

## **Transcript- Duke LIFE Pod Trailer**

**Victoria:** Are you the first in your family to go to college? Has pursuing a college degree ever been a financial issue for you and your family?

Or are you the parent or family member of a student who will be the first in your family to pursue a four-year college degree in the U.S.?

If so, this podcast is made for you and by people like you.

This is the Duke Life Pod, the audio archive of first-generation college students and low income students at Duke University. I'm Victoria Pinedo, your host, and the current Nowicki Fellow of Student Engagement at the Office of Undergraduate Education at Duke.

The truth is I've never made a podcast before, but it's been a long-time dream of mine to do so.

I am a first-generation college graduate who's Peruvian immigrant, now officially American parents raised me and my sibling on a low income wage.

A couple of years ago, obtaining my bachelor's degree was a dream.

One that I was able to achieve by taking many paths less traveled than what my parents and family had done before me.

So, think of this podcast as another journey less traveled. A path that no one in my inner circle or family could have taught me to do. And yet, here I am, recording the trailer to this podcast.

With the resources available to me at my current job, the support of the Duke Life office, and the moxie that every first-generation person has to create new goals and journeys for oneself, I was able to start this cool storytelling project.

In this podcast, I bring you transparent storytelling from our current students and recent alumni. Through interviews, we will discuss the highs and the lows of being the first in their families to attend college, navigate new career and educational opportunities, And enter new socioeconomic spaces.

If you are a prospective first-generation college student or the parent of one, please, I encourage you to stay tuned in.

Share it with your family, your friends. Your younger siblings and cousins, before they start asking you all kinds of college related questions, you also have trouble answering. You know we've all been there before.

Or if you're simply interested in understanding how a community of special students at Duke are carving their own legacies as the first and onlys, please don't go away.