November 3, 2011

Next week is National Nontraditional Student Week. A week to recognize and celebrate you! Please refer to the flyer sent earlier this week highlighting the activities planned exclusively for nontraditional students. Please Note: Registration for the technology seminars (Microsoft Office and Google) is required by 4:30p.m., Friday, November 4th. If enough individuals do not register, the seminars will be canceled.

It seems like an appropriate time to reflect on the reasons to celebrate being a nontraditional student.

1. You get a second chance. You realized it is never too late to go to school.
2. You truly appreciate your education. Your goals are defined and practical.
3. You have the satisfaction of doing something important for yourself. It will have the added benefit for your family and community.
4. If you are working and attending school, you have the opportunity to experiment and implement the concepts learned in class at your job.
5. You have the opportunity to share the knowledge and experience you gained in the work world with an attentive audience in the classroom.
6. Education will multiply your career options. It will also better prepare you to cope with change.
7. College gives you opportunities to network.
8. You often earn better grades than traditional age students. It pays to be more focused and involved in your studies.
9. You make your family proud. You may be the first person in your family that went to college. YEAH!
10. Most important, you make yourself proud. There is nothing to match the sense of accomplishment upon graduation.

I am happy to be serving as the adult/nontraditional coordinator on campus. I am proud of you as I watch you work through a multitude of experiences and life situations to attain your goals.

Looking ahead to next semester, priority registration begins on Monday, November 14, 2011. Please check your WINS to determine your date and time to register for classes. Remember to consult your advisor on course selections, recommendations, and advice. If you are new to the campus, and this is your first time registering for classes other than at Plan It Purple, you will
find this student tutorial link very helpful.
http://www.uww.edu/registrar/tutorials/student_tutorials9.html

Next semester, a Life Work and Career Planning 3-credit course is being offered on the weekends. This class will identify suitable majors that match your interests and help determine your career journey. If you are interested, the course number is #3008.

One More Time:

Please help Jason Baumeister, a fellow nontraditional student with his class project by completing his survey. It will take less than 5 minutes of your time. The link to the survey is:  http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/8ZJDJ8X  THANK YOU!

As a nontraditional student I know you have much more going on in your life than just school. These are hectic days of life and school. I congratulate you on having the stick-to-it attitude and courage to forge ahead. I raise a glass in your honor.

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