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**Subject:** **Advanced Diploma Program**

Good afternoon,

My name is Sarah Armengolt, I'm a first year college student who was blessed with the ability of being part of the the advanced diploma program.

I'm the first child in my home to attend college. I wouldn't have attended college if it wasn't for the advanced diploma program.

The advanced diploma program has provided funding for me to attend college at a very low cost.

I was accepted into the medical assistant program at LBCC, which has required me to take up to 17 credits in a term. The advanced diploma program has only been able to pay for up to 14 credits. So I've made tamales with my mom and sold them in order to pay for the credits not covered by the advanced diploma program.

It may seem that this program is simply a waste of money, but it truly is not. If it weren't for this program I wouldn't be in college today. I plan on giving back to my community by working in the Corvallis clinic sometime next year.

I understand that there are many factors involved in this case. However, I encourage you to please support the continuation of the advanced diploma program at LBCC.

Thank you for your time,

Sarah Armengolt