Olivia Cohea: I think me joining the IET [Integrated Education and Training] program and actually being able to say, "I'm in college. I'm doing something for my future," motivates me in so many ways to want to do more than just be in college. I come from a broken family. Nobody in my family's ever graduated from college. My parents didn't raise me. So, I kind of wanna just be able to say, "I did what you said I never would be able to do. I'm making something of myself." You know? "I won't go down a wrong path." Just kinda like, I wanna say, "I told you so." And not only that but to say, "I'm doing this for me and for my future." And if I ever have kids or get married later on, I can say I'm doing this for my life, you know?

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