What a week it’s been – all over the country. The election is over, looming mid-term exams taken, and National Nontraditional Week comes to a close. You are an inspiration to all students with all that you balance and accomplish. I hope you were able to enjoy the activities planned for you this week. Last night, we held a reception honoring the accomplishments of 5 of our outstanding nontraditional students. Congratulations to Adam Bucane, Nicki Edwards, Craig Everson, Ann Marsh, and Cory Tracy for being nominated by faculty members and selected for the Nontraditional Student Recognition Award. Their accomplishments and contributions to the university are impressive.

Can you believe we are this far into the semester? It is flying by and you might be thinking from now until the end of the semester it’s going to be nothing but work, work, work. A good thing to remember is that passing your exams rather than killing yourself going all out for perfect A’s is what is important. You wear many hats as student, parent, employee, and just doing your best is what is required. Remember balance is important – working steadily and having fun too will keep the pressure at bay and prevent you from blowing a gasket!

Upcoming Events:

**Monday, November 12th** marks the beginning of Spring Priority Registration. Check your spring “registration appointment” available through WINS. If you need help with this or how to register for classes, the link listed below will help guide you:
http://www.uww.edu/aaec/howto/register

**Veteran’s Day – Monday, November 12th**

Thanks to all veterans and active member of our country’s Armed Forces for the contributions and sacrifices you made for our freedom. The campus community will be celebrating Veteran’s Day with a ceremonial firing of three volleys and playing of Taps at 11:00 a.m. at the Alumni Center flag pole on Monday. Also, free lunch will be served at UW-Whitewater Dining Facilities for all veterans and military members from 11:00a.m. – 2:00p.m.
November 12th-16th in Non Trad Pad (UC-133) Driving Force Appreciation

Stop by the Non Trad Pad to create a customized thank you card to give to someone who has been a driving force on your academic journey such as family members, friends, faculty members etc. If you address the envelope, we will mail them for you. If you are unable to make it to campus, feel free to email me at smithlm11@uww.edu with your note and the address, and I will make sure it gets to that special person.

Monday, November 12th and Wednesday, November 14th

Look for members of the Adult Student Connections organization in the UC-Concourse staffing a table selling delectable “Bacon Baked” goods. Bring your wallets and an appetite for something new and exciting to try.

Mon - Wed. - November 19-21st – Food Drive - Non Trad Pad- UC133

We will be hosting a food drive for the local Whitewater Food Pantry. There will be a box labeled “Food Drive” in the lounge. Please bring your nonperishable food items and help out those in need. Your donation matters!

Childcare Available – If you will be studying in Andersen Library and would like to bring your children with you, students from the Future Teacher Program will provide learning opportunities for your children. Please sign up by contacting Lynn Smith with the date/s, time/s needed, number of children, and their ages. Allow a 5-day notice to make the arrangements. My email is smithlm11@uww.edu. You must be in the library during this time.

Facebook Presence: http://www.facebook.com/UWW-Adult-Student-Connections

Please "like" the page to be updated on the latest and greatest nontraditional student happenings.

Taking time out for reflection every now and then is something that doesn't only give one a 'breather' - it's essential! A good thing to remember is that you are lucky to be doing what you are doing. The weekend is beckoning and I hope you plan to enjoy some down time before knuckling down again for the final push. Enjoy!

Lynn Smith