Join us for a conversation about first-generation college students at the local and national level. We will discuss best practices, and opportunities to better serve a population of students that depends highly upon us. The program includes presentations from Dr. Jennifer Engle, the vice president for policy research at the Institute for Higher Education Policy, and Richard Kahlenberg, a senior fellow at The Century Foundation.

**Tuesday, April 8, 2014**
Pugh Auditorium, Benson University Center
9am-3pm

**Registration Deadline**—**Monday, April 7, 2014**

**Symposium Cost**
— $15.00 (Community)
— $10.00 (WFU Faculty & Staff)

*Registration fee includes choice of lunch and program materials*

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Program
Location: Pugh Auditorium, Benson University Center

9:00am  Registration
9:30am  Welcome
Joseph A. Soares, PhD. – Professor of Sociology, Wake Forest University

9:45am  Rewarding Strivers
Richard D. Kahlenberg – Senior Fellow, The Century Foundation
Kahlenberg is a prominent scholar and author for inequality in higher education, among other topics regarding education. He has been called “the intellectual father of the economic integration movement” in K-12 schooling, and arguably the nation’s chief proponent of class-based affirmative action in higher education admissions”. His presentation will focus on first-generation youth and college admissions.

10:30am  Success for First-Generation College Students
Jennifer Engle, PhD. – VP for Policy Research, Institute for Higher Education Policy
Engle is an expert on many higher education issues, mainly success for first-generation and low income college students. Previous experience includes an ambitious effort to advance the equity agenda in colleges and universities. She was the lead author for “Straight from the Sources: What Works for First-Generation College Students”, among other books. Her presentation will focus on college completion and success for first-generation college students.

11:30am  Research Panel
Joseph A. Soares, PhD., Richard D. Kahlenberg, Jennifer Engle, PhD.

12:00pm  Lunch and Video Presentation
Benson University Center, Rooms 409 & 410

1:00pm  Address from Wake Forest University
Penny Rue, PhD. – Vice President for Campus Life, Wake Forest University
Rogan Kersh, PhD. – Provost, Wake Forest University

1:30pm  Practitioners Presentation
Cynthia Demetriou – Director of Retention, university of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Esther Freeman – Director of the Watson/Odyssey Program, Elon University
T. Nathaniel “Nate” French, PhD. – Director, Magnolia Scholars Program

2:00pm  Local Programs Panel
Cynthia Demetriou, Esther Freeman, T. Nathaniel “Nate” French, PhD.

3:00pm  Closing Remarks
Joseph A. Soares, PhD.