# ACR 147 (Alvarez) - California's First-Generation College Celebration Day

## Summary

ACR 147 commemorates November 8th, 2024, as "California's First-Generation College Celebration Day" to recognize the importance of first-generation college students.

## Background

Following the Federal government's Senate Resolution 437 from 2021, California would be in alignment with the values and demonstrate the importance of recognizing first-generation students' history in our education systems.

First-generation college students may face additional academic, financial, and social challenges that lead to disparate outcomes in college access and completion and disparate labor market outcomes compared to their peers with parents who attended at least some college.

For that reason, California higher educational systems have implemented programs such as TRIO programs, Puente, the Education Opportunity Program (EOP), Umoja, and the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Student Achievement Program. These programs have contributed to the success of first-generation students. For example, EOP programs offer assistance through mentorship, academic programs, financial assistance, counseling/advising, and other campus support services to those who are first-generation college students and historically disadvantaged backgrounds. Overall, these important programs, along with federal assistance, help students achieve their academic dreams.

## Details of the Bill

ACR-147 will recognize November 8, 2024, as "California's First-Generation College Celebration Day." The measure would urge all higher education institutions in the state to celebrate California's First-Generation College Celebration Day, recognize the significant role of first-generation college students in developing the state's future workforce, celebrate the federal Higher Education Act of 1965, and support first-generation college students with opportunities and equity in completing their desired degree programs.

## Support

- MANA De San Diego (Sponsor)
- Community College League of California
- Faculty Association of California Community Colleges

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