Some BHC students got to meet Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker when he stopped by the Quad-Cities Campus June 6 for a news conference about higher education funding.


Gov. JB Pritzker and 2023 BHC grad Lauren Rogan

The state's fiscal year 2024 budget includes a $19.4 million increase in community college funding and a $100 million increase in Monetary Award Program (MAP) grant funding.

2023 BHC grad Lauren Rogan spoke about the impact of receiving a MAP grant.

"During the first few months of school, I was working a full-time job as well as going to school full time. I received a MAP grant and I was able to take a part-time job at the school and focus on my studies," Rogan said.

"This helped me to feel comfortable joining the Honors Program at Black Hawk, and I was able to maintain my grades to become a member of Phi Theta Kappa (honor society).

"Most importantly, I was able to graduate debt free," she said.

Rogan is transferring to the University of Illinois Springfield where she also will be a MAP grant recipient.

After the news conference, a group of students from the college's Multicultural Entrepreneurial Center also had a chance to talk to the governor.

View more photos from the news conference on [Facebook](#).



BHC Multicultural and Entrepreneurial Center students with Gov. JB Pritzker

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