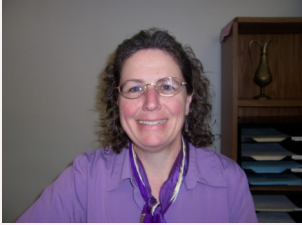


ADULT LEARNER TRANSITIONS

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A letter from Louise



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Welcome back from spring break to all of our adult learners! While I know for many of you spring break means spending more time with family and friends and enjoying a break from your academic world. I would also wager that some of you were probably still working academically as you gear up for the second half of our spring semester.

Adult Learner Survey Results

Between February 7 and February 28th, Adult Learners across the SUNY Potsdam Campus were invited to fill out a survey about life as an Adult Learner.

We gathered some important notes and ideas on how to better assist all of our student learners on our campus. There were many excellent ideas sent in the survey, so let us highlight a few:

I want to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your new faculty advisor for the Adult Learner Association (ALA). I am the director of Student and Family Transitions located in our Student Success Center in Sisson Hall. As an former adult learner who went back to college at age 35, I was also a member of the ALA and felt many times over that the Commuter Lounge was my second home while I earned my BA degree in Sociology and minored in Women's Studies here at SUNY Potsdam. I continued my education by earning a Master's Degree in Communication and Discourse. In January 2003 I was hired to work in the SSC as Director of First Year Transitions, while I

One overwhelming comment revolved around social events and get-togethers for Adult Learners, to create that ever important social network. Events that were popular in the survey included Family-oriented events, Bag Lunch (and other food-centered) events, and Off-campus social events.

Workshops and Seminars were another popular topic. Many requested Career Planning Workshops, Financial Workshops (from

remained an adjunct instructor in our English and Communication Department teaching introductory speech and writing classes. As of this past January, I took on additional duties to include coordinating programming for Families, Adult Learners, and Veterans. I look forward to working with you to make sure your specific needs get met. While I've met a few adult learners this semester when the ALA meets on Mondays in the Commuter Lounge, I hope to see more of you around campus, so please feel free to contact me via e-mail, phone, or stop by Sisson 128 to introduce yourself!

Best of luck this semester!

Louise

"How to pay for college" to "How to create a budget"), Time Management Seminars, and Transition to College Life Seminars. The office of Family and Student Transitions will be exploring these topics for creating and presenting workshops soon!

So, a big thank you to all of those who responded to the survey, and for helping us create a better ALA Program at SUNY Potsdam! (More info on page 2)

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- ◆ Veteran's Task Force
- ◆ ALA Survey Results
- ◆ Contributors needed for Transitions Blog
- ◆ Apply to Omicron-Honor Society

IMPORTANT DATES

- ◆ Fri, March 25: Last day to Withdraw or S/U Spring classes
- ◆ April 7: Start Smart WAGE Project: See Career Planning for details
- ◆ April 21: Omicron-Psi Applications due
- ◆ Thursday, May 5, 2011 Omicron Psi Induction

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Job Fair Information

Summertime and Graduation are just around the corner, so now is a good time to start looking (if you haven't already) for that summer job or start of a career!

The Career Planning Office has graciously provided us with information on upcoming Job Fair events for the coming weeks:

Start Smart WAGE Workshop:

Covers topics such as the gender earnings gap, strategies and techniques in negotiation, and how much individuals should earn. Please contact Career Planning to Register!

Upstate NY Biocareer Connection at Ithaca College: April 8, 2011. This event looks to connect bioscience related companies in Upstate NY connect with job seekers with an interest in bioscience fields. If you are interested in attending, sign up for free transportation at Career Planning by March 21, 2011. For more information, visit the Career Planning Office.

Teacher Recruitment Days at SUNY Cortland: April 14 and 15, 2011. Those who plan on attending must be eligible for certification/licensure and have

graduated by Sept 2011. Please have your resumes submitted to Career Planning, 206 Sisson Hall, by Friday, March 18! For more information, visit the Career Planning webpage: www.potsdam.edu/offices/career

Job and Career tables in the Union

- March 16: Social Services Occupations, 10:30am—1:30 pm.
- March 17: The Great Escape Summer employment information, 10:30am—1:30pm
- March 28: US Navy Career information: 10:30am—1:30pm.
- Keep an eye out for career-related tables in the BSU!

More ALA Survey Results!

As promised, more ideas from the ALA Survey that you helped fill out!

- Fundraisers for new furniture in the Commuter Lounge
- More Lockers in the Commuter Lounge
- Semi-Private to Private space to nap
- Carpool board in the Commuter Lounge
- Technology (such as Microsoft Office) Seminars

Please keep an eye on our new blog and facebook for Student and Family Transitions for information on upcoming Workshops and Seminars you requested!

Adult Learner Survey Drawing Winners

Congratulations to the ALA Survey Drawing Winners! Each winner will receive \$25 on their BEAR Express account during the Semester.

So again, Congratulations, and thanks for helping us create a better environment for the Adult Learners on Campus!

Winners of the \$25 BEAR Express

Erin Walser

Joshua Clafin

Keith Perera



DRAWING WINNERS



Adult Learner Association

Who is the ALA? This group meets in the Commuter Lounge located in Carson Hall. In the past, they have fought for computers to be installed in the lounge as well as for the lounge to be updated with new paint, carpeting, and new appliances such as a Refrigerator and TV.

