RACQUELLE COLEMAN
A Life-changing Adventure

On March 3, 2011, Racquelle Coleman entered her first class of Geneva College’s Adult Degree Completion Program (ADCP) as a human services major. She knew that a bachelor’s degree would open doors for her, but she wasn’t aware of just how much her life was about to change. Not even three weeks later, her mother passed away suddenly, shaking Racquelle’s world.

Up to this point, Racquelle simply wanted a degree to advance her career. She was working as the director for the Johnstown YWCA Laugh and Learn childcare center and signed up for the human services major. But with the unexpected tragedy, her choice of major became so much more to her than just an employment stepping stone. “The best thing was that I was learning about counseling and grieving as I was going through it,” she says. “It was like counseling with my classmates.” She relates how the faculty and staff at the ADCP were supportive and encouraging and the education she received about God and the Bible gave her strength through her struggles.

Racquelle completed the 17-month ADCP program in August and is currently working to complete her elective credits. And while the obstacles that she has had to overcome to reach this point have been great, she still plans to continue with her education. “I can’t stop with my bachelor’s degree because the faculty at Geneva College is so inspiring.”

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GENEVA COLLEGE, founded in 1848, is a four-year Christian liberal arts college. The Middle States Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools accredits Geneva College.
ADCP online offerings began this fall with six Bridge courses. And this spring, more online courses will be added to ensure that students have options for completing core and elective credits.

In addition to the online Bridge courses, Geneva also plans to offer the human resources major online. We have submitted our application to our accrediting organization, Middle States Association. Given the expected approval, human resources will begin an online cohort in February 2013.

Additionally, we are in the process of seeking approvals to offer the Christian ministry leadership major online this fall. The Bridge Program is designed for busy adults who need to earn credits face-to-face classes difficult to manage. For these people, and those with other reasons to prefer an online education, the Adult Degree Completion Program (ADCP) human resources major online format is the answer.

Geneva College has long been a regional leader in adult education. The ADCP began with just one major-human resources—24 years ago. Several thousand graduates (with an above-average retention and graduation rate) and innumerable success stories have made it through tough times with the help of family, friends and community, and I want to be able to help people go through things that I have been through.

And so what started as the simple “next step” in career advancement has become a life-changing adventure for Racquelle. “This degree will help me reach my goals. It’s hard work but totally worth it.”

APPLAUSE

BRANDON COLLINS, ADCP Human Resources

Class 272, Cranberry Township, began a new job at Bobby Rahal Automotive Group in March. Brandon is currently the human resources manager there and is active in the administration and expansion of ADCP online course offerings. His commitment and dedication to Geneva College is evident through his educational and career undertakings. This award is determined by the students of Geneva. One student wrote that Gallo’s “passion for his teaching material is clearly evident but his passion for God is even more clearly evident.” Congratulations, John!

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Romans 12:15 exhorts us to “Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.” And Racquelle is obediently following that command. She plans to complete her master’s degree in social work and take the civil service exam in order to help those in ways that she has been helped. “I made it through tough times with the help of family, friends and community, and I want to be able to help people go through things that I have been through.”

John Gallo, Teacher of the Year

Adult Degree Completion Program assistant professor John Gallo is the recipient of this year’s Excellence in Teaching Award from Geneva College. John Gallo is the program director for human resources and organizational development majors in the ADCP. He began working at Geneva College in 2007 and has taught in both ADCP and traditional undergraduate programs. He graduated from Geneva College in 1992 with a bachelor of arts degree in sociology, and again in 2000 with a master’s degree in organizational leadership. He also has a master of business administration from Northcentral University. John has been active in the implementation and expansion of ADCP online course offerings. His commitment and dedication to Geneva College is evident through his educational and career undertakings. This award is determined by the students of Geneva. One student wrote that Gallo’s “passion for his teaching material is clearly evident but his passion for God is even more clearly evident.” Congratulations, John!

FROM THE DEAN

After over two decades of successfully offering the human resources major for adult students, Geneva has now entered the world of online education. I want to be clear—the face-to-face cohorts and Bridge courses will continue to be offered in the same 11 Western Pennsylvania locations. But as convenient as these face-to-face offerings have been for thousands of working adults, the classroom format does not meet everyone’s needs.

For example, people who work shifts, frequently travel on business or have to care for family members may find face-to-face classes difficult to manage. For these people, and those with other reasons to prefer an online education, the Adult Degree Completion Program (ADCP) human resources major online format is the answer.

When Gallo was a graduate student at Northcentral University, he was a research assistant for the college. Gallo’s work included recruiting students and working with program directors and teaching faculty. In 1997, Gallo returned to Geneva College and was immediately assigned an administrative role in the implementation and expansion of the Adult Degree Completion Program. He and the new director, John Gallo, are proud of their achievements and the success of their students.

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