### About the Program

#### Employment/Jobs 2

The Student Debt Project is designed for students who are committed to working part time (15-25 hours/week) while earning their degree. McPherson College matches student earnings applied to their account at \$.25 per dollar.

#### **GIII** Financial Literacy 222 Education

Students in the program participate in workshops that address issues in personal finance, personal budgeting, interviewing skills, building a resume, leadership on campus, leadership in the community.

#### <₅>> Mentorship

Debt project students are paired with a mentor who meets with them on a monthly basis to review how they are doing with school work, employment, activities that they participate in, and how things are going in their lives. The mentor also reviews the amount the student has applied to their account and discusses how they are doing to reach their goals. Mentors include McPherson College faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of the college.

"I wanted to become involved with McPherson College again after graduating 10 years ago. The debt project has allowed me to do this. Students can work towards minimizing their debt now, instead of trying to climb out of a hole when they graduate. I want to help students today learn to plan and budget, and do all they can to help themselves in the future."

> Sonia Hicks '10 Student Debt Project Mentor Financial Advisor Rise Private Wealth Management - Ameriprise Financial Services



- Your gift expands the impact of this program, allowing more students to participate and reduce their debt.
- → Gifts to MC Fund underwrite the debt project.

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### Student Debt Project.

The Student Debt Project combines financial literacy education, jobs, and *mentorships* to create a pathway for students to graduate with little to no student loan debt.

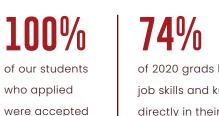
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into grad school.

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employment before graduation. That's 3x the national average.

**Student Outcomes** 



# of 2020 grads learned job skills and knowledge directly in their field of

study via an internship.

### **ENTERPRISING MC STUDENT EXPLORE. EXPERIENCE. ENGAGE.**

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# "For every dollar I earn, the college matches it with a quarter."

Francisco Montoya Class Year: 2021 Wasco, CA

Francisco says being willing to work is a big part of the program, but thinks that the support he receives from his mentor and working with other students in a small group is just as valuable. The things he has learned about creating and sticking to a budget are things he will use the rest of his life.

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