The ALA were well known for

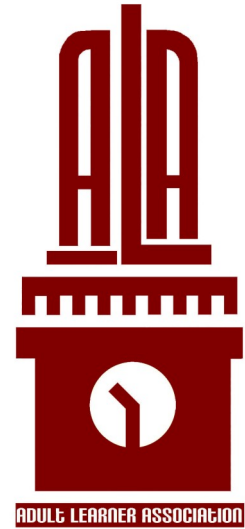
their fundraisers for veteran hospitals. They also held a Faculty/Staff Awards Ceremony each semester in order to recognize those faculty and staff that make a difference to the studies and lives of adult learners on campus.

This group is reforming under new leadership and would like

you to join us and perhaps join the leadership team.

If you think you would like to join or have any questions about this group, please contact Rick Denner (denner1193@potssdam.edu)

By joining this group, you will be providing Adult Learners a voice on campus.



ALA Meetings: Monday 12pm-2pm in the Commuter Lounge, Carson Hall.

“JOIN THE ADULT LEARNER ASSOCIATION. HAVE A SAY IN YOUR LIFE ON CAMPUS!”

SUNY Potsdam Veterans Task Force Update

The SUNY Potsdam Veterans Task Force has been hard at work trying to secure the Yellow Ribbon distinction. The Task Force continues to try and make SUNY Potsdam a more attractive and friendly environment for Veteran Education.

The VTF is currently exploring transitional aides for incoming and current veterans, including Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) counseling, fundraisers, and resume writing workshops.

The Task Force is also gathering information regarding the new SALUTE Veteran’s National Honor Society, as well as other scholarship options for Veteran students.

Be sure to watch for the upcoming Newsletter for our Veteran students within the next few weeks!



Are you a Veteran?

Would you like to be added to the College Veteran’s Task Force?

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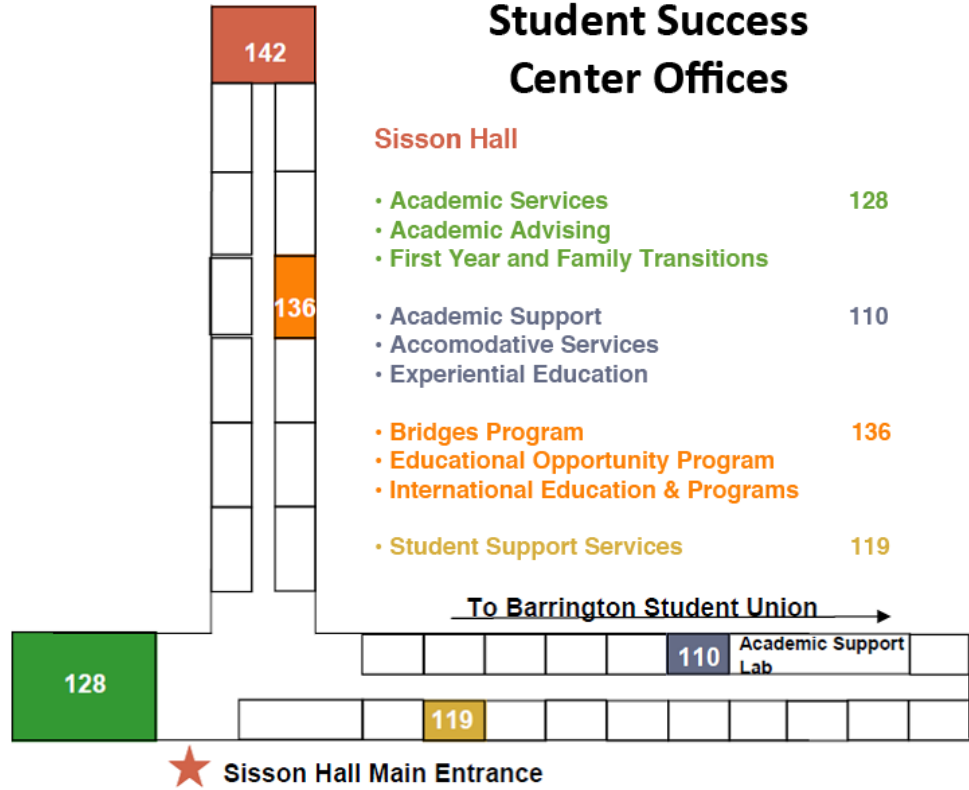
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What is Omicron-Psi?

Omicron-Psi is the National Honor Society for non-traditional students. Omicron-Psi stands for Duty, Honor, and Service. Members are dedicated to being active members of their community.

The National Omicron-Psi Honor Society's mission is as follows:

1. To recognize achievements of non-traditional students throughout the United States.
2. To award these students with a certificate of achievement and insignia pin.
3. To encourage the continuation of educational pursuits.
4. To supply scholarship applications to

members and to encourage participation in our scholarship program.

5. To provide scholarships from monies received through membership dues.
6. To be of service to our members and provide referrals and references upon request.
7. To have members commit to a life of honor, integrity and service in the home, community and workplace as well as duty to Country.

In order to be eligible for the Omicron-Psi National Honor Society at SUNY Potsdam, you must be considered a non-traditional student defined as:

1. Be 24 years of age or older, or
2. Have at least a 2 year hiatus in your education, or

3. Hold a GED rather than a high school diploma, or
4. Be married, or
5. Be single with dependents.

In addition, you must have ALL of the following:

1. Attained a junior class standing (minimum of 57 hours).
2. Completed 12 semester hours at SUNY Potsdam.
3. Earned a minimum of 3.30 GPA in Potsdam course work.

The cost of membership is \$35.00 + \$4.95 shipping for the honor cords, pin and certificate.

To apply for membership, go to www.omicron-psi.com.