

GENEVA COLLEGE *Adult Degree Completion Program*

Start dates for Bachelor of Science classes

COMMUNITY MINISTRY

Pittsburgh, Pa.
Thursday, October 7, 2010
Beaver Falls, Pa.
Wednesday, February 16, 2011

HUMAN RESOURCES

Johnstown, Pa.
Thursday, August 26, 2010
Pittsburgh, Pa.
Monday, September 20, 2010
Moon Twp., Pa.
Wednesday, October 6, 2010
Monroeville, Pa.
Tuesday, February 1, 2011

HUMAN SERVICES

Beaver Falls, Pa.
Tuesday, August 24, 2010
Pittsburgh, Pa.
Thursday, September 9, 2010
Everett, Pa.
Tuesday, September 14, 2010
Johnstown, Pa.
Thursday, March 3, 2011

ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Johnstown, Pa.
Thursday, August 26, 2010
Pittsburgh, Pa.
Monday, September 20, 2010
Beaver Falls, Pa.
Wednesday, February 16, 2011



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OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

Like many adult students, Susan was concerned that she would not be able to return to school to finish her human services degree because of the cost.

"I didn't want to go further into debt than I already was from my previous classes," she says.

Many adults are leery of the price tag attached to completing a college degree, especially in the wake of the recent recession. But the Geneva College Adult Degree Completion Program strives to make a quality, convenient education affordable for everyone. While the financial commitment is still substantial, the availability of financial aid for ADCP students has lessened this burden.

Susan simply filed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and worked with her enrollment counselor to develop a financial aid package that fit her needs. With state and federal grant money and the Geneva scholarship she received for being a member of Phi Theta Kappa, she ended up paying only a little over \$1,000 per term, an amount that was covered by her student loans.

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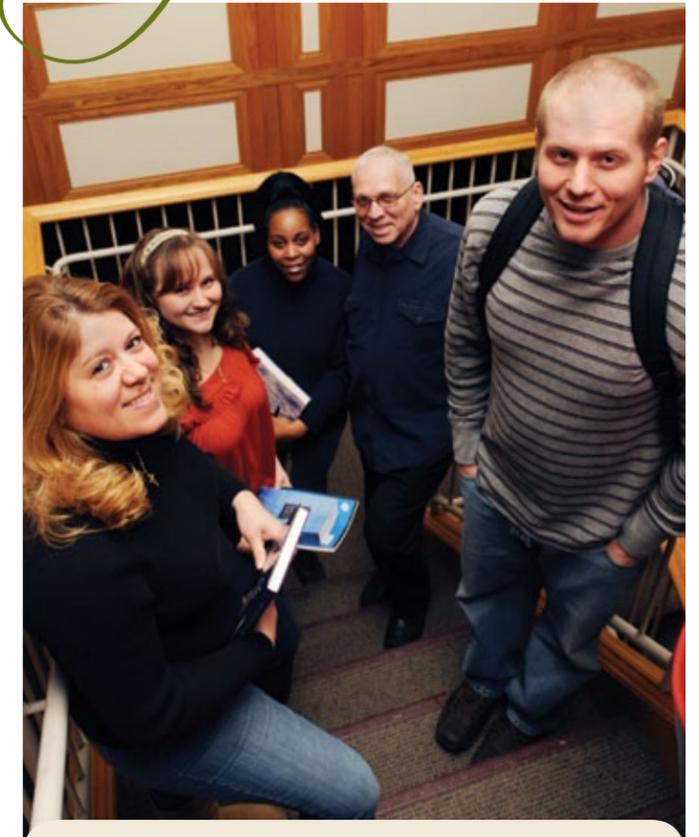
FINISH WELL.

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.



www.geneva.edu/adcp_informationsessions



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FROM THE DEAN

Family, church, work, bills... the schedules and financial commitments of everyday life can easily become all-consuming. Overwhelmed, you ask yourself the question, "How can I ever go back to college when there are so many barriers in the way?"

Geneva College recognizes that you have a real life, and that you often cannot lay aside commitments even for a brief period of time. In response, the college created the Adult Degree Completion Program (ADCP) over 20 years ago.

Finances create a challenge that often prevents students from returning to college. But financial aid through grants and loans makes it increasingly possible for a working adult to earn a degree. In "Overcoming Obstacles" (pg. 1), find out how Susan, a human services student, was able to afford a bachelor's degree because of financial aid opportunities available through the ADCP.

The ADCP also removes the barrier of distance by offering its programs in 11 different locations in Western Pennsylvania. The chances are good that one of these sites will be an easy commute from where you live or work.

In addition to finances and location, obstacles confronting adults seeking to return to college are time and support. Some people turn to online courses to fit classes into their busy schedules, but unfortunately, these programs do not offer the support systems that face-to-face classrooms do, and graduation rates are rather low. Geneva's ADCP offers traditional classes scheduled one evening per week for 17 months, putting the end in sight at the beginning. There are online components to the ADCP, but most instruction is delivered in a classroom by professors willing to help students solve problems with their work or schedules. Classes meet together as groups, or cohorts, that encourage each other throughout the length of the program.

Adult students returning to college often express their concern that they will not be able to connect to their college work because it seems so abstract and disconnected from their lives. But those in the ADCP find that their studies often have practical application to their daily employment. "I am so pleased that I can apply nearly everything that I learn in class to my work," one student told me after class one night.

Don't let the barriers of finances, schedule, support and irrelevance collide with your need to complete your bachelor's degree. Join the thousands of adult students who have completed their degrees at Geneva College, turning life-long barriers into opportunities.

Dr. Ralph N. Phillips

BRIDGE PROGRAM

Summer 2010 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."



