

Senator Jerry Moran
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Senator Maggie Hassan
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

September 29, 2025

Dear Senator Moran and Senator Hassan:

Thank you for your commitment to student parents and for leading the efforts to make September 2025 the fifth annual “National Student Parent Month.” The 64 undersigned organizations and individuals are thrilled to join you in celebrating the recognitions and achievements of student parents across the country this month.

Parenting students continue to make up almost [one-fifth](#) of the undergraduate student population — over 3 million students. Additionally, [48%](#) of parenting students are first-generation college students and 30% are food insecure. Furthermore, [66%](#) of parenting students work full-time or more while attending school, studying, and caring for their children.

Parenting students are uniquely motivated to succeed in higher education, despite facing many challenges. In fact, student parents tend to have higher grade point averages than their non-parenting peers. But, due to structural barriers and lack of support, they are [10 times](#) less likely than students without children to complete a bachelor's degree within five years. Only by changing how the system serves this critical population can their likelihood of attaining a degree increase.

Raising awareness about this population is critical to understanding their experiences and paving a smoother path for their postsecondary success. We are grateful for your commitment to supporting and celebrating student parents through the passage of the National Student Parent Month Resolution, and we look forward to continuing to work with you to support student parents.

Sincerely,

Today's Students Coalition
American Association of University Women
ASCEND at the Aspen Institute
Association of Community College Trustees
CAEL
California Competes
Center for Higher Education Policy and Practice at SNHU
City College of San Francisco's Family Resource Center
Coalition of California Welfare Rights Organizations, Inc.
Community Food Bank of San Benito County

Early Childhood Learning School at UC Davis
Generation Hope
Healthy Teen Network
InsideTrack
Institute for Women's Policy Research
Jeremiah Program
LeadMN
LIFT
Michigan State University Student Parent Resources Center
Mount Mary University
NASPA - Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education

National Women's Law Center
New America Higher Education Program
New Mexico Basic Needs Consortium
One Family
Prismatic Research & Strategy
Student Basic Needs Coalition
Student Parent Help Center University of
Minnesota
Student Veterans of America
Student Helping Oz Peers
Student With Dependents Program
The Education Trust
The Hope Center for Student Basic Needs
The Institute for College Access and Success
The Pregnant Scholar
UAspire
UC Davis Arboretum and Public Garden
Teaching Nursery
UC Student Association
UIC CCAMPIS/Little Sparks Program
UPCEA
Women Employed

Individuals

Sydney Barnes
Eve Castellanos
Kathy Castillo Escutia
Jessica Chatman
Sarah Dahlen
Amber Davenport
Whitney Donielson
Giovvana Guerrero
Schinal Harrington
Anne Hofmann
Justyce Leyva
Abigail Madrid
Laurie Magulac
Diana Malarchik
Ashley Moncrief
Heather Moon
Rama Ouattara
Paulina Rojas
Victoria Salemme
Celeste Salinas
Valerie Shepard
Sabrina Valdez
Kate Zinsser