

GENEVA COLLEGE *Degree Completion Program*

Start dates for Bachelor of Science classes

COMMUNITY MINISTRY

Beaver Falls, Pa.
Thursday, February 5, 2009

Pittsburgh, Pa.
Monday, February 23, 2009

HUMAN RESOURCES

Monroeville, Pa.
Thursday, January 29, 2009

Beaver Falls, Pa.
Thursday, February 5, 2009

Youngwood, Pa.
Monday, March 2, 2009

Sharon, Pa.
Monday, March 9, 2009

Butler, Pa.
Tuesday, May 26, 2009

Cranberry Township, Pa.
Wednesday, May 27, 2009

Johnstown, Pa.
Wednesday, June 3, 2009

Everett, Pa.
Thursday, June 4, 2009

HUMAN SERVICES

Johnstown, Pa.
Thursday, February 19, 2009

Pittsburgh, Pa.
Thursday, March 5, 2009

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Beaver Falls, Pa.
Thursday, February 5, 2009

Cranberry Township, Pa.
Wednesday, May 27, 2009

Johnstown, Pa.
Wednesday, June 3, 2009

Call for details.
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Geneva's MSOL Program hosts leadership conference APRIL 14, 2009

"Leadership as Service" will be held at the Marriot Pittsburgh North at Cranberry Woods.

Keynote speakers include:

Frances Hesselbein, Leader To Leader Institute
Larry Spears, Spears Center for Servant Leadership
Michele Hunt, Herman Miller, Inc.
John Stahl-Wert, Pittsburgh Leadership Foundation
Ken Jennings, Third River Partners

Call 724.847.2715 for more information.



GENEVA COLLEGE DEGREE COMPLETION PROGRAM



STAFFORD LOANS ARE STILL AVAILABLE

Are you wondering if returning to college can be an affordable decision for you? According to Steve Bell, director of financial aid at Geneva College, "Federal Stafford loans will be available for the remainder of this school year and in the future."

While the media focuses on the financial needs of many traditional college students, it overlooks the unique situation of adults who would like to complete their degree.

"Although some lenders have withdrawn from the loan program, the lenders used by most Geneva College adult students are still active," Steve says. "Adult students can usually borrow enough through the Stafford program alone to cover the cost of a term in our Degree Completion Program (DCP)."

To begin the financial aid process, students are encouraged to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Through the information contained on the FAFSA, the financial aid department is able to award both need-based grants and loans. Adult students are

eligible for subsidized and unsubsidized Stafford loans, which do not require credit checks.

"If you need to borrow," Steve explains, "there should be sufficient funds available to cover your direct cost without having to consider more expensive loans or loans with very strict credit score requirements." It is also important to remember that need-based *continued on page 3*



Are you ready to expand your potential with a college degree?

If you have prior work experience, and perhaps some college experience, the Geneva College DCP can help you complete a bachelor's degree.

Explore the possibilities and learn more about the program in which you are interested. If these days or times are inconvenient, call 800.576.3111 to set up a personal visit with an enrollment counselor.

Pittsburgh, Pa.
Monday, January 12, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Allegheny Center Alliance Church
250 East Ohio Street
Union Place, Room 207

Pittsburgh, Pa.
Tuesday, January 13, 4:30 – 6 p.m.
Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary
7418 Penn Avenue

Cranberry Township, Pa.
Tuesday, January 27, 4:30 – 6 p.m.
Regional Learning Alliance
850 Cranberry Woods Drive

Butler, Pa.
Thursday, January 29, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Butler County Community College
107 College Drive

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Monday – Thursday, 8 a.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

In addition to our Beaver Falls office, we have office hours at the Regional Learning Alliance in Cranberry and the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in East Liberty.

Regional Learning Alliance
850 Cranberry Woods Drive
Cranberry Township, Pa. 16066

Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
616 North Highland Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15206
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FROM THE DEAN

The major biblical themes of a Christian worldview are Creation, Fall and Redemption/Consummation. These themes are echoed in the curriculum of Geneva College's Degree Completion Program. While the Christian view of life always needs to encompass these themes, we bring a sharper focus to a specific theme at different times.

During the Christmas and New Year season, we tend to focus on the Redemptive aspect of our Christian worldview. One reason for this joyful celebration is the reality that Jesus, the Messiah, came in human flesh to end the dark reign of sin and to usher in a new age of freedom. Jesus the Christ came to redeem our lives and to make us into new, transformed creatures full of hope.

One purpose of our transformation is that we might in turn be transformers ourselves. We do this by reaching out to those in need to bring the healing of the gospel to them. This healing not only meets their need for the Savior, Christ the Lord, but addresses their physical and emotional needs as well. Our transformed lives are to be as a city on a hill; like an uncovered light shining brightly for all to see. The mission of Geneva College states that we seek to develop students in such a way that they become transformers of society.

The effect of a transforming vision points others to hope and the promise of a new life. In this edition of the *Progression* newsletter is the story of a DCP student in the Johnstown human services cohort. In the field experience requirement of her major, she worked alongside residents of a long-term care home, encouraging them to make creative symbols of things that made them hopeful. While in one sense this may seem like a small project, in another sense it had a great impact on the lives of the residents as they saw the expressions of their hopes taking shape in something they could see and touch. For those who are struggling with difficulties and traumas, even small concrete expressions of hope can be catalysts for sweeping transformation.

