



Mi Nueva Familia

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My Story



Hispanic 1st Generation Statistics

- Definition¹
- Population Statistics²
 - Largest proportion of First Generation Students
 - 64% withdraw from universities every year
 - Least educated minority group.

Reasons for Withdrawing

- Lack of college-going culture²
- Lack of self-confidence; being perceived as academically inferior³
- Difficulty with critical thinking and decision making skills
- Inexperience with self-monitoring; rule following

QUIZ TIME!

- Please answer the handouts you have been provided.
- Tally up your letters at the end of the quiz.

Communication Styles

- Supporter/Abuela
 - Support and reassurance
 - Good listener
 - Confidence Boosters
 - Sensitive
- Analyzer/Madre
 - Decision Making
 - Values instructions and directions
 - Plans before acting
 - Thoughtful
- Promoter/Abuelo
 - Talkative; open about self
 - Optimist
 - Includes others
 - Full of ideas
- Director/Padre
 - Commander
 - Rule enforcer
 - Acts on instinct
 - Fearless



Scenarios:

- Student A: She/he has not been attending class because they have been staying out late to hang out with friends.
- Student B: She/he is experiencing homesickness. It is affecting both their academic and personal life.
- Student C: She/he hears from home that their family is struggling financially. The student feels extreme guilt and is considering withdrawing in order to help their family financially.

Communicating Within Roles

- You may operate multiple roles.
- Read the student.
- Read the situation.
- Your roles may change.
- Create your own family of other faculty and staff to better serve our students.

Final Thoughts

- Hispanic 1st Generation College Students lack the communicative support from their family.
- Your efforts are greatly appreciated!
- Thank you!

Sources

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