

ERINNE SISK

STUDENT VOICES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE



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I wouldn't have been able to afford [college] without the Reconnect scholarship. It kind of just put me right back on track, so that I could get my grades and completion rate up.

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- Michigan Reconnect participant
- Associate in Applied Science, Jackson College, Expected 2025

MICHIGAN RECONNECT PROGRAM

Erinne began her college journey at Jackson College at 18 but put her education on hold after relocating, getting married and starting a family. Now, 25 years later, with her children grown, she's back at Jackson College to finish what she started. Community college offered the flexibility and affordability she needed—something a four-year university couldn't provide. The Michigan Reconnect program provided a path forward.

As a non-traditional student, Erinne faced challenges, such as balancing full-time work and classes and finding a flexible degree program. "I still think that there's a small subgroup of students like me that are kind of overlooked," she says. Still, she has remained actively engaged, currently serving as a Student Instructor Leader, and has her eyes set on completing her degree in accounting and transferring to a four-year university.

FOCUSED ON THE FUTURE

Erinne is passionate about the impact of Michigan Reconnect. She believes expanding Reconnect to include students ages 21 to 24 again could make a real difference, especially for young adults like her own children who are in their 20s and haven't yet pursued college. She hopes the program continues to reach people of all ages, particularly those who may not have seen college as a possibility or are searching for a new direction in life.



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