

Open House/Lunch next Tuesday!



Stop by the Non-Traditional Students' Lounge, Corey Union, Rooms 201-203, on Tuesday, September 29 anytime between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. for an open house and lunch. Soup and sandwiches will be offered. See some friends and meet some new ones. Door prizes will be awarded. We hope to see you there!

Letter from the NTSO President

Hello, fellow students.

Let me be one of the first to say welcome, so glad you are here.

Sometimes, you may feel like you are spinning out of control and the more you try to catch up, the further you fall behind. Relax. Take a deep breath. Come to the Non-Traditional Students' Lounge, have a coffee and a take a break.

If you are like me, you have spent a lot of time trying to blend in and not stand out as a non-traditional student. Why not embrace the difference, instead? You have worked hard to get where you are. You had a whole life before you got here and that experience is worthy and meaningful, just ask another non-traditional student.

Last semester, when I was ready to quit school and frustrated about the lack of support I felt, I happened on the lounge. It was on a day the Non-Traditional Students' Organization (NTSO) was meeting. I sat in and listened. It change my whole experience of SUNY Cortland and being a student here. After the meeting, the president of the NTSO, Sherry Hicks, sat with me and told me all about her struggles and successes on campus. I was humbled by the story and then empowered!

Have you had anyone ask you yet: "When are you done?" It's like being asked "How much more can you possibly do, you old dinosaur?" I have heard things like that a lot. I felt sad when I couldn't just say, "This is my last semester or I am a graduate student." Now I answer, "No hurry, as long as it takes, I kind of like it here."

SUNY Cortland has amazing opportunities to offer you, such as the NTSO. Come and take part, lend your voice, tell us what is on your mind. We want to hear your story, and, I assure you, so do a whole lot of other people. Sharing, you become part of the group which can give you back strength and peace of mind.

The next NTSO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 6 at 11 a.m. in the Non-Traditional Students' Lounge, located in Corey Union, Rooms 201-203.

I hope to see you there!

Siobhan Kelly,

NTSO President and Childhood Education major

Calendar of Events

Tuesday, September 29
Lunch/Social
11:30-1:00 pm

Tuesday, October 6
NTSO Meeting
11:00 am

Friday, October 9
"How Are You Doing?"
11 a.m.
An informal chat session
for new non-trads

Tuesday, October 13
"How Are You Doing?"
5 p.m.
An informal chat session
for new non-trads

All programs are held in
the Non-Traditional
Students' Lounge

New Non-Trad Students: How Are YOU Doing?

How has your first few weeks at SUNY Cortland been? Are you getting used to the campus?

Two informal chat sessions have been scheduled for new non-traditional students to talk about how things are going. Returning non-trads are invited to also participate in the discussions.

See dates and times above.

TEACH and Fingerprinting

Although not mandated by the New York State Education Department (NYSED), many school districts in New York are asking that pre-service teachers, practicum students and student teachers complete the fingerprinting process before placement. **SUNY Cortland recommends that all students enrolled in a teacher certification program complete the fingerprinting process at least one semester before their first anticipated field experience.** Students who do not secure fingerprinting clearance at least one semester before their first anticipated field experience may not have access to some area schools with fingerprinting policies in place (e.g. Cortland City School District). Additional detailed information about the process is available at <http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/ospra/home.html>.



Workshop dates: Monday, October 12, and Tuesday, October 20 at 6:30 p.m.

Please call the Career Services office at (607)753-4715 or stop by B-5 Van Hoesen Hall for information about applying for fingerprinting clearance and to set up an appointment for digital fingerprinting.

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Check on the upper left hand corner of your Student Online Tab for new targeted messages specifically for you. They will be listed in the Personal Announcements box. These could be anything from you have a refund check in the Financial Advisement Office to information on late transcripts to the Advisement and Transition Office.

Connecting with Other Non-Trads

Some non-traditional/adult students have temporarily relocated to the Cortland area in order to attend SUNY Cortland. These students may rent an apartment here but call another place “home”. Are you one of these students? Are you interested in getting in touch with other adult students who also don’t call the Cortland area your hometown? If so, please drop Cheryl an email with your name and contact information. Perhaps these adult students can have lunch together on the weekends, see a movie or just have someone else in the area on the weekends, to connect with.

Join Our Relay for Life Team

Please consider helping us fight against cancer by supporting our Non-Traditional Students’ team. Our team will be participating in the Relay for Life on November 21 in the Lusk Field House on the SUNY Cortland campus.

There are many ways you can support our fight against cancer:

- 1) Join our team! Go to this site and become a member: <http://tinyurl.com/y9aqdar>. The relay begins at 6 p.m. on Saturday, November 21 and continues through 6 a.m. on Sunday, November 22. You do not have to stay the entire evening! Join us for as long as you wish. The important thing to remember is our cause—raising money for the American Cancer Society.
- 2) If you are unable to join our team, please consider making a team donation.



Non-Trad. Student Support Website:

<http://www2.cortland.edu/offices/advisement-and-transition/nontrads/>

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Non-Traditional Students’ Lounge

The Non-Traditional Student Lounge is located in Corey Union, Rooms 201-203. During the semester the lounge will be open Monday-Thursday, 6:30 am—9 pm and on Fridays, 6:30 am—4 pm.

Please note: This space is designated to a lounge, not a quiet study area. Please be considerate of those around you. Thanks.