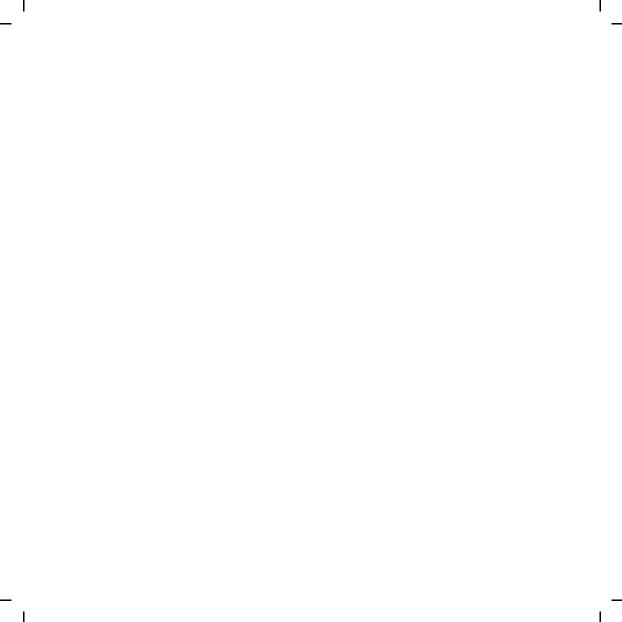
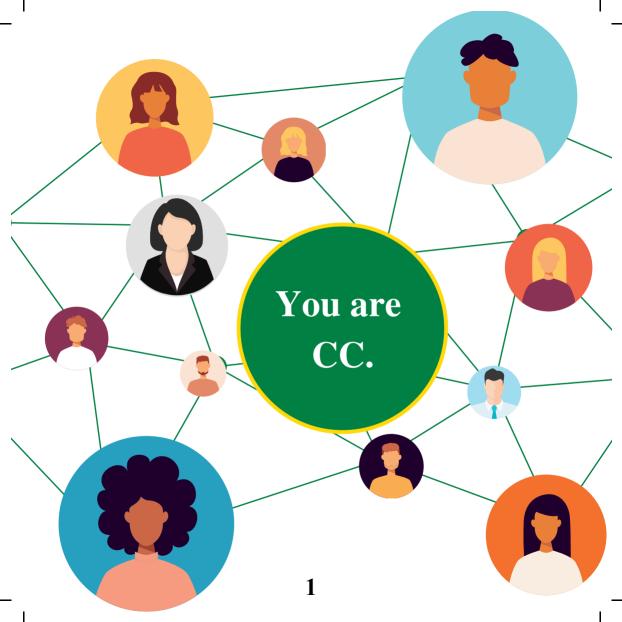


Where are you?





What did you achieve?

How are you empowered?

What temacions story can you tell us?

NAME: KINZEL THOMAS

CLASS YEAR:'10

TITLE: Vice President of Equity and Community

Development

ORGANIZATION: Family Service of Rhode Island

"CCRI provided me with the confidence to pursue my educational journey. The faculty believed I could succeed in and out of the classroom and motivated me to reach for my goals. I chose CCRI because it is conveniently located in my neighborhood, providing residents like myself the opportunity to move forward. With so many resources to help you along the way, CCRI is the logical choice."



NAME: JACKELINE M. NUNEZ

CLASS YEAR: 20

TITLE: Digital Product Manager

ORGANIZATION: CVS Health

"CCRI offered me the flexibility to attend classes on my schedule while continuing to work my full-time job and also gave me the support I needed to navigate college during very tough personal times. As an immigrant who recently arrived to Rhode Island, CCRI opened doors to opportunities I never thought possible."



NAME: KATHLEEN CHARBONNEAU

CLASS YEAR:'83

TITLE: Vice President, Director of Community Relations

ORGANIZATION: BankNewport

"CCRI provided me with a valuable foundation that has enabled me to accomplish many things in my field and in life. CCRI challenged me in a positive way – I developed confidence and experienced the value of differing perspectives – and instilled in me a desire for lifelong learning."



Iam CC.

NAME: DAVID ALMONTE, CPA, CGMA

CLASS YEAR: '07

TITLE: Financial Reporting and Analysis Senior Manager

ORGANIZATION: Amica Mutual Insurance Company

"Attending CCRI was a pivotal step in my life. I was searching for a great education and an environment in which I could find myself. CCRI provided me with both. The education I received was instrumental in my success. I also played soccer at CCRI and met my future wife – truly a life-changing experience on so many levels!"



