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**DID YOU KNOW ...**

## **More than half of students who drop out of college leave because of cost?**

At Weber State University, we work to keep tuition affordable. But financial obstacles often cause students to take time off or leave school forever.

While students are most likely to leave during their first year, 400 to 500 WSU students who are at least 75% of the way through their degree program drop out every semester.

That's why Weber State launched the 'CATapult Scholarship initiative in 2020 — to provide a burst of momentum that helps students overcome obstacles, stay in school and complete their degrees.

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**YOUR GIFT CAN ...**

## **Help students like Jasmine reach their goal: graduation.**

Jasmine Lagunas has loved caring for others since she was a certified nursing assistant in high school. Ever since, she has imagined herself working in healthcare, although she says at times it has seemed like "a far-fetched dream."

To become a nurse, "Weber State was where I had to go," she said. She moved from Logan, Utah, to study at WSU's Annie Taylor Dee School of Nursing. But in 2022, she was questioning whether she could finish school. "I had no idea how I would continue to pay for my education and had even considered taking a semester off," she said.

She reached out to professors and advisors, who led her to the 'CATapult Scholarship. "Hearing that I had been awarded the scholarship was so relieving," Lagunas said. "It really motivated me to keep going."

**"While challenging times may arise, achieving dreams is never impossible."**

**— JASMINE LAGUNAS**

In 2023, Lagunas passed the National Council Licensure Examination, an exam taken after completing a nursing program and required to obtain a license to practice. She enrolled in WSU's Bachelor of Science in Nursing program to take her education even further.

"Weber State has endless opportunities because of all the programs they have to offer and teachers that genuinely care about your success," she said. "While challenging times may arise, achieving dreams is never impossible."



## 'CATapult Impact



**99%**

OF RECIPIENTS HAVE  
EITHER GRADUATED OR  
ARE STILL ENROLLED



**56%**

OF RECIPIENTS  
HAVE GRADUATED  
WITH A DEGREE

RECIPIENTS ON  
AVERAGE ARE **73%** OF THE WAY THROUGH  
THEIR DEGREE



**46%**

HAVE COMPLETED A  
BACHELOR'S DEGREE



**45%**

OF THE RECIPIENTS  
ARE 25 OR OLDER

Since 2020, generous donors have contributed more than **\$3 million to the 'CATapult Completion Scholarship initiative.** As of August 2023, more than **\$1,850,000** had been distributed to **1,342 students.**

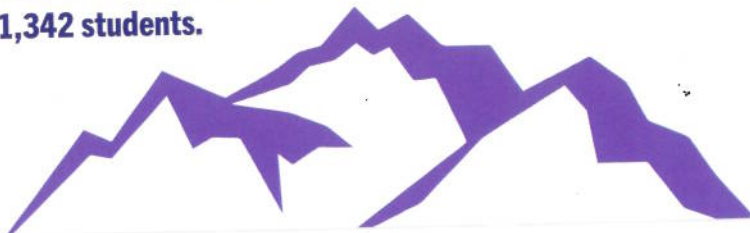
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## **A Meaningful Boost at a Critical Moment**

The closer the goal, the harder it can be to reach the finish line. Especially for busy students with a lot of responsibilities, like jobs and families. A sudden financial issue can disrupt the best-planned budget — and we don't want students to step away from school when they have already come so far.

'CATapult Scholarships are available to current students who have completed 50% or more of their graduation requirements. The awards are flexible to address unique circumstances.

By supporting 'CATapult Scholarships, you are telling a Weber State student, "You're almost there. I believe you can do it!"



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