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Meet Dakota

Dakota, a self-proclaimed Future Tech All-Star, was awarded a scholarship at the age of 30. Enrolled in the Computer Technologies associate degree program, she has built her own gaming computer and sees herself as a role model to other girls in high-school STEM programs.

"You've bet on the underdog. Going back to school at my age might be a challenge, but I consider this my last



challenge, but I consider this my last chance to really make something better of myself. I am truly grateful for your support as I come into the first chapter of my new life. Thank you again for your vote of confidence."

New Promise Program Provides Need-Based Gap Funding to Eligible NH Students

The Community College System of New Hampshire (CCSNH) is offering a new need-based funding program for the 2023-24 academic year. The Promise
Program will help NH students who qualify based on financial need by bridging the gap between grants, scholarships, and the cost of tuition and required comprehensive fees, at all seven of New Hampshire's community colleges.

the NH Legislature and signed into law by Governor Sununu.

Funding for the Promise Program was included in the biennial budget passed by



Megan Fritz credits River Valley Community College (RVCC) with restoring her

self-confidence decades after an unsuccessful college experience. Following the traditional route, Megan headed straight to college after finishing high school. She didn't know what she wanted to do and enrolled in a degree program that left her uninspired. She ended up dropping out of college in 1998, with no degree to show for her efforts.

Three children and almost 20 years later, she was at a crossroads. Megan devoted herself to educating her kids, but as they grew older, she felt she could no longer meet their educational needs. In 2016, she enrolled her children in public school, which gave her the time to consider a new path in life. Read more of Megan's

story.



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