



Columbus Technical College Opens Care Center

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Burnetta Huggins was literally in tears when she talked to News 3 today. They were tears of gratitude for the opening of the Care Center and Counselor Meg Burkehardt who Huggins says bent over backwards to find resources that ultimately kept Huggins in school.

Huggins circumstances are quite typical during these tough times.

She's a single mom who lost her job and went back to school in hopes of getting a better job later. She thought her education was abruptly coming to an end when her funds became depleted.

She consulted with Burkehardt at the Care Center who found the solution to Huggins' problems. " I changed my major so now I'm going to be able to apply for more financial assistance to help support me and my children and continue my education," says Huggins. Huggins hopes to get a degree in health care.

The center also helped another student get eyeglasses that she could not afford.

Teachers can also refer students who they identify as needing help through the Early Alert System.

Career Services included: Resume Assistance and Evaluation, Interview Preparation, Career Exploration, Job Referrals, Computers for Student Use, Career Fairs, Internet Access to Job Sites, Wage Inquiries, Career Counseling, Instructional Videos and Reference Material.