The joyful message of the gospel is that Christ calls us to leave the old behind and to embrace a new life in Him. For those who feel trapped in sin and its devastating effects, that is indeed "good news of great joy!" Whether you feel the effects of sin pressing in on you as brokenness in relationships, in financial burdens or just in a quandary that seems to keep you from reaching significant goals in your life, our hope is that you experience the healing that only Christ can bring to you.

In Geneva College's DCP, our staff and instructors pray for our students, and the students themselves are often encouragements to one another as they share the ways they seek to apply the message of Christ's redemption to every area of their lives. The redemption we celebrate is indeed a reason for hope!

Dr. Ralph N. Phillips

BRIDGE PROGRAM

Spring 2009 Course Schedule

The Bridge Program is designed for busy adults who need to earn credits either to enter the Geneva College Degree Completion Program or to complete their degree after completing the DCP. This program helps you "bridge the gap."

Bridge courses meet from 6 to 10 p.m.
For course descriptions or to register, visit www.geneva.edu/object/bridge.html.

BEAVER FALLS CAMPUS

HUM 119 RENAISSANCE TO PRESENT
Three humanities core or elective credits
Thursdays, March 12 – May 7

REGIONAL LEARNING ALLIANCE AT CRANBERRY WOODS

ACE 129 CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY
Three elective credits
Thursdays, March 12 – May 7

Class enrollment is limited.
For registration and financial aid information, call 800.576.3111.
Register online at www.geneva.edu/object/bridge.html.
Register and begin class up to March 12.



Geneva College's Northwood Hall, Beaver Falls campus.

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aid is based on the financial need of the student, so unemployment may actually increase your aid.

In addition to Stafford loans, DCP students are eligible for federal Pell grants and Pennsylvania state grants (Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency). Both are awarded on the basis of financial need.

Here are some other ways Geneva College's DCP makes finishing your bachelor's degree affordable:

- DCP tuition assistance program for unemployed applicants
- Geneva DCP grants
- DCP Phi Theta Kappa Scholarships
- James Naim Memorial Scholarship

DCP enrollment counselors work with eligible students to coordinate education benefits with Veterans Educational Benefits, Veterans Vocational Rehabilitation Benefits and Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Are you thinking about returning to college? If so, do not forget to file the FAFSA. To receive the best possible financial aid, file no later than May 1 in order to meet the state grant deadline. Talk with your enrollment counselor, then visit www.fafsa.ed.gov to begin the financial aid process. The online FAFSA has made this process fast and easy, but make sure to add Geneva College's school code: 003267.

Missy Trent, HUMAN SERVICES MAJOR JOHNSTOWN, PA.

As an employee of the Board of Probation and Parole in Pennsylvania, Missy Trent shows a heart for people needing rehabilitation. Missy needed a bachelor's degree in order to become a parole agent, so after completing her associate degree, she began the search for a program that would not interfere with her work and family schedules.

The 17-month Geneva College Degree Completion Program seemed perfect, so she contacted the office. The proximity of the Johnstown location, the convenient class times and the positive interactions with DCP staff gave Missy the motivation she needed to begin the enrollment process. She says, "I knew that if the enrollment staff worked, my experience was going to be one that would not easily be forgotten."

Although her career goal is to be a parole agent once she completes her degree, her concern for rehabilitation and recovery extends beyond the prison walls. During her DCP field experience, Missy worked with the residents at a long-term care home known as the Trilogy House. The program therapist approached her about artwork to be used for the "Art of Recovery" exhibit at a local art gallery. Missy, the program therapist and the staff worked with the residents to design quilting squares to depict what recovery meant to them individually. The end product was a beautiful conglomeration of hand-drawn symbols of life and hope, all containing personal significance to the people who created them.

As a student in the DCP, Missy has been able to combine her compassion for the mentally ill and her ministry to prisoners and apply them to her class work. "We were able to analyze, discuss and evaluate our previous practices in the human services field and then expand on them." Missy has seen so many people living unhealthy lives, physically and emotionally. Now, through her studies in the DCP, she is better equipped to provide them with the resources and motivation they need.



Missy Trent, DCP human services major, displays the quilt made by Trilogy House residents.

Before entering the program, she knew that opportunities for employment within the prison were available, but she needed the degree to make herself more marketable. The convenience of the DCP has given her that chance. In fact, since beginning the human services program, she received her first promotion within the Board of Probation and Parole. "Education is very important in today's society," Missy believes. "Each one of you is taking the right steps to promote your individuality, initiative and professionalism."

BIBLE CHALLENGE EXAMS

for prospective and current DCP students

BIB 112 Biblical Introduction I – Old Testament
BIB 113 Biblical Introduction II – New Testament

Courses fulfill core requirements for community ministry majors, and elective requirements for human resources, organizational development and human services.

Earn three semester hours for each exam.

Pittsburgh, Pa.
Saturday, March 21, 2009

Advance registration required.
Call for details and study guide.
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APPLAUSE

RUSS KASIM '08

DCP Human Resources Class 224, Monroeville, began Geneva College's Master of Science in Organizational Leadership (MSOL) Program following graduation. Russ began the MSOL Program at the Monroeville location in October.

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Keep us informed so we can share your story with others.
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