

College of Adult Scholars

Continuing Education students enjoying the Fall 2012 end of semester brunch.



DALTON EDUCATION PARTNERS WITH VALPO'S CONTINUING EDUCATION

In October 2012, our Continuing Education office partnered with Dalton Education to offer *non-credit* online certificate programs for individuals interested in enhancing their credentials. These programs are online to offer convenience and meet the demand of students who prefer to work from the comfort of their own laptop.

The **Executive and Advanced Paralegal** certificates are self-paced, and consist of three classes for each certificate. You can be prepared to work in a legal office in as little as nine months.

We also offer the **Online Executive Certificate in Financial Planning**, as well as the **Master's Certificate in Financial Planning**. The Master's Certificate can be completed in nine months, and is a live, instructor-led program. The Online Executive Certificate in Financial Planning can also be completed in nine months and is a self-study program. Both programs prepare students for the CFP Board Certification exam, which can be taken upon completion of the certificate program.

A representative from our partner, Dalton Education will be visiting our campus on February 21 and 22, and will answer questions in the Chapel View Lounge of the Harre Union from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. You may also contact a representative about these programs by sending an e-mail to Dalton.Education@valpo.edu, or visiting our website at: www.valpo.edu/continuinged.

STATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN INDIANA What does this mean for you, the non-traditional student?

On January 9, 2013, Dr. Teresa Lubbers, Commissioner of Higher Education in Indiana, gave her annual address to educators throughout the state. In this address, Dr. Lubbers stated that there is a growing need for higher education throughout the state. Whether it is a workforce certificate, two year, or four year degree, it is vital for the state as a whole to invest in higher education to generate economic prosperity in our state, as well as throughout the workforce.

The Commission for Higher Education has set a goal of increasing the number of Hoosiers with education beyond high school to sixty percent by the year 2025. However, with the rising costs of college tuition and mounting student loan debt, it is increasingly difficult to keep students on track to finish their education. This is partly due to the length of time needed to complete a degree program. Dr. Lubbers is encouraging the state to invest more money in higher education, and invest in the workforce demand for skilled laborers.

As a non-traditional student, you face obstacles that many traditional students do not, whether it is holding a full time job while working, or feeling out of place among the traditional students. Our job in the Continuing Education office is to make sure that you have all the resources that you need as a student to be successful. Given the goals of our state, we aim to make your experience in the Adult Scholar program as easy as possible while you are here. Although the road to your degree may seem long, keep in mind that your success is important to us. Let us help you along the way, so that you can be part of the sixty percent statistic. For a transcript of the 2013 State of Higher Education Address, please visit the Commissioner's website at <http://www.in.gov/che/>.

ALUMNI NEWS

We always enjoy hearing from our alumni, and through our Facebook page we are able to let former students know what is happening in our office. However, there does come a time when our office wants to hear from YOU, the former student. Please make sure that you friend us on Facebook (Valparaiso University Office of Continuing Education) so that we can hear how you are since you graduated, or send us an email at Continuing.Ed@valpo.edu. Here are our latest alumni updates:

Karen Mesarch received her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education in May 2010, and currently teaches special education courses through the Portage Township School Corporation. She stated that her favorite part of the Adult Scholar program was “the genuine care and concern of the professors and advisers...they care about your success and will work hard to make you successful in the job market.” Her advice to current students is to “never give up.”

Judi Nuest graduated in 2000 with a Bachelor of Science in Business Management. She enjoyed working with the Alpha Sigma Lambda honor society during her time here and was an asset to the initiation of the society. Her advice to others is “If higher education is important to you, your future, your family, then you will be successful.” She also encourages all Adult Scholars to encourage one another in their studies.

Patty Jarosz graduated in 2011 with a Bachelor of Arts degree, studying art, and works at Valparaiso University as a technical support specialist in the Enrollment Management Department. Patty enjoyed not being pressured to finish her degree. “You can find out what you are interested in pursuing through the associate degree program.” Patty’s advice is to get to know the other adult students and connect with them. “They can give you a lot of advice and support!”

SHANNON’S GOIN’ BALD!!

Our Library Assistant Adult Scholar, Shannon Howe, has generously volunteered himself for the St. Baldrick’s fundraiser on our campus on April 21. St. Baldrick’s raises money for childhood cancer research, and participants have their heads shaved in honor of the children who lose their hair to chemotherapy treatments. If you would like to donate to Shannon’s cause, you can visit his donation page:

www.stbaldricks.org/participants/mypage/589248/2013



News & Notes

- **Alpha Sigma Lambda** will be offering two scholarship opportunities for non-traditional students. The National Chapter offers scholarships to any non-traditional student, regardless of whether they are a member of ASL or not. The Alpha Tau Chapter Scholarship is awarded to any current College of Adult Scholar student meeting the eligibility requirements. If you are interested in either of these scholarships, please contact Cindi Czaplá at 219-464-5313 or e-mail us at Continuing.Ed@valpo.edu
- The annual **Alpha Sigma Lambda induction ceremony** will be held on **May 17**, followed by the Graduate School Symposium and dinner. Details to follow.
- If you have news that you would like to share, please submit it to Continuing.Ed@valpo.edu.

Upcoming Continuing Education Events

- **February 18 – Summer registrations starts for ALL STUDENTS.**
- February 21-22- Dalton Education visit: Harre Union Chapel View Lounge, 10am - 4 pm
- March 2-17: Spring Break
- March 29: Good Friday Holiday
- May 17: Annual ASL Induction & Reception

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