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NAME: ALEXANDRA CURTIS

CLASS YEAR:'19

TITLE: 110th Public Affairs Detachment Commander

ORGANIZATION: Rhode Island National Guard

"CCRI is an extraordinary resource for furthering your education and career. The Emergency Management program meant a great deal to me in my professional growth, and I am thankful to still tap into that knowledge every day in my work with the Rhode Island National Guard."



NAME: ALEXANDER JIMENEZ

CLASS YEAR:'15

TITLE: Business Owner/Self-employed

ORGANIZATION: Fruitful Thoughts

"CCRI was the catalyst to my success. If I had a chance to redo my education, CCRI would be my first choice all over again. CCRI challenged my perception, leading to tremendous personal growth and, in turn, professional growth. In addition, CCRI expanded my network of like-minded and supportive individuals, allowing me to reach my full potential."



Iam CC.

NAME: GERALDINE PEIXOTO

CLASS YEAR: '07

TITLE: Coordinator - Student Affairs

ORGANIZATION: Community College of Rhode Island

"I could go on forever about why I chose CCRI and why I love this community. Beginning in 1998, I was fortunate to meet, collaborate, and celebrate with so many fantastic students, alumni, and colleagues who have supported me every step of the way. Twenty-three years later, I'm lucky to still be a part of this community. Thank you, CCRI, for making me a better person and always being a true friend."



Iam CC.

NAME: THE HONORABLE SANDRA CANO

CLASS YEAR:'04

TITLE: Rhode Island State Senate, Director of Commerce

ORGANIZATION: City of Pawtucket

"I arrived in Rhode Island as a refugee, and CCRI provided the critical support and inspiration that set me on a path to success. The college offered affordable, accessible English courses, as well as the advice and mentoring I needed to reach my goals. The faculty and staff truly made me feel like part of the family."



NAME: DENNIS COSMO

CLASS YEAR:'17

TITLE: Director of the Joseph A. Marshall Veterans Center

ORGANIZATION: Bristol Community College

"My sister, my parents, and my grandmother are all CCRI alumni. CCRI was the natural next step for me after my career in the military. The friends I made, the lessons I learned, and the professors that guided me are still part of my lifelong learning experience today."



Iam CC.

NAME: AIA T. LABJA, MBA

CLASS YEAR:'15

TITLE: Marketing Campaign Manager

ORGANIZATION: MassMutual Life Insurance

"CCRI opened the door for me not only academically, but professionally as well. As an international student who came to this country by herself 10 years ago with limited resources, achieving success seemed next to impossible. CCRI bridged that gap for me and helped restore my confidence so I could pursue my education. I would not be where I am today without CCRI's support. This is more than a college – it's a family!"



NAME: VICTOR A. MORENTE

CLASS YEAR:'12

TITLE: Communications Director

ORGANIZATION: Rhode Island Department of Education

"I was a former undocumented student in Providence and the first in my family to graduate high school. CCRI opened its doors and gave me access to a high-quality, affordable, postsecondary education. I am deeply appreciative of the opportunities, experiences, and support CCRI offered."



Iam CC.

NAME: THE HONORABLE MARIA RIVERA

CLASS YEAR:'99

TITLE: Mayor

ORGANIZATION: City of Central Falls

"Growing up, no one in my family attended college. I knew in order to achieve my dreams and create a better life for my family, I'd have to change that trend, so I enrolled at CCRI to earn my degree and pursue my passion for politics. CCRI changed our lives and led me to where I am today, proudly serving as the Mayor of Central Falls and the mother of two current CCRI students."



Iam CC.

NAME: COLONEL ANTHONY ROBERSON

CLASS YEAR:'95

TITLE: Chief of Police

ORGANIZATION: Central Falls Police Department

"I chose CCRI because I knew earning my degree would allow me to purse the career of my choice. In addition to helping me tap into my potential and providing me with ample opportunities in and out of the classroom, CCRI delivered the support I needed to succeed."



Iam CC.

