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Open Coding	Axial Coding	Selective Coding
Motivated by money Accurate expectations of college Forced Independence Thought they were able to do anything first semester Harsh reality even though accurate expectations Friends and advisors help Family is supportive Family is proud Wants to transfer Aims to achieve degree not out of intrinsic motivations Communications major Mediator so like conflict resolution Need that to be a good mediator I'm in a sorority Tri Sigma Made so many friends Help me with school when I need help I did not want to stay home My parents were willing to help me Don't go to college you don't succeed in life which is not the case Parents are both very successful people Parents don't have one but they still do great They're able to let their kids go First to see their kid go off and do things College is expensive Financially High school was the worst	Forced to go out on and learn on their own Family recognizes the effort Student wants to transfer to get good degree Lots of interests Busy schedule, involved on campus Learned to take initiative and be independent Motivated to succeed their parents College is hard but they can get through it Motivated to finish college and move on Parents are well off Want to succeed Make parents proud Lack of high school support Self reliance A lot of freedom Friends and mom support Following in footsteps Pursuing recommendations Searching for something new Far away from home Finding yourself Establishing relationships that feel like family Relationship development within major Family background as motivator Have to experience it Finding your own path Relying on oneself Money problems Deciding on a major Love of learning	Support Systems Emerging Independence Motivations of Success

with all that kind of stuff	Excited for the experience	
I kind of had to decide	Looking forward to the future	
Resorted to my friends	Be better off	
My mom is my biggest supporter	From a different country	
I'm not big into sharing	Family unable to aid	
Mom's probably the person who helps me the most	Embracing one's independence	
I knew college, like you see it in the movies	Reliance on friends rather than formal routes	
We do have a lot of freedom	Looking at the future	
We are so free here	Self success and satisfaction	
I don't think I've found anything more difficult	Creating relationships	
Doing it all on my own which	Reliance on friends	
I actually kind of like	Seeking advice	
I'm figuring it out and can help my kids one day	Pressures of first generation	
I am much more independent now	Struggles of college experience	
My advisor	Influenced by friends to choose major	
My friends who know more than me	High self esteem	
My hallmates, they're great	Social activities similar to those in high school	
My sorority for sure	Never had problems interacting with others	
My best friend	College is hard, but manageable	
Always room for improvement	Wants a good career from college	
I want to graduate and have a good job	external influences for desire to go to school	
I love hearing my parents say they are proud of me	Internal influences for desire to go to school	
They keep me motivated	Creation of community through associations	
Found their major interesting	FGCS identity	
Likes large encompassing topic	Family Pride	
Likes managing money	Internal desire to learn and achieve goals	
Busy schedule	Building relationships through associations	
Desire to do more, but not enough time	Identity as a FGCS	
Learned time management in college	Difficulties	
Learned initiative in terms of activities	Family relationships	
	Autonomy	

Parents want them to do better than themselves Parents have big influence on life The student also is motivated to do better and be more successful than their parents They "made it" Hard to stay on track Inaccurate expectations Ups and downs Motivated to graduate and move on from college in workplace I wanted to do psychology Family members and friends say that I can be successful through business My dad is in business and a lot of my family is in business In a sorority, Tri Sigma There are like my family here I live in long island so I am far These are like my people Both my parents didn't and me wanting to get like a real education Meeting people and living in Virginia Like a culture shock You have to discipline yourself Make your own decisions It is always up to you Always putting school first I always have to choose Responsible for the input not the output Going to be in so much debt Finding who I am and what is most important You have to put yourself first I don't know how I went 18	Success Motivation College was always apart of the plan Pride in self because of family Pride from family Feeling of inability to succeed Impact being at college has on family Family relationship Support systems Fear Identity as FGCS Motivation: Internal Desire Loves learning, school is avenue to be the best teacher she can be Wants to make an impact on children's lives College is not necessary, it is supplementary Lack of ability to support schooling from family However emotional support from family is very strong JMU resources are available but not used FGCS identity: there isn't much of one Motivation to go to college was to get degree, motivation to continue is family pride College expectations Difficulties and tensions for FGCS Support systems:Family minimally and friends maximally Field of interest Expectation in full experience Self-trust and assurance Desire in specific focus Personal family values	

