

## PERSEVERANCE

## OVERCOMING OBSTACLES -TOGETHER

## Dear Friend of Stark State College:

Faced with the possibility of eviction, Stark State College student Stephanie was desperate to find a way to make ends meet. Her first thought? She was afraid she would have to drop out of college. Then, she learned about the Stark State College Foundation Emergency Lamplighter Fund.

Emergency funding from the Foundation enabled Stephanie to remain enrolled in her culinary classes and stay on track to graduate next year. A first-generation college student, Stephanie was struggling on both physical and financial fronts, with broken ribs and a concussion from a car accident, a bout with COVID-19 and the loss of her chef's job during the height of the pandemic.

"My landlord was warning me of eviction and the fund helped me catch up on rent," Stephanie said. "The assistance helped me stay in school and I even had the opportunity to complete an amazing internship as a sous chef at Yellowstone National Park, an experience that will boost my career. Without the help, I would have given up on my goal."

Students like Stephanie benefit every day from our emergency funding – funding that provides a one-time payment of up to \$500 directly to the vendor the student owes. Thanks to the Foundation's generous donors, our struggling students can stay in college and achieve their academic and career goals.

We're fortunate to partner with donors to help remove barriers to education and encourage our students to persevere. Please consider joining us this year with a gift to our emergency fund to help students like Stephanie graduate and pursue their career goals.

Thank you for considering a donation to the Stark State College Foundation today. Together, we can remove barriers for students and help them persevere and succeed!

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