

Community to Opportunity Project Generation Hope | FamilyU

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- Many of our students face obstacles on their pathways to success
 - In Spring 2024, students faced **food insecurity (68.5%)**, **housing insecurity (43%)**, and **homelessness (12%)** (OSHE survey, 2024).
- In collaboration with the Tepper Foundation, the College received \$80,000 to bridge equity gaps for populations such as student parents and food/housing insecure students at HCCC.

Community to Opportunity Project | Mamava Lactation Pods

- The College approved a Governance Recommendation to expand our lactation policy to encompass all community members – faculty, staff, and students.
- We purchased two lactation pods (one for each campus) to provide nursing parents the appropriate time and space to express milk while on campus. This policy applies to all students, faculty, and staff at the College.



Community to Opportunity Project

Human Needs are Basic Needs

- Hudson Helps is seeking community support on our "Human Needs are Basic Needs" advocacy project.
- Open-call for various artistic and written submissions to promote awareness about basic needs assistance throughout the community.
 - The first seventy-five students with a valid submission will receive \$150.
 - The top three winners will receive a *Basic Needs Scholarship* ranging from \$1,500 - \$5,000.



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Shanice Acevedo | Student Parent Fellow



FamilyU Core Competencies

Data

Began Collecting Student Parent Data – 3 Ways

Broad and Inclusive Definition of a Student Parent

Up to 30% of our students are parents

Policy

Priority Registration for Student Parents

Updated Title IX Policy – Includes Pregnant and Parenting Students

Updated Lactation Policy

Children on Campus Policy

People

Student Parent Fellow | Peer Leaders

Student Parent Web Page

Lactation Pods on Both Campuses

Culture

Presidential and Institutional Support

Family Friendly Events

Celebrated National Student Parent Month

HCCC's Student Parent Fellow

Shanice Acevedo | Mother of 2 | Psychology Major



Shanice Acevedo is a first-generation student parent majoring in psychology at Hudson County Community College (HCCC). Currently, she is the office manager at a prominent dental practice, where she expertly manages office operations, coordinates patient care, verifies insurance, and oversees financial matters. Shanice brings a wealth of experience from her previous roles in customer service and training new employees within both the dental and medical fields. Her dedication to continuous learning is evident through her recent achievement of a certificate in mental health aid, showcasing her commitment to holistic patient care and passion in understanding and improving mental health. As a mother of two children, ages 12 and 7, she strives to set a powerful example for them, demonstrating that with determination and hard work, they can achieve anything they set their minds to. Shanice embodies the belief that it's never too late to make dreams come true, balancing her career aspirations with her dedication to her family's success, and she is excited to bring this perspective to HCCC as their Student Parent Fellow.