



## **GRADcafé**

**Bonnie Howard**, 27, was trying to find her way back to education when she heard about **GRADcafé** through the **Center for Workforce and Community Development (CWCD)** at Lee College. As a native Baytownian, Howard attended Sterling High School and then Goose Creek Memorial High School, where she graduated in 2010. “I made the awful mistake of moving out at 18 years old,” said Howard, “but fortunately through that experience, I was able to complete the **Dental Assisting Program** offered by the CWCD.”

After obtaining her Dental Assistant certificate, Howard decided to explore more opportunities in the healthcare field and reached out to GRADcafé for further career guidance. Howard met with GRADcafé Advisor Ms. Veronica Lawrence, who assisted her in enrolling in the Health Career Pathways Partnership Grant (HPOG Grant)—a scholarship that helps pay for tuition and supplies for select healthcare training programs. In addition, Howard was able to receive free funding to assist with payment for the **EKG Program** pre-requisite vaccines. “**There is no other feeling like having someone believe in you,**” Howard said about Lawrence. “**She helped me navigate my way back to education, and now I have the motivation to keep my goals set for the future.**”

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