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Hello, my name is Atalie Mitchell and I was fortunate enough to attend the very first quick start semiconductor program at PCC partner through Intel in October 2022. At the time, my kids were going to Headstart preschool we were very low income. My husband is disabled, and I was at home, taking care of our kids. my children were getting old enough, where my husband was able to take care of them and Community Action who was helping me with the Headstart program for my children. Let me know that PCC was starting a program, which would help you get into Intel with some basic knowledge of semiconductors. I started that program with absolutely no knowledge of semiconductor technology or what specifically Intel does. Taking a quick start semiconductor program at PCC help me get a basic understanding of semiconductors and chip making and taught me the basic skills needed for an entry-level position. This was a two week full-time program. Prior to this program I was doing childcare to get by, but it was time for me to get a career and this was my pathway. after successfully graduating the QuickStart program I interviewed with Intel's recruiters and within six weeks was offered a entry-level position working in the fab making a decent wage. I have now been at Intel for three years. I have had amazing opportunities to advance and learn. I am currently working as in the HBI segment production lead, watching the entire line of the process and making sure our product gets through with safety, high-quality high-yield and as fast as possible. Semiconductor and tech companies like Intel provide rewarding careers for people who are interested in working hard and being dedicated to the companies success. I believe bringing more jobs like this to Oregon would be extremely beneficial for our economy and our workforce. If these companies partner with PCC for a QuickStart program it could provide an opportunities for those who may or may not be able to afford to go to college, but can start at an entry-level job at a tech company like this and advanced their careers while getting their advanced degrees or making decent wage and advancing within. In the past three years, I never could've imagined how far I would've come from the entry-level technician in the fab to now working outside the fab with lots of oversight of the process. PCC also offer offers many other opportunities to expand on semiconductor education. I believe having companies partner with PCC to create a QuickStart program that fits their needs will be very beneficial. I was once a struggling working mom with a disabled husband, and now we are doing much better and no longer struggling to get by, and I know if I keep working hard thing will only get even better. Thank you for your time