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## Day One

# First in the Family

### Part 1: Silent read

➔ As a high school student, how do you find out about college? Read silently.

Today, more than half of all high school students are headed to college. Most kids have heard that college can open up opportunities. But to find a college, where do you start?

Do you see yourself at a large university with big classes and football games? Or does a smaller school appeal to you? Do you want to be in the city or a suburb?

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Alex said his parents and teachers always held him to a higher standard. But going away to college would be transforming. When he got the college acceptance letter, Alex said it was huge. His parents couldn't contain their excitement. Alex realized "it was like crossing another border."

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Source: "Alex Montes," *I'm First*.



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### Part 2: First timed read

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### Part 3: Comprehension and discussion

Who supported Alex and Sichun in aiming to attend college?

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What does Gen 1 mean?

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### Part 4: Phrase-cued reading

- Read the passage **out loud** in phrases to your partner.
- Pause at each / mark for a phrase.
- Also pause at each // mark that shows the end of a sentence.

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I read the passage in phrases out loud to my partner.