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GENEVA COLLEGE ADULT DEGREE PROGRAMS progression

FALL 2013



ADP graduate uses degree to find a surprising career

It's a familiar story told by adult students. Because of obligations at work and home, they can only enroll in the few, yet time consuming, night classes. Credits are earned only a few at a time and the prospect of completing a bachelor's degree feels like a lifetime away.

Mike Dixon found himself as the main character in such a story. He was enrolled at Kent State University as a traditional student, but unlike many of his classmates, he was also employed full time and had two children at home. In order to provide a better life for his family, he needed that degree, but he also needed his job to pay the bills while pursuing it.



Mike Dixon, 1991

And so after three years of struggling through traditional higher education, he was introduced to the new Geneva College Adult Degree Programs that allows busy adults to complete their bachelor's degree while still fulfilling responsibilities at home and work. Mike was 27 years old at the time, but just beginning a journey that would lead him to an exciting—and surprising—career.

When Mike graduated with his bachelor's degree in human resources from Geneva College in 1991, he was accepted to the University of Akron's law school, and in 1994

he graduated with his Juris Doctorate degree. From there he worked at a law firm in Akron, but in 2002 he accepted a position at John Deere in Illinois. He currently practices patent law in the Intellectual Property Department as Senior Counsel/Manager. His bachelor's degree in human resources gave him the impetus to explore his talents and strengths, which led him to a career in law.

The Adult Degree Programs provide options for adults looking to better their careers or fulfill lifelong dreams. With classes located around Western Pennsylvania and three programs entirely online, the adult student doesn't have to put life on pause while in school. Mike believes that the Geneva College Adult Degree Programs was a "godsend as it allowed me to complete my degree and apply to law school. If it had not been for this program, I do not know where I would be right now." And while the Adult Degree Programs helped Mike obtain his degree in

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human resources, it was Mike himself that chose the direction he would go.

Upcoming Class Starts

ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Online February 17, 2014

Online April 21, 2014

HUMAN RESOURCES

Monroeville January 29, 2014

Beaver Falls February 3, 2014

Johnstown, February 10, 2014

Sharon February 11, 2014

Online February 17, 2014

Online April 21, 2014

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Johnstown February 10, 2014

HUMAN SERVICES

Pittsburgh March 3, 2014

CHRISTIAN MINISTRY LEADERSHIP

Beaver Falls February 3, 2014

Online February 17, 2014

Online April 21, 2014

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

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Applause

THERESA JONES '13, Human Services Class O22, Pittsburgh, is pursuing her master's degree in criminology from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She is scheduled to graduate May 2014.

We are proud of your achievements! Keep us informed so we can share your story with others. **800.576.3111**
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From the Dean



Who knows what is coming next? We all know that it is impossible to predict the future, but we live like we have some control over what the future holds, or at least

try to decrease the likelihood of unpleasant possibilities. For instance, we keep the brakes on our cars in good repair so we are more likely to maintain control of our cars and less likely to cause accidents.

Several years ago I bought a book, *Seeing What's Next* (C. Christensen, et. al., 2004), that says that by using theories of innovation, an organization can predict change coming to its industry. The idea is to either improve existing products in terms of quality or price or to introduce new products that change the way people do things. The title of the book suggests that organizations often seek to control the future market to their advantage.

So what does all this mean for you as you try to make decisions today that will have a significant impact on your future? What if you make the wrong decision? Can you, like organizations, find ways to have some control over your future?

The story of 1991 graduate Mike Dixon in this issue of *Progression* may help answer some of these questions. Mike knew he needed to obtain his bachelor's degree to achieve his life goals, one of which was to attend law school. He needed a program that not only provided the rigorous learning that he needed to enter law school, but also provided it in a context that allowed him to keep his job and family. While he could not see what was next or predict that he'd end up with John Deere, Mike began to take some control over where his life was headed by consulting with enrollment counselors at Geneva College as he developed and executed a plan. He found that a degree in human resources provided what he needed

to enter law school. He further found that Geneva's Adult Degree Programs offered a way for a working adult with a family to complete his degree requirements and open the door to the future that he had envisioned. He took some positive steps in the right direction and the rest is history.

So are you thinking that you would like to take some positive steps to help you understand what's next? You cannot control your future, but you can prepare to meet it more effectively. Talk with one of Geneva's enrollment counselors about programs offered in classrooms or online to see if one of the majors in the Adult Degree Programs can help you prepare to meet your future.


Dr. Ralph N. Phillips

Bridge Program

The Bridge Program is designed for busy adults who need to earn credits either to enter the Geneva College Adult Degree Programs or to complete their degree after finishing the courses in their major. This program helps you "bridge the gap."