NAME: LARRY GEMMA

CLASS YEAR: '66

TITLE: President

ORGANIZATION: Gem Plumbing & Heating Services, LLC

"I am grateful to have attended a college that values selfdiscovery. CCRI was a great starting point because it allowed me to follow my passions without the risk of longterm debt. CCRI students have a hunger to learn, which provided me with a powerful, motivating environment to achieve success."



Iam CC.

NAME: DANIELLE M. BRYANT

CLASS YEAR:'12

TITLE: Career Placement Officer

ORGANIZATION: Community College of Rhode Island

"I knew CCRI was the right choice for me the moment I stepped foot on campus. The faculty, staff, and students shared in my experiences and related to the challenges of pursuing an education. My professors provided the right amount of support while knowing when to give me the necessary push to cross that finish line. Today, those experiences stay with me as I continue to grow as a professional."



Iam CC.

NAME: JENNIE JOHNSON

CLASS YEAR:'97

TITLE: Executive Director and Senior Vice President

ORGANIZATION: City Year

"I struggled in school and was not clear about my future direction. My father, who also attended CCRI, encouraged me to enroll, and it was one of the best decisions I ever made. CCRI provided me with a place to grow and have a sense of community. I am proud to be involved with this great institution as it brings the same to young people across the state."







Iam CC.

NAME: AUBREY FLETCHER

CLASS YEAR: 14

TITLE: Web Application Developer

ORGANIZATION: Results Direct

"CCRI allowed me to achieve goals I never thought were possible. I was heavily involved with the CCRI community both during and after my time as a student, from becoming the president of a student club and serving as a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society to later working for the college. Attending CCRI was a wise investment in my future."



Iam CC.

NAME: AIDA PATRICIA CROSSON

CLASS YEAR:'89

TITLE: Director of Administration

ORGANIZATION: Office of the Rhode Island

Attorney General

"As a Latina, CCRI made it possible for me to not only secure a tremendous education, but also to launch a successful career in public administration. I owe so much to CCRI and am especially grateful to the professors and career counselors who believed in me and helped guide me down the right path."



Iam CC.

NAME: MARLIN ROSALES

CLASS YEAR:'17

TITLE: Program Coordinator

ORGANIZATION: Urban Ventures

"I wanted to expand my understanding of business, everything from management, production, and logistics, as well as developing interpersonal skills to help me grow professionally, so I decided to attend CCRI. The flexibility and convenience were amazing. With classes available at all four campuses, when and where I needed them, CCRI allowed me to achieve my goals on my terms."



NAME: HALIMA IBRAHIM

CLASS YEAR: '21

TITLE: RI Youth Poetry Ambassador/Transfer Student

ORGANIZATION: Stanford University

"I started at CCRI when I was 16, right after completing my GED. In 2017, I dropped out of high school when I was diagnosed with chronic illness. CCRI allowed me to easily transition back into education at a pace I could keep up with and for an affordable price. CCRI offered me the skills and allowed me to grow into the person I am today. I am beyond grateful for my time at CCRI."



NAME: JEFFREY C. WRIGHT, JR.

CLASS YEAR: '08

TITLE: Assistant Principal

ORGANIZATION: Veterans Memorial, Elementary School

"CCRI offered me an opportunity at a time when I thought I had no other options. The flexible course scheduling allowed me to continue working full time while pursuing my studies and ultimately reaching my goal of becoming a college graduate. Without CCRI, I would not be in the position I am today."



Iam CC.

NAME: LEYBI GARCIA

CLASS YEAR:'17

TITLE: Bilingual Enrollment Specialist

ORGANIZATION: Big Brothers Big Sisters of Rhode Island

"I chose CCRI because it offered flexible and affordable class options. Being able to take night classes to accommodate my work and personal schedule was crucial in keeping me motivated and on the right path. CCRI also offered the Joint Admission Agreement program, which allowed me to work toward my long-term goal of completing my Health Science degree with a seamless transfer to the University of Rhode Island. CCRI was the smart choice to jump-start my education journey."



NAME: CRISTIAN W. POTTER

CLASS YEAR:'07

TITLE: Consultant/Teacher

ORGANIZATION: Red Rooster Solutions/Providence

Country Day

"Going back to school after nearly a decade away from the classroom can be overwhelming, but CCRI made what seemed insurmountable a truly life-altering experience. Growing up in Providence, I always wanted to continue my education and pursue a career in analytics. The support staff at CCRI guided me on the right path and always made me feel like a part of the community. This is the place to be no matter your background."



