

Friends, Legislators, Oregonians and Fellow College Students.

I know there are many of you out there that are juggling work, kids and school to better yourselves. I have two little ones that constantly want and need my attention. Yet, I'm expected to play within the guides of get a college education in order to get a better job. The days are long gone for the young Oregonian to walk into one business and find a meaningful career that can feed a family, buy a house and new car. These jobs that can do this now require higher education; an education that doesn't come cheap. In order to graduate with the least amount of debt, I've got to work, apply for every scholarship under the sun, juggle childcare (which during Covid more than ever has made this harder than ever before), sacrifice time, sleep and any kind of social life in order to attend college. If there is any inkling of opportunity for tracking this data to result in structural changes to support parenting students, I support it and ask you do the same.