

# STUDENT SUCCESS PROGRAMS

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## Barnes Harris Endowment

The goal of the Barnes-Harris Endowment is to support incoming freshmen from metropolitan public high schools, who are enrolled full-time (12 or more credits each term), and who demonstrate financial need.

The Barnes-Harris Scholarship was established in the names of Marvis Evon Barnes '59 and Myra Ann Harris '59, Towson University's first African American graduates. Both Ms. Barnes and Ms. Harris wanted the scholarship, set at a minimum \$1,000.00 per academic year, to be awarded to a freshman who possessed a commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion and how it impacts your everyday life. Response to essay prompt with 500 words or less.

## College Readiness Outreach Program (CROP)

College Readiness Outreach Program (CROP) connects ninth grade students attending Baltimore City Public High Schools with TU students who serve as mentors and provide a series of college readiness workshops. TU student mentors facilitate individual conversations and group discussions sharing their experiences, encouraging academic persistence, discussing college readiness topics, and helping students develop a personal definition for success. Baltimore City Public High School students have an opportunity to develop a plan to graduate high school and gain college acceptance. A virtual option has been added to the program to provide any High School in Maryland to participate in the workshops facilitated by TU students.

## Community Enrichment & Enhancement Partnership (CEEP) Award

The Community Enrichment and Enhancement Partnership (CEEP) Award is a scholarship resource available to entering freshman students eligible for financial aid. Student Success Programs is responsible for the administration of this scholarship. CEEP (pronounced KEEP) Award funding supports TU's mission to increase the access and success of culturally diverse undergraduate students.

## France Merrick Opportunity Scholarship

The goal of the France Merrick Scholarship is to provide financial scholarships to FAFSA eligible students who have graduated from a Baltimore City or Baltimore County High School. Register for a minimum of 12 credits each fall and spring semester; Earn a minimum of 24 credits per academic year (fall and spring); Earn the minimum required cumulative grade point average of 2.50 or greater; Complete France-Merrick Opportunity Scholarship Confirmation Form by designated date; Complete France-Merrick Opportunity Scholarship Assessment during contract renewal session; Continue to demonstrate financial need based on my FAFSA data.

## Generation One

Offered in collaboration with the Student Success Programs and Counseling Center, Generation One is a program providing first generation college students attending TU with tailored mentoring and guidance to foster both academic and personal accomplishment.

Generation One connects students who share similar experiences to share strategies to deal with difficult situations and provide encouragement during challenging and rewarding times. The Generation One group has weekly meetings and monthly programming.

## Man 2 Man

Man 2 Man is a peer program geared toward men of color at TU. Facilitated by Rafael Cordwell and Roodinz Vital, this community serves as a confidential space for male-identified students of color to develop a better understanding of themselves and others in the context of gender, race, culture, and social pressure.

Weekly meetings and programs explore how the experience of masculinity in today's society shapes how we think, feel, and relate to others, as areas of growth, strength, and unity are discussed.

## Students Achieve Goals through Education (SAGE) Community

The SAGE Community offers a residential living community experience for entering freshman who are first generation students eligible for financial aid through partnership with Student Success Programs and the Department of Housing and Residence Life. SAGE Community focuses on academic success, community building, professional development, and expanding the multicultural knowledge of first year participants. Opportunity for faculty interaction, academic support, use of campus wide services as well as staff, and peer mentorship support this effort.

Applicants should be first generation college students, eligible for financial aid, and must participate in the SAGE Community Pre-Orientation experience, taking place six days before the traditional new student orientation experience in August. Applicants selecting a roommate should select a roommate that is first generation and eligible for financial aid as well; however, housing makes every attempt to honor roommate requests.

## Students Achieve Goals through Education (SAGE) Program

Students Achieve Goals through Education (SAGE) program is one component of TU's cultural diversity and student retention plan open to all incoming freshman and transfer students. Each SAGE program participant is able to develop a positive relationship with a peer mentor and participate in various activities that enhance academic success, campus connections, personal development, and career development skills. Participants also expand their knowledge of diverse cultural communities and identities, program and event planning, while participating in professional development and networking opportunities.

SAGE Program events welcome all students each Tuesday, 4-5 p.m., in the University Union Building.