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Cedrick Boursiquot will be presenting on

THE PRESSURES OF BEING FIRST IN THE FAMILY

When: Thursday November 7, 2019
Time: 12:00 PM
Where: Great Hall - Higgins House

Generally speaking, a first generation college student is someone who is the first in their family to go to college. However, there are variations in the way first gen is defined. The term seems clear cut until you realize that the family structure is anything but. Is a student considered first gen if their mother never enrolled in college, their father had a degree but passed away before the student was born? Is a student considered first gen if their sibling is currently enrolled in college but has not yet graduated? Is a student considered first gen if their birth parents went to college, but their current guardians and lived with parents did not? What does United States legislation say? This interactive workshop will look closely at the first gen student and the different composites that form this identity. The various pressure, challenges and success stories of being first gen will also be discussed.

Cedrick Boursiquot “The Black Geek” is returning to WPI to talk about his experiences as a first gen student in STEM. Cedrick J. Boursiquot is the SEVIS Systems Coordinator and Data Analyst at MIT’s International Students Office. Prior to his position at MIT he worked as an Associate IT Director and IT Integration Specialist at Catholic Memorial School preceded only by his tenure at St. John’s High School where he was a Computer Science Teacher and an Audio Visual Director. Cedrick is truly passionate about all things technology.