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As fall semester is rapidly coming to an end, you may wish to evaluate it like a potter. A potter takes a shapeless lump of clay and makes it into a beautiful work of art. If the semester is the shapeless lump of clay, how has your semester shaped up? What does your work of art look like for the semester? Is it turning out like a masterpiece or do you need to pound it out a couple more times and try again? Good luck pounding things out to the end – 20 school days remain for the fall semester. I will do whatever I can to help you produce a work of art that will yield a UW-W diploma. Keep me in mind as you are at the potter’s wheel!

Check out the Online Scholarship Application Site for currently enrolled UW-Whitewater students that opened on Monday, November 14, 2011. The website link is: http://scholarships.uww.edu/. Students may apply until the site closes on February 13, 2012. It contains more than 130 scholarships available to students for online application. It also contains some scholarships that are advertised for information purposes only and has directions for students to go directly to a department or other web link to apply for them. Not every scholarship at UW-Whitewater is listed on this site. Students should check with departments or colleges for other scholarship opportunities.

10 Tips for Writing Effective Scholarship Essays (Scholarships.com)

1. Read the instructions and make sure you understand them before you start writing.
2. Think about what you are going to write and organize your thoughts before you start writing.
3. Begin the writing process by writing an outline.
4. Make sure your outline touches on every aspect required per the instructions.
5. Write your essay by elaborating on each of the points in your outline.
6. Use clear, concise and simple language throughout the essay.
7. State your accomplishments without coming across as if you are bragging.
8. Make sure your grammar and spelling are impeccable.
9. Read the question again and then read your essay to be certain that the essay addresses every point.
10. Have someone with strong writing and editing skills proofread the essay before you submit it.
First Year Celebration National Nontraditional Student Week

Last week, we planned several activities, programs, and events for nontraditional students to recognize all your hard work, commitment, and positive impact you are making in the classroom. We hope to build upon the events from this year, and make it bigger and better each year. My personal favorite was Happy Hour at Rick’s Eastside Pub and Grill. Congratulations to Ann Marsh, Aaron Fritter, and Victoria Toebe, the winners of the drawing for the University Bookstore gift cards.

Let’s Give Thanks

Stop by the Non Trad Pad, University Center - 133 next week to create or write a thank you card to give to someone who has supported you on this academic journey, such as family members, friends, professors, etc. If you address the envelope, we will mail them for you!

Adult Student Connections Organization Meeting

Please join the Adult Student Connections organization officer team tomorrow, Friday, November 18th. 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!

Reminders:

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

Both events held in the Non Trad Pad - UC-133 everyone is Welcome!

Wishing you all a very happy Thanksgiving!
“Not what we say about our blessings, but how we use them, is the true measure of our thanksgiving” - W.T. Purkiser

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