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### **20 YEARS WORKING IN OUR COMMUNITY**

It's an honor and privilege for me to have the opportunity to visit high schools across the state of Rhode Island. I meet with students and families every day. I do a lot of listening with my ears and my heart. Helping families understand the possibilities that exist in pursuing a college education is always front center. Each person I talk to seems to intuitively know that pursuing a college degree will make a difference in their lives. My focus is to educate, motivate and coach each student and family to appreciate the power of commitment and perseverance that will be required to make this a reality. The ultimate goal is to help students and families find their way forward. When they truly start to believe it's possible, the energy changes to one of action.

### **THE REALITY**

- Average person lives about 80 years
- 26 years are spent sleeping
- 29 years are spent working
- **Our time goes by quickly on this life journey.**
- **Our choices profoundly impact our lives.**

I've always thought, if you had a camera on me any day of the week, you would see, what I see - the eyes and hearts of the people who live in our state. Every day I feel the pulse of our community. They seem to want some certainty in their lives. They want to believe that something positive can happen to them if they make a commitment to something. They want to feel that they can make a difference. They want a chance to experience success so their families and ultimately themselves can feel a sense of pride and satisfaction. In my opinion The RI Promise Program is not just about free tuition; it's about providing possibility and hope to families across our state. The program's message and mission is clear and available to all who choose to pursue it. Here's your chance to take a shot. This certainty in their lives is something they can count on if they choose to dare.

### **FACT**

Rhode Islanders without a college degree are twice as likely to be unemployed. Residents with an associate degree, on average, earn roughly 20 percent more than Rhode Islanders with a high school diploma.

### **GAME CHANGER**

Through the RI Promise Scholarship, all Rhode Islanders coming right out of high school are eligible to pursue an associate degree at CCRI tuition-free. Each student has an opportunity to take a shot.

**You miss 100% of the shots  
you don't take.**

*- Wayne Gretzky*

**When leadership takes a shot in support of RI Promise, they bring HOPE to our community. It's what RI stands for.**

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