Ladies and Gentlemen,

Please take a look through this issue of our newsletter for updated information that may pertain to you. There is also information about activities taking place in our area in the coming weeks. Please pay particular attention to the section regarding registration processes and deadlines.

Please stop by the Adult Learner Commuter Lounge in Carson Hall 107 if you are interested in participating in the Non-Traditional Student Organization (NTSO). These fellow adult students are always looking for new ideas that will enhance your learning experience and, more importantly, communicate ways in which SUNY Potsdam faculty, staff, and younger students can lend their support.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding any of the information contained within this newsletter. We’re still finalizing details for the Adult Learner appreciation day and will pass that information along once it’s complete. Have a great semester!

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Who is your Advisor?

- Sign onto BearPaws:
- Click onto Student Services & Financial Aid
- Go to Student Records
- Click on “Course Summaries”
- Your advisor’s name will appear at the top of the page OR log on to your Bearden account and you advisor’s name will appear in the upper right hand corner.

Helpful Resources

Contact Information for Offices on Campus:

http://www.potsdam.edu/studentlife/services/nontraditional/upload/CampusResources.pdf

Faculty and Staff Directory: http://www.potsdam.edu/directory/

Academic Assistance Help:
http://www.potsdam.edu/studentlife/services/nontraditional/upload/Resources-for-Academic-Assistance.pdf

For more resources check out the NTSO website:
http://www.potsdam.edu/studentlife/services/nontraditional/
**Do Not Forget...**

The following list is just a few of the many important dates rapidly approaching us now…

- Don’t forget to take care of your holds, these need to be taken care of before registering.
  - Advising begins – March 28
  - Last Day to Withdraw or select a S/U – April 8
  - April Recess – April 11-12
  - Registration begins for Fall 2016 courses - April 20
    - Last Day of Spring Classes: May 13
    - Final Exam Week -May 16-20
  - Graduate and Undergraduate Commencement – May 21
    - Final grades due on May 25 on BearPAWS

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**Registration Information**

- Check it out! The Schedule of Classes will be available online on Monday, March 28! Go to “Class Search” on BearPAWS or check out the “Class Schedule by Department” for an overall PDF view
- Make an appointment: Advising begins Monday, March 28
- Registration begins Wednesday, April 20
- Log on to the Registrar’s website at www.potsdam.edu/offices/registrar and click on “Registration” for step by step instructions and information
- Registration dates:
  - Graduate Students: April 20,
  - Seniors: April 21,
  - Juniors: April 22,
  - Sophomores: April 25,
  - Freshmen: April 27 & 28.
  You may register on the web anytime after your beginning registration time, and may continue to add courses until midnight, August 28 – the night before our fall semester begins!
- Questions? If you have questions, please contact the Registrar's Office, at 267-2154, or the Academic Advising Office, at 267-2702.

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**Non-Traditional Student Organization (NTSO)**

NTSO defines a non-traditional student as any matriculated students at SUNY Potsdam who:

A) Is 24 years of age or older, or
B) Has at least a 2 year hiatus in their education, or
C) Holds a GED rather than a high school diploma, or
D) Is married, or
E) Is single with dependents

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**NTSO’s Mission**

- To focus on providing a safe and informative space for non-traditional students.
- Raise awareness of the challenges non-traditional students face and provide a forum where students can discuss these challenges.
- The primary goal of the NTSO is for adult learners to enjoy the community space of the Adult Learner Lounge and to exchange information about the non-traditional student community and their needs.
The Omicron Zeta Chapter (SUNY Potsdam Chapter) of Alpha Sigma Lambda is the international honor society chartered expressly for Non-Traditional students who are 24 years of age or older. Their members are adult students who engage in balancing the responsibilities of home, family, career, community and education. Each spring semester a number of non-traditional students who meet the national standards for student membership are inducted into this prestigious honor society.

Alpha Sigma Lambda's mission is to provide an on-campus association for and recognition of academically outstanding students in continuing higher education.

When inducted into Alpha Sigma Lambda you will receive an Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Certificate, an insignia pin, and honors cords that can be worn at graduation.

Standards for Alpha Sigma Lambda membership at SUNY Potsdam are as follows:

- Be matriculated, undergraduate students at SUNY Potsdam
- Have a minimum of 24 course hours completed at SUNY Potsdam.
- Be at least 24 years of age.
- Have a minimum grade point average of 3.2.

Eligible members, for Spring 2016's induction, will be notified via your home address and via email in the month of March.