NAME: CARMEN DIAZ-JUSINO

CLASS YEAR:'96

TITLE: Vice President, Community Development Officer

ORGANIZATION: BankNewport

"As a newly-arrived immigrant who needed to balance college with a full-time job, CCRI was an easy choice. The flexibility of the class offerings and the unlimited help and support I received were pivotal in helping me graduate and continue my professional studies. I would not be where I am today without CCRI."



Iam CC.

NAME: EZENWAYI AMAECHI EJIRIBE, PH.D.

CLASS YEAR:'02

TITLE: Associate Professor, Entrepreneurship

ORGANIZATION: Johnson & Wales University

"Choosing CCRI was the best decision of my academic career. I always wanted to pursue entrepreneurship, but didn't know where to begin. CCRI far exceeded my expectations, helping me adapt to college life and carve out the right path based on my educational goals. The lessons learned at CCRI launched a lifetime of learning and guided me in pursuit of my Ph.D. and MBA. I am grateful for this life-changing experience."



Iam CC.

NAME: FRANKLIN MORILLO

CLASS YEAR:'17

TITLE: Associate Vice President, Cyber Defense

Senior Application Security Engineer

ORGANIZATION: Citizens Bank

"What stood out the most for me when applying to colleges was CCRI's affordable tuition and flexible schedule. With the lure of a high-quality education and advanced technology courses at a low cost, attending CCRI was an easy choice. This is not just another community college; CCRI is a family. Faculty and staff support you every step of the way. That, above all else, is why I chose CCRI."



NAME: DR. CANDIDA CASTILLO

CLASS YEAR:'94

TITLE: Owner

ORGANIZATION: Aesthetic Dental Studio of RI

"CCRI offered me the opportunity to explore different career options with flexible scheduling and affordable tuition. The skills, knowledge, and values I gained at CCRI were the foundation to my success, and the college's vast resources provided me with the guidance I needed to find my passion. Choosing CCRI was the best decision I ever made."



NAME: JESSAMY LEBEAU

CLASS YEAR:'18

TITLE: Career and College Adviser,

Freelance Media Specialist

ORGANIZATION: College Advising Corps

"I chose CCRI because I wanted a college degree, but I needed to work while going to school to support myself. I also wanted to further explore my interests before deciding on a career path. CCRI's variety of courses and flexible class scheduling made the decision to enroll an easy one. Thanks to CCRI, I chose my major at my own pace, learned professional readiness skills, became financially independent, and even traveled the country."



Iam CC.

NAME: JASON M. ROIAS

CLASS YEAR:'19

TITLE: Customer Success Associate

ORGANIZATION: Guideline

"As a first-generation college student, I was not equipped with the necessary tools to prepare myself for college, but the faculty and staff at CCRI supported me every step of the way. From filling out paperwork to choosing the right courses, CCRI is there to lend a hand, and its impeccable track record of hiring supportive staff members has made a difference in so many students' lives, including mine."



NAME: HECKERLY FLORES MARIA, M.Ed

CLASS YEAR:'18

TITLE: Student Success Coach

ORGANIZATION: Bristol Community College

"After I graduated from high school, I took three years off before attending college. CCRI was the perfect institution to help ease me back into the classroom setting so I could successfully pursue my education. Also, the flexible class schedule allowed me to continue working while attending college, and the welcoming environment provided me with opportunities to be a part of Student Government in addition to a work-study job on campus."



Iam CC.

NAME: CLAUDIA X. CORNEJO

CLASS YEAR: '03

TITLE: Strategic Initiative Officer

ORGANIZATION: Rhode Island Foundation

"While affordability and flexible class schedules were motivating factors, I ultimately chose CCRI because the admissions process was incredibly easy. I was transitioning from a university abroad and the staff helped me feel at ease throughout the process. CCRI faculty and staff go above and beyond to make sure students have everything they need to succeed."



Iam CC.

NAME: ROBERT MACAUX

CLASS YEAR:'15

TITLE: Artist/Actor

ORGANIZATION: Gateways to Change, Inc.

"CCRI has something for everyone. As a theater student, CCRI provided me with the skills to succeed as an actor both on stage and behind the scenes. My professors encouraged my creativity and motivated me to step outside of my comfort zone to become the best version of myself. That is what sets CCRI apart from other colleges. I'm thankful I attended and would recommend all future artists to do the same."