years without this girl We are like the same person She's my rock Don't really go to my advisor Typically go to my sorority for help There are always reminders I am on the right track of life My first semester was not good They get to live through me Being able to do my own thing A lot of volunteer work with engineering department Expanding your horizons Gotten closer to my professors so like networking Met other females in stem field I look up to my professors Make you question things Dad grew up poor and my mom grew up poor Both held a lot of jobs I want to have a comfortable life Want to try harder Make a name for yourself You have less experience to rely on Financially it was hard My parents were not extremely wealthy Thought college was going to be a lot easier Until you're there and can experience it, you really don't know what college is like One of the most demanding things Not being able to ask my parents because they didn't have university experience	Not knowing what college is like College is not just school Keeping up School influence goal Finding a place Challenges Knowing there is help Realization Want to be known Knowing what is next Freedom	

They do not fully understand Time consuming Made me more independent because I cannot rely on my parents You're on your own You have to navigate it on your own Grown as a person in college Maturity wise Apply myself harder than a lot of people I want to prove something Proving to myself and impressing my family Looked into statistics on fast growing jobs Was in nursing school Realized I couldn't pay for that I want to work in healthcare Desire to learn Lower income so it was always dependent on scholarships In order for me to get where i wanted to be, this was always an inevitable step I just kinda see it through I see the impact of college more I don't take it for granted I am excited to be here I really just appreciate the experience I'm pretty disconnected from my family Grew up doing manual labor Excited for me Isn't viewed as necessary It's interesting to them It's just always whether I could pay Gather the knowledge I need		

to excel in a career Prefer to find my own path You don't want to waste it Desire to do well and competitiveness I love learning Tells me that I am learning and I am doing my part Has his own medical marijuana company Greek life I'm russian Transition, some parts easier some parts harder Whole family is from Russia Just kinda the plan Saw an interest in furthering my education Mom and dad don't really know what's going on Up to me to figure all that shit out Do well but at the same time they can't really help out Here its being more independent and figuring what you like They don't really know and it is difficult for them to get into Ask like my friends or my advisor Made me more independent Have to figure everything out by myself A lot of support, a lot of close friends Haven't made too many connections with professors You're growing up so it should be up to you No one is going to hold your hand Making like a substantial amount of money		

Be happy Wanted to do business but specifically within I didn't know Marketing Do it for myself and be better off in the future Get a better job and earn money The end goal Picture in my mind of the future Having a good degree, a good job, and using that in my life JMU club lacrosse Team, friends, and roommate Gained a lot more friends instantly Gained a lot of friends here Older seniors on my team, go to them more often There's advisors and support teams and systems A lot of people depend on their parents for help A lot of pressure on parents New experiences Putting a lot of emphasis on it A lot of pressure to get through it Can't give me the same feedback as parents would if they went to college More of a problem solver Makes me learn things on my own Friends are also business majors, they chose the major because of their friends Heard good things about the major Thought they could do well because of the reputation of business school		

Involved with intramural spots and a fraternity Social through sports like high school Went to college for a better career and more opportunities Feels good to make family proud and knowing that they see him work hard High school wasn't bad College is harder Managing workload is hardest Worked with others and recognized own potential as a student Fraternity helps them out Wants to be financially comfortable Aims to find good job Volunteered at a Children's hospital Volunteered a lot with the department Talk to a lot of the nurses and that's how I figured out I wanted to do Nursing I wanted to be a nurse and you have to go to college to do that When I was little my babysitter was in college and she always talked about it I also just love school… I've always loved [learning] I kind of just also had the goal of wanting to go to college It's given me a lot of friends, some of my close friends I met at RUF The support, not only financially but emotionally and mentally with my		

