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**A THEORETICAL EXAMINATION OF**

# **FIRST GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS**

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**Student Population**

**FIRST-  
GENERATION  
COLLEGE  
STUDENTS**

**Development Theory**

**CHICKERING'S  
SEVEN  
DEVELOPMENTAL  
VECTORS**





**WHAT  
PROBLEMS/  
CONCERNS DO  
YOU BELIEVE FGCS  
FACE?**

# LIT REVIEW

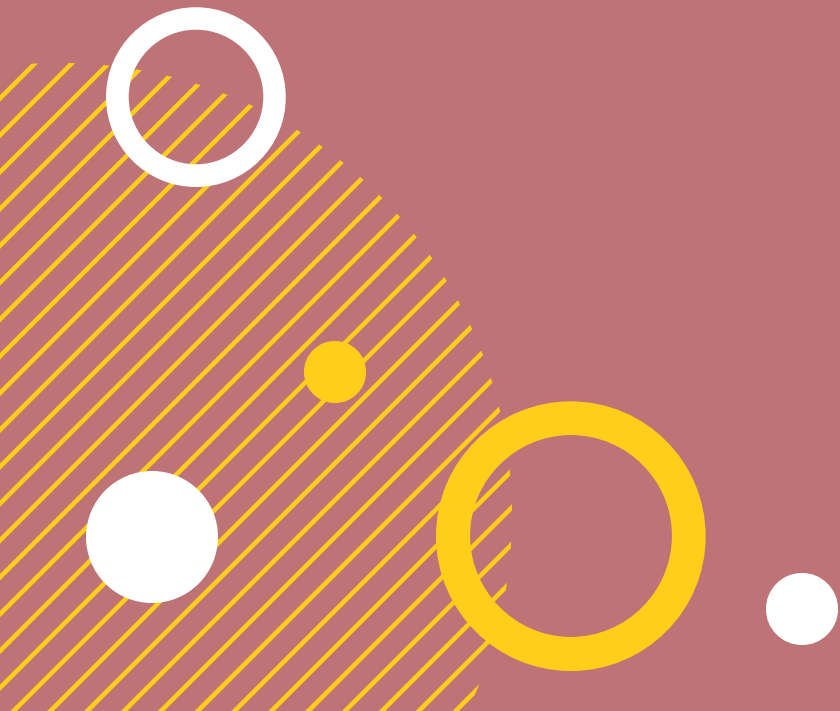
## KEY FINDINGS

- More than a quarter of FGCS do not complete their first year of college
- Parents of FGCS are less likely to attend tours and be involved in the selection process
- Want to give back to the community
- Want to help other family members achieve the goal of college



# METHODS

- Convenience sample (potential bias)
- Contacted via email for participation consent
- Eight students total interviewees





# THEMES

WORK ETHIC/DISCIPLINE

DISCONNECT WITH OTHERS

FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY & STRESS

EXPECTATIONS FROM FAMILY

PERSPECTIVE

GRATITUDE FOR  
OPPORTUNITY

"THIS DOESN'T  
DEFINE YOU"



# DISCUSSION OF FINDINGS

## RELATION TO THEORY

- Developing competence
- Moving through autonomy toward interdependence
- Establishing identity

## RELATION TO RESEARCH

- More likely to want to give back to the community
- Want to help their families succeed
- Have a strong work ethic
- Families were supportive
- There was not a negative relationship with families after college

## SHORTCOMINGS

- Small convenience sample
- Hard to generalize across the population
- Only one theory was used

# IMPLICATIONS OF FINDINGS



- Orientation programming tailored to first generation students
- Offer FGCS learning community
- Develop webinar for FGCS parents
- Begin information outreach starting in high school



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**QUESTIONS?**