Iam CC.

NAME: OLINDA URIZAR-MENDEZ

CLASS YEAR:'15

TITLE: Director of Executive Operations/

Executive Assistant to Chief of Staff

ORGANIZATION: City of Providence

"CCRI assisted me with the necessary resources to prepare for the GED exams and the ACCUPLACER assessment, as well as providing personal guidance on the classes I needed to complete my desired degree while ensuring all courses were transferable to continue my education. From top to bottom, CCRI covers all the bases and continues to put its students first."



NAME: OCTAVIAN GONCALVES

CLASS YEAR:'15

TITLE: Transformational Beginnings

ORGANIZATION: IGT

"At first, I chose CCRI because of its affordable tuition and high-quality education. Little did I know what a life-changing experience this would be. CCRI's faculty and staff always go above and beyond. They support you when necessary, but also challenge you to overcome the obstacles in your way. To this day, CCRI continues to open doors for me personally and professionally. There is no greater path to success."





NAME: ALYSON PERRY MATERA

CLASS YEAR:'18

TITLE: Information System Security Officer

& Aircraft Fuel Systems Journeyman

ORGANIZATION: Department of the Navy/

Rhode Island Air National Guard

"As a United States Navy veteran, CCRI allowed me to maintain a flexible class schedule while pursuing a colorful educational path, leading me to my career as an Information System Security Officer. CCRI understands the challenges student veterans face in and out of the classroom; the faculty and staff genuinely want you to succeed and will ensure you leave CCRI ready to take the next step in your journey."





Iam CC.

NAME: JACQUELINE J. MANÈ

CLASS YEAR:'89

TITLE: Associate Director, ACCESS

ORGANIZATION: Community College of Rhode Island

"I've been a proud member of the CCRI community since 1985, beginning as a student and continuing today in my role as an Associate Director of the ACCESS program. With affordable tuition, convenient locations, and amazing professors, CCRI provided me with a quality education and the confidence to continue my journey at the University of Rhode Island. Through ACCESS, I now have the opportunity to help other students realize their own potential."





Iam CC.

NAME: CHRISTIAN QUINONEZ

CLASS YEAR:'16

TITLE: Academic Coordinator

ORGANIZATION: SquashBusters Providence

"The flexibility, affordability, and accessibility of CCRI offered me the chance to receive a quality education for the fraction of the price of a four-year college. CCRI was the stepping stone that helped me begin my educational journey."



Iam CC.

NAME: MALIDA KHIM

CLASS YEAR:'19

TITLE: Senior Corporate Social Responsibility Specialist

ORGANIZATION: Definitive Healthcare

"After taking my GED exam at CCRI, I decided to enroll as a full-time student and continue my education. The variety of classes offered at different times and locations allowed me to build a schedule that worked for me. Additionally, the cost was reasonable and the college's counselors guided me through the financial aid process. CCRI makes it easy and affordable to pursue your education."





NAME: JOSEPH MORAN

CLASS YEAR:'83

TITLE: Deputy Sheriff

ORGANIZATION: Rhode Island Department of

Public Safety

"CCRI gave me the opportunity to earn an affordable education through a Pell grant. With so many diversified majors, CCRI provided me with a high-quality education and a variety of choices for a career path. My Business Administration and Law Enforcement degree assisted me throughout my career as a police officer in Central Falls and ultimately helped me become the city's Police Chief."





NAME: CHAYENNE CHIN

CLASS YEAR: '09

TITLE: Assistant Manager

ORGANIZATION: Asia Grille

"I chose CCRI for the flexible course offerings. I was also interested in transferring to a four-year college for business, and CCRI provided me with a low-cost option to begin my journey by completing my general education requirements. I also had the opportunity to join DECA and the marketing club while completing my studies. The potential for growth is limitless at CCRI."



NAME: JILLIAN R. PASTINA, RN, MSN, QMHP

CLASS YEAR:'12

TITLE: Chief Nursing Officer/

Vice President of Clinical Operations

ORGANIZATION: The Providence Center

"I chose CCRI because of its affordability, flexibility, and stellar reputation within the nursing industry. The nursing program provided me with ample clinical time both in hospital and community settings and allowed me to work full time while pursuing a career I was truly passionate about. I now proudly work within the Care New England Health System while teaching Mental Health Nursing as an Assistant Professor at CCRI."