mentors and the other CSP staff and students Just a really nice community (in regards to CSP) I think… first generation college students don't have as much support I'm lucky that I have CSP for support It's just kind of the way it is (in regards to being a FGCS They're all, my mom and my grandparents, are all very proud… just ecstatic [My family] tells everybody that I'm at JMU [majoring in] nursing and on scholarship and I mean even like the cashier at the grocery store I'm leaving without any debt I didn't have anything to get here (in regards to money) I wanted to challenge myself I wanted to come to college to show that even though no one has I really could handle college without having any insight from my parents or siblings. I wanted to show that I could do it, I could make it through college. all my friends wanted to go and everyone made it sound appealing. I wanted to take a chance, make new friends, and see if I could do it on my own. With that experience it's taught me to be a lot more, I guess outgoing.		

I used to be afraid to present and now a professor asks me to and I have no second thoughts. Also making new friends has been great. Making friends with the department and with younger students that have different outlooks on engineering. I love walking around campus and seeing people I know and be able to reconnect with them. *When asked about JMU first gen support*: A lot of support goes back to my friends. Within and outside the department my friends tend to be the support system. I also had the expectation that JMU engineering would be a lot more friendly than other colleges. it represents someone who is willing to take a chance. To be different. that's what being a FGCS is to me, it's someone how is wanted to go out on their own because they want to see what they can do with their lives and they want to test themselves and prove to themselves that they can do it. it means more to me to accomplish it because all my		

partners and many students don't have to wonder what college is like, or not be able to rely on family for support in it. I don't have family with experience in this but my accomplishments are because of my drive and personality. Not really, there's a lot of first gen students here but our presence doesn't really make a specific culture I started out with no friends It was iffy because I wouldn't have any friends but I liked their engineering program It was a little bit difficult because it was the first time my parents would drop me off and leave me for more than a month. I think it was the first time anyone in our family had done that. realizing I was on my own was hard it seems like it was harder for them. The expectation that my roommates and suite-mates would be really great. I hoped they would be the closest friends that I would make but only one of them made that mark, everyone else though, they weren't the best, it wasn't the best situation.		

It means they are immensely proud of me! My parents would be proud of me no matter what but being a FGCS to them just means they are proud of all the stuff I am doing and they feel terrible they can't help with half the stuff but they are proud of me for taking that risk because it's what I wanted to do and I wanted to make them proud and I want to be able to pay them back for all they paid for for me and all they've done for me. I love being with my family It's something they have never been through so usually they are really interested in what I am doing here and how my life looks on a day to day basis. I knew it would be a lot more difficult but a lot more free-ing. I have the authority to leave if wanted. I get to choose. I feel like I have been really successful in college. I have been successful at taking all the opportunities the department offers, what my peers can help me with		

and building relationships in general with them I think the biggest thing that keeps me motivated is proving to everyone that just because I'm a first gen student doesn't mean I'm going to do any less than someone who has the support to walk them through what college usually is. Showing that I can do it just as well. And the motivation to keep my parents proud, which they will always be proud of me, but I want to work hard enough to get a well paying job and one day making enough money to repay them best I can, which I will never be able to fully repay them, but repay them best I can for all the stupid stuff they have had to handle and all they've done for me Well I feel like my parents always had it like planned out for me because it was something they never got to do. So like all through school I was just planning on going to college, like that was the next step. It means a lot … it means a lot because I get to do something that my mom my		

dad never got to do. So yeah. it means a lot. They are so proud. Honestly I thought I was going to go to community college. I am from New York … And now, I'm at a beautiful university … they are so proud that I am out the door and doing big things. I didn't think I would get in anywhere, honestly. But I applied to 9 schools and I got into all of them. When I got my first acceptance letter I was like "There's no way they accepted me" because I struggled in high school. But like, I'm here. I don't know, I still think about it. I really thought I wasn't going to get in anywhere and now I'm here at this beautiful school. my sister wasn't planning on going to school … but now she is beginning to change her mind. Definitely a change for them, because they aren't used to me being gone. Definitely weird for them because they see me doing all these things and all this school work and they are getting a first hand view of what it means to go to college		

