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As a Lewiston native myself, I understand coming from a community that is a struggling, former mill city. With that in mind, I had the privilege of going to college due to parental support, but I know that many students from Lewiston do not have those privileges and/or opportunities. I have seen first-hand in my classroom students from the City who would not have been able to have this academic experience if it were not for Free College. Free College gives students an opportunity who want to exceed in life, pursue their academic journey, and build their network in their communities.