Iam CC.

NAME: DAVID T. MOTA

CLASS YEAR: 20

TITLE: RadiollogicTechnologist

ORGANIZATION: Lifespan

"I chose CCRI because it was the fastest, most convenient way to begin my career in radiography and also the most cost effective. The affordability of attending CCRI allowed me to spend less time worrying about money and more time focusing on school. Choosing CCRI to start a career in radiography was an easy decision."



Iam CC.

NAME: HOLLY J. SUSI

CLASS YEAR:'90

TITLE: Professor, English and Communication

ORGANIZATION: Community College of Rhode Island

"As a young mother with little ones and a husband working two jobs, I wanted to help support our family. Having only a high school diploma meant I was limited. College was a must. CCRI was affordable, flexible, and changed the trajectory of my life and my family's lives as well."





Iam CC.

NAME: MARIELA LUCAJ

CLASS YEAR:'18

TITLE: Registered Nurse & MBA Candidate

ORGANIZATION: Cross Country Travel Agency

"CCRI was an excellent way for me to achieve my goal of becoming a registered nurse without the high cost of tuition. Plus, CCRI also offers seamless transfer opportunities, which allowed me to easily earn my bachelor's degree after graduating and pursue a career that I remain passionate about to this day."



NAME: THE HONORABLE LEONELA "LEO" FELIX

CLASS YEAR:'11

TITLE: State Representative

ORGANIZATION: Rhode Island House of Representatives

"CCRI offered me the flexibility I needed to be able to work full time and complete my studies. I loved the option of attending classes at different campuses, which not only provided a welcomed change of scenery, but also much-needed convenience. Additionally, the Joint Admission Agreement program allowed me to transfer and continue my studies at Rhode Island College at a discounted tuition rate."





Iam CC.

NAME: DAVID CHY

CLASS YEAR:'13

TITLE: Director, Office of the President

ORGANIZATION: National Wildlife Federation

"CCRI helped me become the first in my family to graduate college, and, more importantly, do so without debt. CCRI offered a much lower rate of tuition, flexible scheduling that allowed me to maintain jobs in addition to my studies, and small class sizes that allowed for more personalized interactions with professors and classmates. Without question, CCRI helped prepare me for further opportunities in education and beyond."





Iam CC.

NAME: MILEIRY "MILLY" DE LA CRUZ, M.Ed

CLASS YEAR:'18

TITLE: Special Programs Coordinator & and Co-chair of the Equity and Inclusion Council

ORGANIZATION: Bristol Community College

"I chose CCRI because of its affordable tuition, convenient campus locations, and flexible class schedule. Thanks to CCRI, I graduated debt free with my associate degree, seamlessly transferred to RIC to obtain my bachelor's degree, and am now on track to graduate with a master's degree in the Fall of 2022."





Iam CC.

NAME: CHRISTOPHER HINDS

CLASS YEAR: 20

TITLE: Behavioral/Instructional Aid

ORGANIZATION: Blackstone Valley Prep

"CCRI was my first option after high school because the Rhode Island Promise program was too good of an opportunity to pass up. It made college much more affordable for me and my family. I also chose CCRI because the thought of transitioning into college made me a bit nervous, but the faculty and staff were extremely helpful with easing me into the college lifestyle and making sure I had the tools I needed to succeed. Thank you, CCRI."





NAME: DENISSES CORTORREAL

CLASS YEAR:'19

TITLE: Training & Development Coordinator

ORGANIZATION: Blount Fine Foods

"I chose CCRI because it is affordable and it offers flexible schedules. As a result of CCRI's affordable tuition, I managed to balance studies with my work outside of college all while saving money for my future goals, including pursuing both my bachelor's and master's degrees. CCRI makes learning affordable and worthwhile."







NAME: LUIS PAZ

CLASS YEAR:'18

TITLE: Technical Assistant, English Department

ORGANIZATION: Community College of Rhode Island

"CCRI was the best option when it came to affordability. The quality of the education was amazing. I saved a lot of money by graduating from CCRI and continuing my education at a four-year college. I will never forget the wonderful professors that helped pave my way to success. CCRI is the logical, smart choice for any student looking to earn a bachelor's degree without the added costs."





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