

Rashika Lee



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Rashika Lee was born and raised in Grand Rapids, MI. She currently works for Spectrum Health on the Patient Liability Support Team and helps patients understand billing and insurance.

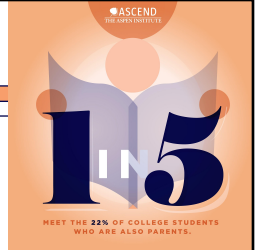
Rashika's Story

Rashika is the mother of an adult son who she raised as a single parent with a great support system.

She has three grandchildren and is currently raising one of her granddaughters with help from her partner.

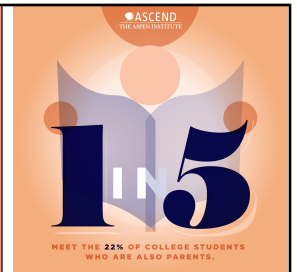
After a number of tries at postsecondary educational success, she found the right fit at West Michigan Center for Arts and Technology, or WMCAT. She graduated in 2016 from their Medical Coding and Health Information Management career training program. She now serves as a Parent Advisor with the Aspen Postsecondary Success for Parents (PSP) Initiative

Rashika dreams of opening a group home for teen mothers. Her empathy for patients who have endured difficult childhoods, as she had, allows her to better serve their needs.



Resources

- [West Michigan Center for Arts and Technology \(WMCAT\)](#) is a nationally-recognized leader in creative youth development and adult workforce development. This nonprofit school offers tuition-free programs and free school books for qualifying students.
- [Generation Hope](#) uses a two-generation approach by surrounding motivated teen parents and their children with mentors, emotional support, and financial resources that they need to thrive in college and kindergarten.
- [Post Secondary Success for Parents initiative](#), the PSP initiative, is a partnership between Ascend and Imaginable Futures within the Aspen Institute.



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Of the 3.8 million students raising children while in college, [roughly 70 percent are mothers](#). And about [62% of these student mothers are single moms](#).

Helpful Links

- [Federal Student Aid](#)
- [ECMC Foundation](#)
- [TANF](#)
- [Ascend National Partners](#)

