

Paying It Forward

Lesley (Ortiz) Parks, a former Work4College Student is now considering sponsoring a student in the program. When asked why she is so passionate about the program she said, **“W4C gave me the opportunity to do things I have never done before and would not have had the chance to do anywhere else. Before the W4C program, I was hesitant to volunteer or join organizations, but it changed my outlook on involvement and helped develop my social skills. I built a lot of connections I still hold today. It helped greatly with my finances too. Because of the flexibility, I was able to work two jobs (W4C and Whataburger) to pocket money, and then use the other half of my earnings with W4C to accrue scholarship funds at NTCC in order to pay for my classes this past year. It impacted my life so much my newlywed husband and I hope to sponsor a student.”**



Lesley Parks, Work4College student Summer 2021

During her time in the program, she learned coding, programming, and lab procedures. Though she did not have experience in these areas, her supervisor provided her with the necessary training to complete the tasks at hand. The flexibility of scheduling was another perk to the program. At 18, she was already a Team Leader at Whataburger. Following the program, at only 19, she received a promotion to Assistant Manager. In her new role, she advocates the program to her co-workers

and encourages them to apply. Currently, she is on track to graduate with her Associates in Business Administration this spring, with hopes of becoming a General Manager.

The Work4College Program at NTCC makes a lasting impact on those involved. Not only does it offer meaningful jobs that teach hands-on skills preparing students for the workplace, but it also provides students a way to complete college debt free at NTCC thanks to its sponsors.

If you know someone who you think would benefit from this program, then please encourage them to fill out an application on our website: www.Work4College.com.

Deadline to apply is April 14th, 2023! If you have any questions, please e-mail Mason May at mmay@ntcc.edu or call 903.434.8246.

