

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF
MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
SIXTY-FIRST SESSION**



BILL NO. 61-39

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A BILL TO: Advocate for the Construction of a First-Generation Student Center to Begin During the 2025-2026 School Year.

THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ENACT:

WHEREAS, On November 8th, 1965, the Higher Education Act was signed by former President Johnson allowing for federal aid programs to help those pursuing a secondary education¹; and,

WHEREAS, November 8th is recognized as National First-Generation College Celebration Day²; and,

WHEREAS, As of 2022, about 20% of Michigan State University's undergraduate students identify as First-generation³; and,

WHEREAS, President Guskiewicz in his September 29th, 2024 investiture address states "I am excited to introduce the First Gen Center, a new initiative focused on supporting first-generation college students. The center will aggregate a variety of supporting programs, including our bridge-to-college programs, ensuring that first-generation students have the resources and guidance they need to thrive at Michigan State."⁴⁵; and,

¹ <https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/R/R43351>

² <https://firstgen.naspa.org/engagement/first-generation-college-celebration>

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<https://undergrad.msu.edu/news/2022/06-first-gen-website-live#:~:text=According%20to%20Perry%2C%20first%2Dgen,undergraduate%20population%2C%20roughly%2020%25>

⁴ <https://president.msu.edu/communications/2024/2024-09-29-investiture-speech>

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<https://statenews.com/article/2024/09/msu-president-emphasizes-student-success-research-at-investiture-ceremony>

WHEREAS, There are very few resources available on campus for First-Generation students such as the First-Generation Leadership and Innovation Vanderploeg Scholars Program which only accepts a small amount incoming first-year students⁶; therefore be it,

RESOLVED, That the Associated Students of Michigan State University will support and assist in university and student efforts to bolster new programs designed to strengthen resources for first-generation students; therefore be it further,

RESOLVED, That the Associated Students of Michigan State University shall release a statement endorsing President Guskiewicz's statement to approve a First-Generation student center on campus for the 2025-2026 school year.

INTRODUCED ON 11.14.2024

REFERRED TO Academic **COMMITTEE ON** 11.07.2024

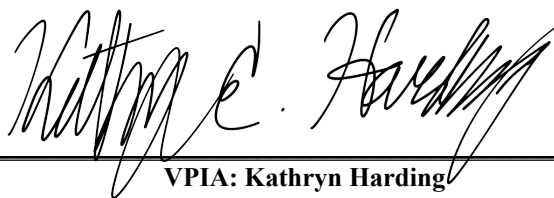
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PRESIDENT: Connor Le



VPIA: Kathryn Harding

⁶ <https://firstgen.msu.edu/fli-vanderploeg-scholars/>