Dear Parents,

This semester had a difficult start for some students, dealing with Hurricane Harvey’s aftermath, starting school a few days late, and perhaps going over material in class faster than anticipated in order to make up for the lost days. Now we are close to midterms, and while your student may have already had quizzes, written papers, and given presentations, most midterm exams are during the next couple of weeks. Remind your student to use all CASA services. We are here to help. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Regards,
Ana

My name is Julianna Navarro and I’m in my second year as a Masters student in the Counseling program here at TAMUCC. The FISA program gives these students the best support system and academic guidance that is needed to be successful. I am so happy to be a part of this program to make a difference in their lives.

My name is Stephanie Ontiveros and I am currently pursuing my undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice and Psychology, with a minor in Sociology and Theatre Arts here at Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi. As a FISA student alumni, part of the first cohort, I am grateful to be able to share my knowledge and experience with fellow first-generation students.

My name is Juliana Guerrero, and I am in my junior year here at Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi, majoring in Nursing with a minor in Psychology. I am a proud FISA alumni from the first cohort and I can say with confidence, the program helped me tremendously. I am honored to be one of the mentors and dedicated to make a difference in the students’ lives guiding them to success.

Inspiration for First Generation College Students

I am Me

I am me, a first-generation student in search of my destiny.

I am me, a scholar who wants to succeed for all to see.

I am me, the example of who my little brothers and sisters want to be.

I am me, the son or daughter of proud parents whose dreams I see.

I am me, the inspiration of my entire family tree.

I am me, who wishes to change the world into a better place for thee.

I am me, the future college graduate that I know I will be.

-Steve Luis, FISA Peer Mentor, First-Generation College Student
Peer Mentors

Top: Steve Luis, Cecilia Contreras, Juliana Guerrero. Bottom: Stephanie Ontiveros, Julianna Navarro, Roman Torres

Greetings Parents,

We have had some wonderful experiences meeting with our Year III Cohort! Each year we are amazed by the intelligence, dedication, and hard work students bring.

Important Dates:

**October 18-November 1**
November 22, Wednesday
November 23-24, Thursday-Friday
December 5, Tuesday

December 6, Wednesday
December 7, Thursday
**December 8, Friday; Monday-Thursday**

Midterms
Reading Day-No Class
Thanksgiving Holidays
Last day to withdraw from the University
Last day of classes
Reading Day
**Final examinations 11-14,**

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Meet and Greet
Students having a fun time at FISA’s Meet & Greet

Community Service
FISA students volunteering at the Corpus Christi Food Bank