I don't really talk about school when I go home my friends. All my friends are older than me and know more than my parents do [about college] so I turn to them for help and such. my mom misses me so much, like cries so much every time I leave. I've never been apart from them this much. she will support me a such because she knows I have bad anxiety but other than that I just lean on my friends. I was struggling my first semester. I just wanted to go home so bad. But I went home for winter break and I was fine after that. I realized I only have so many months before freshman year was over and I had to put all that aside and live my life at the end of first semester I also got really homesick. But I went home and was fine coming back. I was worried about making friends That's what I was afraid of, meeting new people *When asked about FGCS culture existence:* Not really, and if there is I don't know about it. *When asked how often being a FGCS comes up:* I mean,		

not very often. It's just something, I mean my friends probably don't even know that about me. *When asked if there was a desire to talk about being a FGCS more or not:* it's just kind of there. It's not really a thing that I'm like "Oh yeah I'm a first gen!" I'm not going to go around saying that to people, but it's also not a thing I'm going to avoid. The fact that I am is a pretty big deal but I'm not going to go around running my mouth about it. *Motivation:* Getting a degree and getting a job. And wanting to give my parents back all they gave to me. I mean, I want a stereotypical life. I want go to college, I want to get a job, I want to get married, and I want to have my own kids. and I want them to go to college too. Really working to get my life on track so I can give back to my parents all they gave to me. Like 2 years ago I would have been like "I'll just go to community college and see what happens" and now, here I am. At JMU. I would love to be able to make a difference in kids lives. I just really want to be a good		

teacher. And some kids don't have support from home. And I could be that support. And if I get a degree I can be that support, I can help kids and help them learn and I really just want to be a good influence on kids. So that's what keeps me here, the degree to be a good teacher. being able to apply those things I'm learning now as far as behavioral issues or getting kids to learn, it is all just really beneficial. what I wanted to do with my life requires going to college if my brothers decide to go that is fine for them but for I want to do I need college and they are proud of me for doing it. I really enjoy learning all the things that are with my major. it's a lot of work but I have learned a lot because of it seeing how my parents are having a hard time because they don't have college to back them up Maybe if my parents had gotten college educations here they could give me advice or something because it can all be a little bit scary trying to figure out how to apply to stuff Having a family member would help They're proud. They help support me to do this which is cool. I know the school has resources to help with school		

work, but I haven't used it yet. I have some friends I go to, but I think my family has been the main support I've found if you reach out to JMU they are all really helpful. it's just kind of a part of you but you don't talk about it that much. someone has to go to college first Well I wanted to be a physical therapist so I mean I had to go to school for it. *Motivation:* That all my family is like proud of my and wants me to do well. I feel proud because no one in my family has ever gone to college before they are really proud that I've gone, and especially that I have got into here because they all live in VA and they all know JMU. with class I kinda knew, because I took dual-enrollment in school and stuff but it still doesn't prepare you for how hard it was. I definitely thought it was going to be about fun and games, which it is a lot of fun and stuff but I'm very focused on my work and stuff. I guess I didn't realize how much time I'd be		

spending of work before I came. there weren't any difficulties but a couple people I know were like "I have legacy at this college" "I have legacy at this college" and I don't, I guess. my roommates mom went here, and she's been able to get a lot of scholarships because her mom went here… not a lot of people have opportunities like that so people that did go to the same schools as their parents … I feel like have a lot more connections and stuff. *When asked about how roommate opportunities impact their relationship:* a couple weeks ago [my roommate] went to this alumnae lunch thing and sat with the sponsor of her scholarship and only kids like her get those scholarships so I guess like jealous I guess. She gets more money to go here just because like her parents went here. I don't go home very much, other than the big breaks, but I text my siblings and mom and stuff and so like I feel like my relationship is pretty much the same, like I don't think it's different.		

