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My daughter, Lucy Balthazaar, was overjoyed to be able to attend college in the first cohort of students in the Career and Community Studies program at PSU.

Because of this program, she gained the confidence and skills to work in a real job in a community setting and to live independently with supports. Her enhanced communication skills and experiences have led to advocacy work for other people with disabilities and she is the spokesperson for Special Olympics Oregon.

By being integrated into the overall community and being proud of her accomplishments, she has become much less vulnerable to the taunts that come with being a person with a disability.

Sincerely,

Carol Hammond