Non-Traditional Student Support Services

Transition Seminar
Summer 2015
Who Are Non-Trads?

• 24 years or older

• may have dependent children

• juggling families and/or jobs

• may have had a break in education after HS
Why Non-Trad Support?

• We recognize this growing population—about 350 undergraduate non-trads at Cortland

• Help with your transition to Cortland

• Support you during your enrollment
Supporting Non-Trads

How is support provided?

• provide resources
• listen and talk
• advocate
• help connect with other non-trads
• offer programs
Communications

• Non-Traditional Student E-News

• Email and website

• Facebook group: “SUNY Cortland Non-Traditional Students”

• Twitter: @cortlandnontrad
Faculty Mentors

A group of faculty who have volunteered to work with adult students

– May or may not be an advisor in your department

– Ready and willing to answer questions, listen and provide advice and help

– They want to help and can!

See page 6 of *The Juggler*
Awareness

• Non-Traditional Students’ Week Celebration
  November 9-13, 2015
  – Social/Food events
  – Tickets to on-campus theater productions
  – Informal chat sessions
  – Scholarship information session

• “Celebrate-a-Non-Trad” campaign
Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society for Adult Students

Recognizes the special achievements of adults who accomplish academic excellence.

Induction ceremony held in spring.

To be offered membership:
• Meet definition of a “non-trad”
• Completed 24 hours at Cortland
• Minimum of at least a 3.2 GPA
• Highest 20 percent
Non-Traditional Student Lounge

Cornish Hall, Room 1221

- Open Monday-Friday
- Refrigerator and microwave
- Keurig coffee maker
- Computers, couch, table and desk
- Other non-trad students
“The Lounge”

• Relax.
• Take a break.
• Use the computers.
• Though this is not a quiet study lounge, it is a place to get some work done.
Non-Traditional Students’ Organization

- Informal group of non-trad students
- Meet once a month
- Voice for non-trads
- Building a community
- Develop events for non-trads and for their families

“Non-traditional students really benefit from experiences where they get to ‘connect’ with other non-traditional students.”

– Sherry Miller Brown, Pittsburgh University
Community Fundraisers

- The BIG Event
- Relay for Life
- Bottle & can drive
- Food drive
- Macy’s “Believe” program
Luncheons

Welcome Back Luncheon! – Wed. 9/9 @ 12 p.m.
Family Events

- Rock Climbing Wall
- Family Bowling Event
- Non-Trads on Ice
- Spring into Fun
Academic Support & Achievement Program (ASAP)

Van Hoesen B-205

• Offers tutoring – professional & peers
• In person and online
• Help with your study skills
• Help with time management
Storms & Weather Cancellations

Please note: since SUNY Cortland is a residential college, it is unlikely that daytime courses will be cancelled due to weather. Evening classes tend to be cancelled.

Cancellation notices on area radio and television stations and SUNY Cortland homepage.

*** Talk with your instructors ***
Parking and Transportation

• On-Campus Parking requires a permit

• Shuttle buses

• Paid parking lot

• Driving a different car? Be sure to let UPD know.
More “Things” You Should Know About...

- Student Life Center
- Study Carrels
- Career Services
- Health Services
- COR 201
- Dining Facilities
- myRedDragon/Degree Works
Resources

- 2015-2016 Online College Catalog
- Student Planner
- The Juggler
- Your academic advisor
- Faculty mentors
- Newsletters
- Non-Traditional Student Support website
- SUNY Cortland website/my RedDragon
Welcome to SUNY Cortland!

I’m glad you are here.