Beaver Falls campus

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

ACE 109 INSECTS: IDENTIFICATION, STRUCTURE, LIFE CYCLES & CONTROL

1 elective credit
Tuesdays, June 1 & June 8

ACE 108 ECOLOGY OF WILDLIFE

1 elective credit
Tuesdays, June 22 & June 29

Class enrollment is limited. For registration and financial aid information, call 800.576.3111. Register online at www.geneva.edu/bridge up to June 22.

Obstacles (continued from front)

However, even if tuition is affordable, adding classes and homework into the balancing act of work, family and personal time can be intimidating. Angela, a human resources student, had hesitations about returning to school because she knew that it would be a significant time commitment. And while she was looking for a convenient program, she still wanted a quality education. ADCP's one-night-a-week structure in a location close to home and work assuaged her fears.

"ADCP has a program designed to be challenging as well as manageable. I didn't have to give up any part of my life and was able to get my degree," she says. "This program was exactly what I needed!"

The staff and faculty in Geneva's ADCP recognize that students in varying stages of life will face different barriers. The responsibilities faced by older adult students as opposed to traditional students can create seemingly enormous obstacles to a bachelor's degree. Faculty, staff and enrollment counselors work with each student to help them reach their dreams and overcome those obstacles.

"Just because you run into challenges doesn't mean you can't fulfill your potential," says ADCP instructor Dr. Joe Stahl. "Is it easy? No. Is it achievable? Absolutely."



Faculty Achievements

John Gallo, assistant professor and program director for the ADCP's human resources and organizational development majors, is being featured in a new monograph to be published by the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU). The book is entitled *Best Practices in the Integration of Faith and Learning for Adult and Online Learners* and focuses on what Christian colleges and universities across the country are doing to help integrate Christian worldviews into their adult education curriculum. Gallo was asked to write a chapter entitled "A Macro-Level Approach to Integrating Faith in an Accelerated Degree Completion Program for Adults."

The book will be available beginning May 2010 at the CCCU's annual national conference and is aimed at faculty and adult education providers.

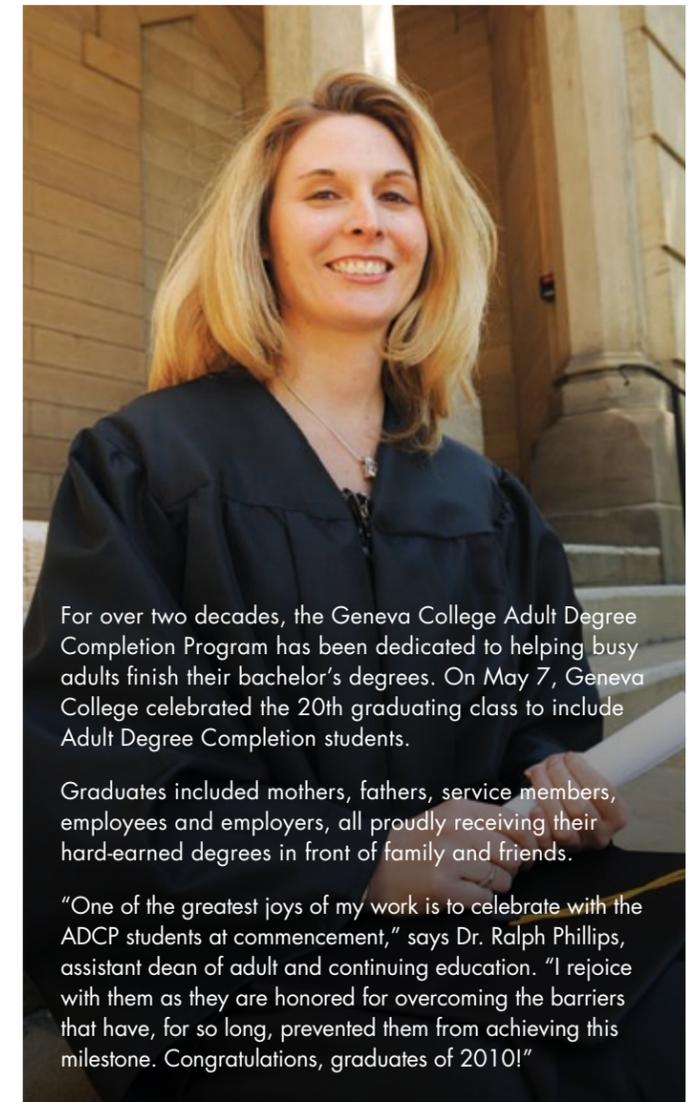
APPLAUSE

ROBERT SEKERAK '09, ADCP Organizational Development Class 027, Johnstown, has been promoted to the position of Assistant Registrar at Pennsylvania Highlands Community College.

We are proud of your achievements!

Keep us informed so we can share your story with others. 800.576.3111 | adcp@geneva.edu

GRADUATION 2010



For over two decades, the Geneva College Adult Degree Completion Program has been dedicated to helping busy adults finish their bachelor's degrees. On May 7, Geneva College celebrated the 20th graduating class to include Adult Degree Completion students.

Graduates included mothers, fathers, service members, employees and employers, all proudly receiving their hard-earned degrees in front of family and friends.

"One of the greatest joys of my work is to celebrate with the ADCP students at commencement," says Dr. Ralph Phillips, assistant dean of adult and continuing education. "I rejoice with them as they are honored for overcoming the barriers that have, for so long, prevented them from achieving this milestone. Congratulations, graduates of 2010!"

Bible Challenge Exams

For prospective and current ADCP students

BIB 112 Biblical Introduction I Old Testament
BIB 113 Biblical Introduction II New 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 11, 2010
Saturday, January 22, 2011

PITTSBURGH, PA.
Saturday, July 10, 2010
Saturday, November 6, 2010
Saturday, March 19, 2011

Advance registration required.