Robin Johnson ‘05, Human Resources

“Well, Lord willing, you will be 42 anyway. So you may as well be 42 with a degree!” That was what Robin Johnson’s mother told her, when Robin shared her idea to return to school. The initial thought of returning to school was overwhelming—not only the workload, but the time commitment—especially for a single mother of four.

When Robin saw that her college degree was a real possibility, she was working full time at KDKA radio as executive assistant to the VP/GM. After hearing about the Geneva College Adult Degree Programs on the radio, Robin was excited to enroll. And because Robin finds joy and fulfillment in helping others, she was pleased to enter the human resources major to help others achieve their career goals.

Since completing her degree over the course of 17 months with classes meeting only one night a week, Robin has been using her degree as a Senior Human Resources Representative with FedEx Ground. She attributes a lot of the success she has had in her career to the cohort-style design and the faculty that taught her. “I enjoyed collaborating with my classmates and the team projects. The instructors want you to succeed and they show it!”

And although her job reflects the benefits of completing a bachelor’s degree, Robin believes that there are other less tangible ways a degree has helped her. “It has helped boost my self-confidence; I feel a strong sense of pride knowing that I have accomplished my goal of completing my college education; and it has placed me in a position to be a light and an example for others to go after their goals,” she says.

And so the years passed, and Robin reached 42 years of age with more confidence—and a degree. The undertaking is overwhelming for adults who have to handle family, work and other responsibilities. But Robin is a living testimony that a bachelor’s degree offers innumerable benefits, and that the outcome is worth the investment of your time and energy. “Don’t give up! God has a plan for your life: a plan for good! Do what you can in the natural and allow God to put His ‘super’ on top of it. Then, you will have ‘supernatural’ results!”
You may have also read recently that Geneva College, faced with challenges common to many higher education institutions, is undergoing an exercise this summer to “right size” our programs and services. Geneva College, like many others, has come to realize that our students look more like... you, the nontraditional student. As a result, the college has made a renewed focus to invest in nontraditional populations through an expansion of adult, graduate and online offerings!

So far, we have expanded our core and general education course offerings online so that students can come to Geneva College ADP with even less credits and still finish their degree. We have added minors in HR, Organizational Leadership, Biblical and Theological Studies, and Psychology so that students can add an extra credential to their resume, in addition to their major, to further differentiate themselves in a crowded job market.

Last October, we offered a new major, Organizational Leadership, online only. I am excited to announce that this fall, Organizational Leadership will now be offered in the classroom as well! Very soon we will be offering our Master of Science in Organizational Leadership (MSOL) along with our accredited MBA program fully online. Thus, ADP graduates will have even more options to pursue graduate programs at their convenience.

That’s just the beginning. The bottom line is that there is no better time than now to pursue your degree with Geneva College ADP. The options are varied and the possibilities endless!

John Gallo, Dean
Graduate, Adult and Online Programs

Don’t wait any longer! 2014 can be the year you take this step to complete your degree!