Research Help Desk

Librarians and student staff are available to help you with research projects and papers.

### Student Success Coaches

Student Success Coaches meet with incoming students to help with the transition to college and life on campus.

### Tutoring Sessions

Group and individual tutoring sessions are available for a range of general education courses.

### Writers' Corner

Peer tutors assist and coach other students as they mature into more skillful and confident writers.

## Campus Resources

- » Accessibility Resource Office (The ARO)
- » Campus Life
- » Campus Pastor's Office
- » Center for Student Success
- » Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)
- » Health Center
- » Intercultural Programs
- » International Student Services
- » Residence Life, Housing, and Student Parking
- » Writers' Corner



**Student Success Coaches and Peer Coaches** are excellent guides as you learn to balance many responsibilities as a college student!

