It’s the Start of a New Semester

It’s hard to believe that winter break is over and it’s the start of a new semester. Are you ready for your new classes?

Reminders:

1) Drop/Add Period is Monday, January 26 at 8 a.m. through Friday, January 30 at 4 p.m. You can make changes to your class schedule. A PIN is not needed.

2) Parking permits will need to be purchased in order to park on campus. http://www2.cortland.edu/offices/university-police-department/parking/

3) Don’t forget to stop by the Lounge for our first free luncheon of the semester on Tuesday, February 3 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

4) If you have any questions, don’t hesitate to reach out and ask. There are many resources on campus for you, including the Advisement and Transition office.

Though time may seem limited, please feel free to take advantage of the campus offerings we have for non-traditional students. You can enjoy the ‘get-away’ space in the Non-Traditional Student Lounge located in Cornish Hall, Room 1221, or join us at events planned just for you by my office and by the Non-Traditional Students’ Organization (NTSO). Look for announcements in future editions of this newsletter in your email.

I wish you much success and enjoyment this spring at SUNY Cortland.

Welcome Back Fiesta Luncheon on February 3

Join us in the Non-Traditional Student Lounge, Cornish Hall, Room 1221, for a FREE lunch on Tuesday, February 3, from 11:30 - 1:30 p.m. You will be able to choose from mixed green salad with chipotle ranch dressing, tri-colored chips with salsa, sour cream, guacamole, cilantro lime rice, corn and black bean medley, triple chocolate cheesecake, taco bar—soft and hard shells, seasoned beef, shredded chicken, shredded lettuce, diced tomato, shredded cheddar cheese, chopped onions, jalapenos and punch.

Stop by when you can and leave when you must.

Hosted and funded by the Non-Traditional Student Organization.

Come enjoy some good food and company.

NTSO — Will You Be Our SGA Rep?

Are you interested in being a part of student government? Do you want to help support the NTSO? Consider becoming a Student Government Association Representative for NTSO. Meetings tend to be every other Tuesday evening in Corey Union. Please email ntsocortland.edu if you are interested. We must have an SGA representative in order to move forward with planning events for the spring semester.
SUNY Cortland Scholarships Available for 2015-2016

Now is the time to start applying for SUNY Cortland scholarships for the 2015-2016 academic year. The deadline is February 1, so don’t delay!

There are many scholarships to apply for. For a complete list of scholarships go to: https://cortland.academicworks.com/

Questions and concerns about scholarships need to be directed the Financial Aid office at 607-753-4717 or email financial.aid@cortland.edu.

Follow these steps to apply for SUNY Cortland Scholarships

Step 1: Login to myRedDragon
Step2: Select the “Student” tab
Step3: Go to the "Financial Aid" section and select "Scholarship Application"
Step4: Click the “Log into myRedDragon” button
Step5: Complete the general application then select “Finish and Continue”
Step6: You will be supplied with a list of Recommended Opportunities based on your specific information (major, GPA, financial need etc.). Be sure to read the scholarship descriptions to make sure you meet all requirements before you apply.

References:

The main reason to apply early is reference letters. Not all scholarships require reference letters but if a scholarship does require a reference letter or letters (yes, sometimes more than who is required) you need to move on these ASAP! **Do not wait until the last minute to ask for your references.** You will need their email address. They will be getting a special email asking them to submit a reference letter on your behalf. (If they have a hard time filling out a reference form, tell them to contact the Financial Aid office.) **References are due by February 1 also.**

SUNY CORTLAND SCHOLARSHIPS available for NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENTS include:

**Breta C. Sisson ’68 Scholarship for Non-Traditional Students**
Awarded to a full or part-time student having completed at least 12 credit hours of study at SUNY Cortland and enrolled in at least 6 credit hours in the semester the scholarship funds are received. Student is non-traditional in the sense that his/her college education has been interrupted. Age is not a factor. Financial need and a minimum 2.5 GPA is required.

**Marilou B. Wright Scholarship for Non-Traditional Women**
Awarded to a full-time, non-traditional, female undergraduate who has completed 24 credit hours at SUNY Cortland. Must be at least 25 years old and have a 3.0 GPA.

**Eda J. Kronman Scholarship for Non-Traditional Students**
Preference given to a student majoring in English, this scholarship is awarded annually to a non-traditional student with demonstrated financial need.

**Jay ’66 & Bettie Lee Yerka Endowed Scholarship for Excellence in Recreation and Leisure Studies**
Awarded to a full-time, non-traditional, undergraduate majoring in therapeutic recreation who has a 3.0 cumulative GPA, demonstrated leadership skills and will have a junior or senior standing next fall.

**Kenneth P. & Jo Ann G. ’74 Wickman Scholarship**
Awarded to a matriculated non-traditional (adult learner) sophomore, junior or senior level student in good academic standing at SUNY Cortland, enrolled full team for both fall and spring semester, has at least one academic year remaining and has high academic achievement.

**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 1, 2015!**