First-generation students are the first in their immediate family to earn a bachelor’s degree. Success in this life-changing accomplishment takes perseverance, courage and unwavering momentum. It also takes support. At the University of Colorado, first-generation students are given the opportunity to explore and maximize their college experience through programs and mentors that guide the way. Many CU faculty and staff are first generation and share advice and assistance on what could otherwise be an intimidating path. All four University of Colorado campuses are united in making a difference in the lives of first-generation students, and ultimately their families, across Colorado.

**Hear their stories**

**Jim Do | Superhero & Future Doctor**

**Ellena Vo | Kid Scientist & Pioneer**

**Zach Blea | Adventurer & Future Doctor**

**Alba Valerdi | Lifelong Learner & Teacher**

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