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Hello, my name is Ruth Reese - I am a mom of three children, attending college as an adult in my early thirties to become a nurse. Mount Hood Community College is not only fifteen minutes from my house and accessible by bus, but it is also the most affordable option for higher education. I am still taking out student loans, but a fraction of what other nursing students are having to shell out elsewhere. This is vital to my family's wellbeing, digging a hole that's a little shallower for us to climb out of once school is over. Mount Hood provides a food pantry and spaces to study along with access to tutors, wifi and printing! The food pantry is so helpful in a pinch, when you are trying to make your student loan money stretch through each term. My oldest is in high school and already plans to attend Mount Hood CC because of the incredible variety of courses offered, the close location and affordability!