



2024-25 Scholarship Ambassador RAYLENE



“Learning makes me feel alive. If I don’t already know something, I want to know it. I have to dive deep.”

– Ray

Raylene | Welding Student

A first-generation college student, Ray’s family support and LCC’s scholarships have enabled her to pursue her education without the challenge of balancing work and school. Though she’s far from her home of Madras, Oregon, Ray feels the love and support of her mother and sister which inspires her to succeed at LCC.

WHAT DRIVES RAY

- Encouragement from close family members
- An insatiable appetite for learning
- Opportunities for mentorship and exploration
- A supportive environment and sense of community

Ray’s strong sense of self, drive, and determination brought her to the welding program at LCC. She feels empowered by her experiences in the program, and values the chance to break stereotypes as a woman in welding.



A lot of the girls in their first year have come up to me and say, **I see you doing this and it inspires me. It makes me want to do this.** The men come up to me, too, and ask me to help them. It shows me that I’m empowered when I’m not even realizing it.

– Ray

Why LCC?

Financial support

Educational accessibility

Supportive atmosphere

ADVICE FROM RAY

Take the leap — try something outside of your comfort zone

Embrace failure — it’s part of personal growth

Chase your aspirations — take a chance on yourself



“I used to think, if you go to college you’re going to obviously have a better outlook on life — you’re going to have a better education. But I always felt like I wouldn’t have friends. Coming to LCC has definitely proven me wrong.”

– Ray

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