When asked about support systems: my suitemates, we didn't know each other before we moved in and like I can talk to them because they're like always there. And like my boyfriend goes here so I have him *When asked about FGCS culture existence:* No. I mean I haven't really met other people that are first generation college students. *When asked about where help comes from regarding college:* I normally text my group chat of my suitemates Wanted to do something in the business realm Have a focus in health facilities Lacked on putting myself out there Wanted to be part of something with a common interest Education is something important in my family Sacrifices my parents made Thanking my parents for giving me the opportunity Happy with the choices I make Working hard for something and reaching that goal Weren't really there to guide you		

Didn't hear about the college stories Something to take your mind off things Important to have something outside of school Managing my time Prioritizing the things Have the same values Realizing why I am here Hard to adjust See a struggle Can do a lot better Didn't realize early enough Getting the pace of things Feels like a bubble Don't see everything Working with numbers Working with people Want to work for a business Helped me make friends Make a lot memories Keep my faith The best for me Full potential Put my mind to Confidence Not having advice Being patient Trust my decisions Sense of community Willing to help Successful because I failed Keep going Want to work in a school setting Inspired me		

Impacted my experience Finding a group Just finding myself Wanted to make a better life of myself Means a lot They are proud of me Have a better future ahead of me Strive for greatness Try my best Being a minority Hard trying to figure out I was really nervous Expected it to be a lot harder Have a degree to make more money Want to do extra things I'm a centennial Full ride Going to the counseling center Feel comfortable I try to boost everyone Someone there I have to talk to I feel that I've been successful Make sure I study to prepare Try something new Fascinated Learning new things Wanted to emulate that Chance to have a better life Responsibility and pressure I can do this First one to do it		

Become something greater Focus on my education This next step Making sure I put 100% Got accustomed New found freedom Feel more independent Feel supported in doing my best Motivated to keep going forward Don't tend to give up Want me to succeed		

ST

Open Coding	Axial Coding	Selective Coding
		Learned how to function in college on their own Independence from family, but still motivated to do better than they did

		College has challenges but overcoming them in worth it.

Susanne Red

Open Coding	Axial Coding	Selective Coding
		Exceed parents expectations Independence evolving

		Support systems within friends

SR

Open Coding	Axial Coding	Selective Coding
		Family Influence

		New experiences Developing self

NH

Open Coding	Axial Coding	Selective Coding
		Creating relationships Family as motivation

		Independence

KT

Open Coding	Axial Coding	Selective Coding

		Financial Struggle Desire to attend Future oriented

MM

Open Coding	Axial Coding	Selective Coding
		Family disconnect

		Independence for future Personal relationships

DW

Open Coding	Axial Coding	Selective Coding
		Future motivators Support systems found Obstacles faced as a first gen

JA

Open Coding	Axial Coding	Selective Coding
		Influenced by others, but felt capable to do it on their own Family is proud and recognizes his efforts

		Social support systems contribute to success

BB

Open Coding	Axial Coding	Selective Coding
-		Strong Internal Desire to go to school Created community formed support group through school Family pride helps to keep motivation high

GW

Open Coding	Axial Coding	Selective Coding
		Desire to go to school

		Identity and Challenges of an FGCS

		Support Systems: Family and Friends

TW

Open Coding	Axial Coding	Selective Coding
		Desired college, although felt unqualified

		Family Relationships Support systems

SP

Maddie maloney

Open Coding	Axial Coding	Selective Coding
		College is an avenue to be good in career choice.

		Family support and lack thereof

		FGCS identity

MM

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Marissa Mahoot

Open Coding	Axial Coding	Selective Coding
		Motivated by internal drive and family pride College expectations and challenges as a FGCS

		Support system is mostly friends rather than family.

Opening coding	Axial Coding	Selective Coding
		Support amongst friends Independence Motivation Support Motivation

Devany Corvera

Opening coding	Axial Coding	Selective Coding
		Shared support from peers Family support

		Independence Motivation Self-Motivation

Opening coding	Axial Coding	Selective Coding
		Motivation Support Family support Self-Motivation Motivation

Randy Romero

Opening coding	Axial Coding	Selective Coding
		Motivation Independence Support Motivation