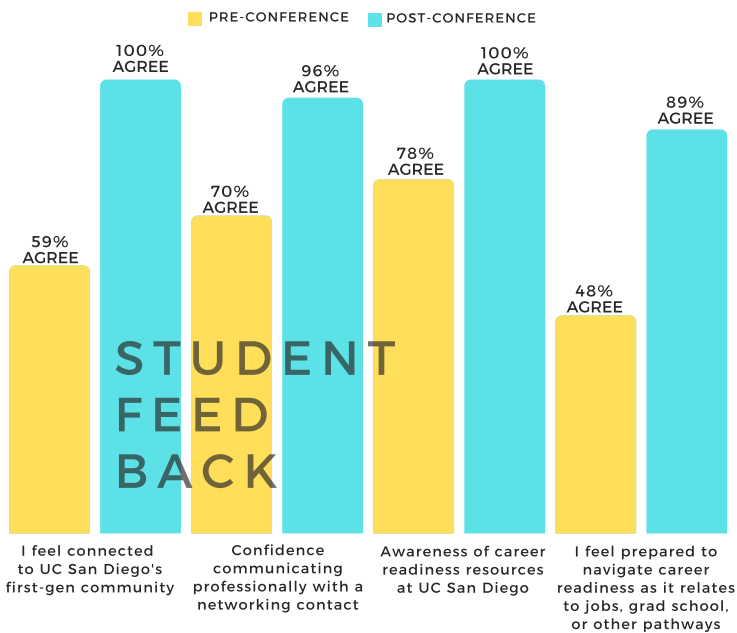


FIRST, BUT NOT ALONE: POWER IN NUMBERS

AN OVERVIEW OF UC SAN DIEGO'S INAUGURAL CAREER READINESS CONFERENCE FOR FIRST-GENERATION COLLEGE STUDENTS

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On February 1, 2020, the inaugural career readiness conference for first-generation college students was held at UC San Diego. "First, but not alone: Power in numbers" was a collaborative effort between UC San Diego's Student Retention and Success unit, the Career Center, and the Teaching + Learning Commons. The conference provided a space for UC San Diego's first-generation students to gather in community with supporting alumni and staff, to gain inspiration, knowledge of resources, and practice in skills to prepare them for their career journey.



89% OF ALUMNI Thought that participating in this program was worth their time



89% OF ALUMNI Would recommend this conference to others

” Thank you so much to all individuals for the hard work invested in this conference. It's a space I wish I had when I was preparing to graduate. Keep up the great work!
-Alumni Participant ”



“I really liked the advice and the fact that they let us know it's ok to feel a bit lost and confused.”
- Student Participant

WORKSHOPS

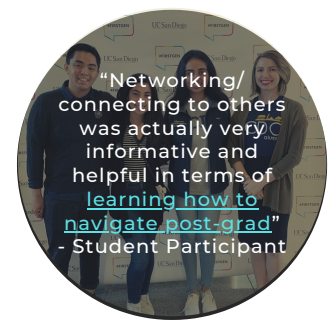
Students participated in three-plenary scaffolding workshops that included a design-thinking 5/10-year plan workshop (Success Coaching), introductions to resources/opportunities that can help students reach their career path milestones (AIP/ELT), and an interactive session for rapid resume/cover letter reviews and advising. All of the workshops led up to a networking dinner with first-gen alumni of UC San Diego.



“I learned about how to construct a resume and how it's not as scary as it seems.”
- Student Participant

CROSS-CAMPUS COLLABORATIONS

With support from the Career Center, OASIS, Success Coaching Programs, and the Teaching + Learning Commons, students were introduced to internship and experiential learning opportunities as well as participated in an interactive session with peer leaders from AIP, the Writing Hub, Career Center peers and advisors, and success peer coaches.



“Networking/connecting to others was actually very informative and helpful in terms of learning how to navigate post-grad.”
- Student Participant

COMMUNITY-BUILDING

The conference fostered a space to strengthen the first-generation community on-campus through peer-to-peer engagement and the opportunity for students to share in a meal with members of UC San Diego's first-generation alumni network. Students were provided with a question guide, along with the knowledge and tips from the workshops, to help lead their discussions with alumni.