Welcome back to those of you returning from semester break, and a warm welcome to all new nontraditional students just beginning this spring semester. My name is Lynn Smith. I am the Student Services Coordinator for adult nontraditional students at UW-Whitewater. In 2007, I too was a nontraditional student learning to juggle working full-time, raising kids, and attending school on the weekends. I know it is hard work, but in the end, it will all be worth it. My role will be to provide ongoing assistance during your college career, connecting you with on and off campus resources, linking you with other adult students, and advocating for services unique to nontraditional students. In an effort to keep you informed of upcoming campus activities, events, scholarships, deadlines, and other topics of interest to busy nontraditional students, I will be sending you an electronic bi-weekly newsletter. I will be in touch, and please feel free to do the same with any of your concerns. I am looking forward to working with you throughout the semester and wishing you all the best this spring semester!

*Attached you will find a list of which computers on campus are for public use and if printing is available, and a listing of where you will find refrigerators and microwaves if you pack a lunch.

Our first week of the semester has been a snowy one so would like to bring this information to your attention. If an instructor is canceling class, they will try to inform you 24 hours in advance (if possible). If the university is cancelling classes, you will find the cancellation of classes and/or campus closing on the following radio stations WSUW-FM, WFAW-AM, WSLD-FM, WTMJ-AM and WIBA-AM. Television stations are WTMJ, WISN, WITI, WVTV, WISC, WKOW, and WMTV.

Guest Housing Options

Just in case a winter snow storm prohibits you to drive home on a snowy night.

The Office of Residence Life is pleased to offer reduced-rate housing for commuter students, faculty, families, and others associated with the University. The facility is located on the 4th floor of Goodhue Hall and offers a convenient, centrally-located place to stay.

http://reslife.uww.edu/svc_housing.php

Residence Hall Living - fall 2012

If you will be living in the Residence Hall next fall, and would like to live with other adult nontraditional students in Starin Hall, please let me know. I will introduce you to other interested individuals. Applications for Starin Hall are being accepted from January 18th – February 1st.

Resources:

As you start out the semester and find that you may need to change courses, add or drop a course, or learn of the exam schedule for spring finals, please refer to the following links:
Did you know there was a student organization of nontraditional students that works to insure all nontraditional students feel connected to campus? The Adult Student Connections Organization sponsors social events, recreational activities, charitable service, and educational seminars to help build the campus community of nontraditional students.

**Adult Student Connections Organization Meeting**

Please join the Adult Student Connections organization officer team, Friday, January 27th. We will meet from 1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. in University Center 133 (Non Trad Pad) to help plan upcoming events that support all nontraditional students. Please join us!

**Weekly Happenings This Semester:**

Chat over Coffee 8-9:30 a.m. on Mondays and Lunches on Wednesdays 11-1p.m.

Both events held in the Non Trad Pad – University Center 133

The Non Trad Pad is located near the Career and Leadership Offices, past the bay of computers and Bailey Interview Center. It is tucked in the corner near the fireplace. Stop in for as little or as long as your busy schedule allows. It is casual and a fun way to meet other nontraditional students on campus.

I am looking forward to this semester and hope you are too. My advice to you is to believe in yourself. Yes, you can do this. Take it one step at a time. It’s like riding a bike. There are lots of nontrads out there riding along with you. It is a new beginning, set your goals, and make plans for a great semester. Good Luck!

Lynn Smith