

## Student Parent Month Feature: Bailey Eaton-Bromley



Bailey Eaton-Bromley is a mom of two – an 8-year-old daughter and a 3-year-old son – she is also a full-time student at North Hennepin Community College.

In 2018, Bailey started the Jeremiah Program with the goal of returning to school. With the program’s support, she enrolled at Minneapolis College in 2019 and graduated with a business degree in 2021.

The Jeremiah Program provides students with family coaching, safe and affordable housing, supportive community, empowerment and leadership training, quality early childhood education a life coach, life skills, and more.

“The Jeremiah Program still supports my life to this day,” said Bailey. “The skills I learned from the program have helped me prioritize and balance.”

In 2024, Bailey made the decision to continue her education and enrolled in the paralegal program at North Hennepin Community College. She will graduate in December with a Paralegal Certification.

Bailey also works as the student support intern at North Hennepin Community College where she works on many of the projects that support other student parents, including the creation of a resource that provides free essentials like diapers, formula, food, and more.

She credits her professors at North Hennepin for their understanding and support as a single parent.

“My professors know my story, so they understand my world and background more,” said Bailey. “I’m a single mom and sometimes I can’t focus 100% of my time toward school. If I need to ask for an extra day extension or if my camera has to be off in class because my kids are home, they give me a bit more understanding.”

Ultimately, Bailey would like to combine her education, internship experience, and passion for helping others into a meaningful career.

“The hardest part is balancing everything – I used to love going to school during the day when my child was in childcare, but that took away from my time to work,” said Bailey. “Now I only have evening classes, but that takes away time from my child. There are always struggles but I know that the work I am putting it will allow me to make a life for me and my children.”

Bailey’s daughter has been by her side throughout her higher education journey – the two have grown up together.

“My daughter loves coming to school with me,” Bailey said. North Hennepin is all about making the campus a kid friendly space to student parents feel comfortable and safe. My daughter says

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she wants to go to North Hennepin someday and wants me to work there so we can be on campus together.”

When asked what advice she would give to other student parents or parents considering going back to school, she offered this:

“It’s never too late to go back,” Bailey said. “There isn’t an age limit on learning and there is always a second, third, or fourth chance to get an education.”