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

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LIFESPAN DEVELOPMENT

3 human services core or elective credits
Tuesdays, January 14 – March 4

GLOBALISM & MULTICULTURALISM

3 elective credits
Wednesdays, January 15 – March 5

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE

3 natural science core or elective credits
Thursdays, January 16 – March 6

ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY

3 human services core or elective credits
Mondays, March 17 – May 5

CLASSICAL & CHRISTIAN CULTURES

3 humanities core or elective credits
Tuesdays, March 11 – April 29

HUMAN DIVERSITY

3 human services core or elective credits
Thursdays, March 13 – April 10

CRANBERRY TOWNSHIP

INTELLIGENT DESIGN & EVOLUTION

3 natural science core or elective credits
Mondays, January 13 – March 10

CULTURAL ANTHROPOLOGY

3 elective credits
Wednesdays, March 12 – April 30

Class enrollment is limited. Register and begin class up to March 17. For registration and financial aid information, call **724.847.5683**.

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JANUARY 15 – MARCH 12

FUNDAMENTALS OF ACCOUNTING

3 accounting principles core or elective credits

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3 Old Testament core or elective credits

CLASSICAL & CHRISTIAN CULTURES

3 humanities core or elective credits

RENAISSANCE TO THE PRESENT

3 humanities core or elective credits

INTRODUCTION TO PSYCHOLOGY

3 social science core or elective credits

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3 natural science core or elective credits

FAITH & MONEY

3 elective credits

PRIORITIES, GOALS AND ATTITUDE

3 elective credits

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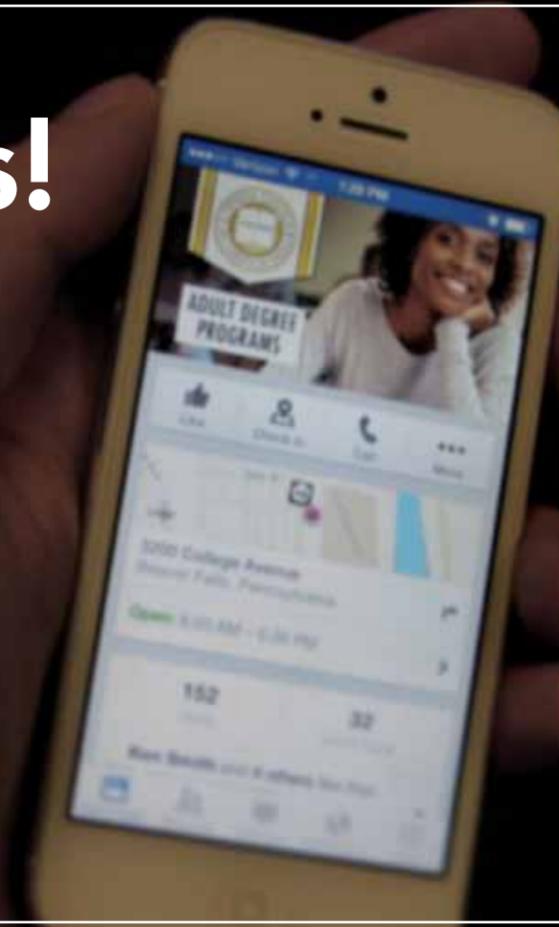
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Saturday, January 18, 2014

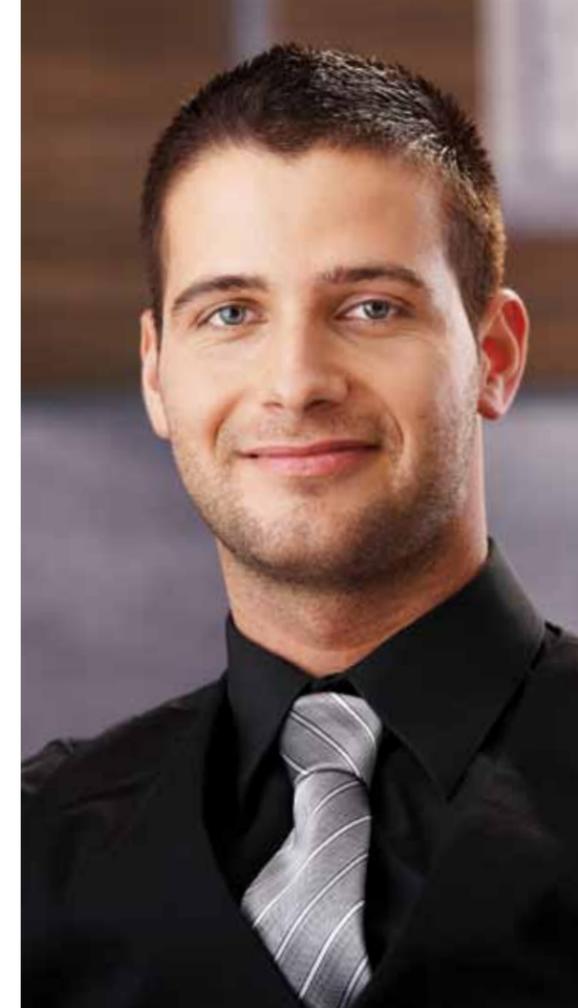
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