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Hello, my name is Marina Frolov, and I am a second-year student at Clackamas Community College, pursuing an associates transfer degree in Sociology. I am a first-generation student, a single mom to my son, and originally from Canada. I have limited family support locally, but I am deeply committed to building a better future for my son and I.

Community college has made it possible for me to be in school and create a better life for my son and I. The accessibility has made it possible for me to balance my education and responsibilities as a single mom. I would not be able to pursue my degree without community college. The affordability is unmatched, and the lower costs to work towards the first 2 years of a 4 year degree compared to University, as well as the grants and scholarships available to students have been crucial in making this dream possible.

I come from a background where higher education for women wasn't always prioritized, so being able to pursue my degree is an incredibly meaningful opportunity. I hope more students like me will be able to access this life-changing opportunity in the future.

Thank you for allowing me to speak today, and thank you for supporting students like myself.