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If you had asked me two and a half years ago if I was ready for college...honestly I would've told you no. That's what I tried to tell my parents. Graduating with a 3.7 gpa , honors, 2 AP classes and several awards in Latin. It wasn't that I wasn't intellectually ready, I just wasn't emotionally. The thought of all the pressure of knowing what I wanted and how to get it was too much. I ended up going to a good four year university, only to leave 1 year after due to several factors. I eventually ended up here at Capital. That has honestly been one of my best decisions since leaving highschool. Here I feel heard and supported. Being surrounded by professors who wanted me to succeed now put resources and opportunities in my path to help me. The funding that you allocate will help to further develop those resources, assist in financial aid, and provide other assistances to those that need them. Capital and other community colleges help to build a sense of community. With smaller class sizes and personalized curriculum they really cater to the individual needs of every student. I've never been one to ask for help but being here has helped teach me how to. The opportunities that have been afforded to me through my two semesters at Capital will impact me forever. Since coming here I have joined the business honors society, spoke at several events, and even gained an internship with the Lieutenant Governor in this very building. My experiences here will continue to shape me into the woman I am becoming. And I know it will develop those to come after me. I urge you to keep this in consideration when appropriating funds to this college and others like it. Thank you so much for this opportunity to speak on behalf of my school and my community. I know whatever is done will be to the benefit of myself and students like me throughout the state.