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Personal story about college education

Coming from a single parent house hold college was impossible to attend. After graduating high school in 2008 I attended Lincoln Technical Institute for Auto body collision repair. At the time I didn't know much about higher education and felt vocational school was best not knowing it would cost more than a two year degree. After I graduated in 2009 I realized my passion wasn't in the automotive field. In 2010 I decided to attend Manchester Community College. What attracted me to Manchester Community College was that it was affordable for someone that came from a single parent house hold that only work part time so that I can focus on my education. Raising tuition and reducing staff will have a negative impact on students. Know a days it is impossible to attend college without having at least a part time job to make ends meet. If tuition keeps rising, students will have to put in more hours at work to pay for college instead of focusing on their courses which will benefit them more. If staff is reduced especially professors, less classes will be available to students making it impossible to get a good education and graduate in two years. I decided to attend community college because it was cheaper, flexible with scheduling while at the same time allowing me to gain credits to transfer to a four year University. I will be attending Central Connecticut State University in the fall of 2015 majoring in Computer Science. If it wasn't for the affordability of community college and the resources they offered students I would've never attended college. I'm grateful for the low cost of education provided by community colleges and glad I took a step of faith that ultimately altered my destiny.