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I already knew that's the place for me. It was just a matter of how in the world am I gonna be able to get there? LRAP made that decision a no brainer. After that was, uh, offered to me the, the LRAP program, uh, I had nothing holding me back from attending the college that I really wanted. My name is Jacqueline Curtis. I am a kindergarten teaching aide at a local Chicago school. Having LRAP while in college made that financial burden basically disappear. It didn't even cross my mind to think of changing my major or changing, uh, the school that I went to because I knew that I loved it there and nothing was really holding me back or setting me back from that. LRAP also has helped me in pursuing my art career. Uh, I absolutely love that I could pursue and challenge myself in that avenue right after college, when initially I thought I would only be scrambling to pay bills and I wouldn't be able to do my, my true interests or, or pursue those kind of things. And LRAP definitely gave me that flexibility and peace of mind. I would like to say thank you, uh, to both my college and to LRAP my college for offering it to me right off the bat. That was amazing. A huge opportunity for me and for LRAP, for being not only financially supportive, but for any questions that I had, any advice that I needed. They were very supportive.