First-Gens Mission Statement

First-Gens offers support to students who identify as first-generation students. This includes law students who are the first in their family to attend college or first to attend professional school. We strive to provide a safe and inclusive space for Miami Law students who lack access to some of the class-based privileges of our peers. We aim to facilitate discussions surrounding common questions first-generation students may have, such as, proper lunch etiquette with a Partner, a personal pitch for networking events, and the proper attire for an interview.

First-Gens focuses on providing network opportunities, mentorship opportunities, and overall preparation for first-generation students entering the legal industry. We plan to increase academic support through study sessions, outlining workshops, and exam preparation. In addition, First-Gens would like to focus on personal development through mental health workshops and panels, and financial development. First-Gens plans to establish partnerships with the University of Miami’s Empower Me First organization, UM Law’s Career Development Office, UM Law’s Academic Achievement Office, and other organizations.

Three Pillars of First-Gens:

- **Professional Development**
  - Interview Preparation
  - Summer Internship Application Sessions
  - Navigating first year courses

- **Professional Networking**
  - Mentorships with alumni, faculty, & upper level students
  - Hosting networking events with legal professionals in Miami

- **Personal Development**
  - Mental Health Sessions
  - Financial Wellness
  - LinkedIn & Social Media Workshops
  - Assistance with Personal Statements