You’ve made a New Year’s Resolution to finish your bachelor’s degree, but the question of affordability is still weighing heavily on you. Is it too expensive? How can I pay for it? Where does the money come from?

Those are some of the questions that need to be answered before committing to finish a degree. It’s true that a bachelor’s degree is a large expense, but not only is it worth the cost, it’s also quite affordable when you understand that tuition assistance is available.

About 95% of students in Geneva College’s Adult Degree Completion program qualify for financial aid—and financial aid doesn’t mean only loans. Here is a short list of a few forms of tuition assistance that does not need to be repaid:

• PHEAA Grants up to $3,240/year
• Pell Grants up to $5,550/year
• Lifetime Learning Credit up to $2,000/year
• Geneva College Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship of $4,000

FINISH WELL.

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

Explore the possibilities and learn more about the program that interests you. Visit our website to find the locations and times of our information sessions, or call 800.576.3111 to set up a personal visit with an enrollment counselor.

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We often hear the word “excellence” used in advertising to promote products or services from auto repair and cruises to educational programs. Sometimes “excellence” is also used to promote an attitude of high achievement. For example, Olympic gymnast Terry Orlick published the book *In Pursuit of Excellence* and his teaching on commitment and focus has inspired athletes and business leaders alike. But, in contrast to the varying standards of excellence often found in our culture, the standard by which we are challenged and encouraged to strive to reach ever-higher goals is the Bible.

It is through commitment to the work of Christ’s kingdom that we find fulfillment. When we dedicate ourselves to serving others, we not only find new joy in service, but also that new possibilities often open before us. When we follow the instructions to “eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God” (1 Cor. 10:31), we experience the joy of participating in the work of God’s kingdom, and with that comes a refreshingly new sense of purpose and meaning.

Occasionally, Geneva’s ADCP students write to us about the impact their participation in the program had on their lives. One graduate wrote that she left a well-established full-time position for a part-time position to which she believed God was calling her. The decision to move was not an easy one, but what she learned in the ADCP helped change her perspective. She wrote, “I believe that by finding professional and personal happiness and fulfillment in life, we can better serve society in the ways that God intends for each of us. I also believe that we can turn ordinary jobs into extraordinary missions by realizing that God places us in our work as an opportunity to influence others for His kingdom. My hope is to couple my will to serve with my God-given talents in an attempt to continually develop as a leader. What the future holds for us, only God knows. I not only eagerly await the continuation of this journey but am anxious to see where God calls me to serve next, remembering that I can plan my way, but it is He who will direct my steps.”

One rarely finds greater expression of commitment to excellence than in the words of this ADCP graduate. In a world where many claims of excellence are thinly disguised self-aggrandizement, may we all strive to serve next, remembering that I can plan my way, but it is He who will direct my steps.”

**BRIDGE PROGRAM**

*Spring 2011 Course Schedule*

**The Bridge Program is designed for busy adults who need to earn credits either to enter the Geneva College Adult Degree Completion Program or to complete their degree after finishing the ADCP.** 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/bridge.

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**FUNDAMENTALS OF ACCOUNTING**

3 elective credits

Mondays, March 14 – May 2

**ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY**

3 elective credits

Mondays, March 14 – May 2

**COMMUNICATIONS IN MINISTRY**

3 elective credits

Tuesdays, March 15 – May 3

**CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP**

Regional Learning Alliance

**ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE**

3 natural science core or elective credits

Mondays, March 14 – May 2

**WISDOM LITERATURE**

3 elective credits

Wednesdays, March 16 – May 4

**HUMANITIES FROM THE RENAISSANCE TO THE PRESENT (ONLINE)**

3 humanities core or elective credits

Thursday, March 17 & May 5

**EARTH & SPACE SCIENCE**

3 natural science core or elective credits

Thursday, March 17 – May 5

Class enrollment is limited. Register and begin class up to March 17.

For registration and financial aid information, call 800-576-3111.

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- ADCP tuition assistance for unemployed applicants up to $8000
- And if a student needs to tap into the Direct Loans available for ADCP students, here are some things to keep in mind:
  - There is no credit check necessary for school loans.
  - Interest rates on school loans are lower than the rates of private loans.
  - The interest on subsidized Direct Loans does not accrue while in school.

However, to take advantage of these and other means of tuition assistance, students are encouraged to take action to ease the financial burden.

- File the FAFSA (www.fafsa.gov) by April 15th to receive the best possible financial aid.
- Call the ADCP office and talk to your enrollment counselor about Geneva College scholarship eligibility.
- Contact your employer to discuss tuition assistance possibilities, and check with your enrollment counselor to see if your workplace takes part in our employer partnerships program.
- For military, contact your educational benefits coordinator and then contact Bobbi Griffith, ADCP’s school-certifying official.

So when looking at ways to finish your degree, keep in mind that a bachelor’s degree is an investment, and financial aid and tuition assistance make the Adult Degree Completion Program an affordable way to reach your dreams in this new year.

**BIBLE CHALLENGE EXAMS**

For prospective and current ADCP students

BBB 112 Biblical Introduction I Old Testament

Courses fulfill core requirements for community ministry majors, as well as elective requirements for human resources, organizational development and human services. Earn three semester hours for each exam.

**BEAVER FALLS, PA.**

Saturday, September 10, 2011
Saturday, January 21, 2012

**PITTSBURGH, PA.**

Saturday, March 19, 2011
Saturday, July 9, 2011
Saturday, November 5, 2011

Advance registration required. Call for details and study guide. 800-576-3111 • adcp@geneva.edu

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**WINTER HONORS SYMPOSIUM 2010**

Six students of the Geneva College Adult Degree Completion Program presented their Applied Research Projects (ARP) to a roomful of staff, faculty, students, family and friends on Friday, December 3. These students — Roland Criswell, Shelley Niccolai, Jeff Platt, Christopher Ebner, Karen Montgomery, and Barbara George — were chosen to present at this symposium because of the excellence that was evident in both the written and oral portions of the ARP.

The Honors Symposium is also an excellent time for current and prospective ADCP students to view examples of completed and exemplary ARPs. In addition to the multiple presentations that students will hear, the night also includes a reception which is a great opportunity for current students to ask questions regarding challenging aspects of the project. This time of interaction gives students insight and advice on completing an outstanding project of their own.

The Honors Symposium is held twice a year. Look for information on the next Honors Symposium in Spring 2011. Don’t hesitate to call the ADCP office for more information at 1-800-576-3111.

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**APPLAUSE**

**ERIC SCHULTZ ’95, ADCP Human Resources**

Class of ’88, Butler. CFO for Center for Community Resources, was recently honored by the Pittsburgh Business Times as CFO of the Year in the small nonprofit category. Schultz began his work at Center for Community Resources in 2005 when it was close to bankruptcy. This company is an organization which provides services for individuals and families seeking information and referral for mental health, mental retardation, substance abuse and other human service needs. In the past five years, Schultz has helped grow the company’s budget to $8.6 million.

**STEPHANIE WORKMAN ’98, ADCP Human Resources**

Class of ’85, Pittsburgh, has been sworn in as the President of the North Carolina Chapter of the International Association of Workforce Professionals (NCWAP). NCWAP is a professional, nonprofit, educational association for those who work or have common interest in public and private workforce development programs.

We are proud of your achievements!

Keep us informed so we can share your story with others. 800-576-3111 • adcp@geneva.edu