

Congratulations to the OSHER ReEntry Scholarship Recipients

The Bernard Osher Foundation, headquartered in San Francisco, was founded in 1977 and seeks to improve the quality of life through support for higher education and the arts. Through post-secondary scholarship funding to colleges and universities across the nation, the foundation focuses special attention on reentry students.

Circumstances beyond an individual's control can interrupt the pursuit of a college degree. To help make the dream a reality, UNC Charlotte has developed and administered a \$50,000 grant from the Bernard Osher Foundation to create a scholarship program for nontraditional, reentry students.

To qualify, prospective recipients must meet specific criteria: have experienced a five-year cumulative gap in their education; must be pursuing their first baccalaureate degree; be in good academic standing; demonstrate financial need and have a significant period of future employability.

Of the students who applied, 25 significant scholarships were awarded for the 2008-2009 academic year. OASES is currently applying for another Osher Reentry Grant to assist adult students achieve their academic goals.



"This letter is in appreciation to the fine people responsible for the Osher ReEntry Scholarship. It is wonderful that you are helping people like me to achieve their educational goals. The fact

that you are doing so during one of the worst economic crises in the history of our nation makes this scholarship even more special.

I made the decision to become a full-time student after losing a factory job. I still clearly remember getting the news of the factory closing, hugging a crying coworker and wondering what I was going to do. Now I thank God that it happened. Losing my job forced me to return to school and get an education. I am now less than one year away from getting my B.S. in Accounting.

If finding a better job were all this scholarship helped me do, I would be forever in your debt. However, getting an education is worth so much more than that. Being a full-time student has also taught me critical thinking and helped me become a more well-rounded and confident person. When I thank you for helping me better myself, please understand that I am not referring solely to employment. You have helped me become a better person and for that I am truly grateful." **Shane B.**

"As an adult learner working to balance the responsibilities of managing my family life with an academic career, the support and encouragement I received from being selected as a recipient by your organization cannot be fully expressed in words."

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"By awarding me the Osher Reentry Scholarship, you have lightened my financial burden so that I may focus on my education. Your generosity has inspired me to help others and give back to my community. I hope one day I will be able to help others achieve their goals just as you have helped me."

Karen H.

For additional adult student scholarship information, please visit www.oases.uncc.edu

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Important Fall 2009 Deadlines

- August 24** First day of classes
- August 26** Payment Due Date
- September 2** Last day to register, add, or drop classes online
- September 4** Deadline for NC Immunization Law
- October 12-13** Student recess
- November 2** Last day to withdraw from a course with “W” (and retain other courses)
- November 9** Spring 2010 registration starts
- November 25-28** Holiday break/ No Classes
- November 23** Deadline to withdraw from all all courses
- December 9** Last day of classes
- December 11-18** Final examinations
- December 19** Commencement



Q & A with Diane Grover, Workforce Development Program (WDP) Manager

Q. What are your main job responsibilities as Workforce Development Program Manager?

A. The main responsibilities of this position are to:

- develop, in consultation with Charlotte area Workforce Development Boards, condensed delivery certificate programs responsive to the local labor market and the needs of displaced professionals;
- establish ongoing working relationships with the Boards and other regional governmental and community agencies with an interest in workforce development;
- support the efforts of other UNC Charlotte internal units – such as OASES - that have regular contact with displaced professionals; and
- ensure that displaced professionals are aware of and have ready access to these certificate programs and other programs offered by UNC Charlotte.

Q. What is your primary focus in this new position?

A. The primary focus of this position is to serve as UNC Charlotte’s center for workforce development efforts both internally, as a resource, and externally, as a point of contact.

Q. In the current economic climate, what are some challenges you face?

A. Given the current economic climate, it is even more critical to work collaboratively with local Workforce Development Boards to ensure that training programs reflect the current and future demands of the local labor market. Furthermore, the challenging labor market will necessitate the inclusion of a career development component with these programs to provide assistance to participants in securing employment.

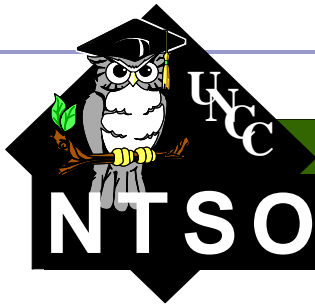
Q. How can OASES assist you in your role?

A. Getting the word out to the community in publications like this is a great help! And, of course, the OASES mission of providing assistance to adult students means that it is in a position to identify prospective program participants.

Q. Anything else you wish to impart?.....

A. I invite you and your readers to check out our special Workplace Development “Landing Page” at <http://workforce.uncc.edu/> that has links to everything UNC Charlotte has to offer, as well as, to resources available through local and state governmental and community agencies. We will be updating this website on an ongoing basis as program details are finalized.





The University of North Carolina at Charlotte

NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT ORGANIZATION

What Is NTSO?

The NonTraditional Student Organization is a Student Government sponsored club specifically designed to acclimate and engage all adult and nontraditional students into the university community.

What Is the Purpose of NTSO?

Our mission is to provide academic and social support for adult and nontraditional students. NTSO participates in various community service projects and offers events to promote unity through on- and off- campus events. NTSO's goal is to get more adult students connected to the university while they maintain work, family, and academics.

NTSO Meetings Fall 2009:

- Location:** Student Union, Room 266
- Date/Time:** Thursday, September 3 5-6p.m.
Thursday, October 1 5-6p.m.
Thursday, November 5 5-6p.m.

NTSO Fall 2009 Schedule of Events:

- ◆ **September 19, NTSO Potluck Picnic** 12-3pm @ Reedy Creek Park, Shelter 8, Friends & family welcome!
- ◆ **September 15 The Stoop: Open Mic**, 8-10pm in SAC food court (sponsored by the Multicultural Resource Center)
- ◆ **November 2- 7 National Adult Student Week**
 - 11/2 OASES Open House & Reception, 106 Barnard, 5-7pm
 - 11/3 Cultural Dinner @ Anthony's Caribbean Café, 2001 E. 7th St., 6-7:30pm
 - 11/5 NTSO Monthly meeting & Pizza/ Billiards Union lounge, 5-8pm
 - 11/7 Saturday Student Appreciation Day, OASES, 9am-1pm
- * **Raffles at each event! 1 canned good= 1 raffle ticket!**
- ◆ **November 1-18 Canned Food Drive** (drop off in OASES) for Loaves and Fishes Outreach Mission
- ◆ **December 3 Community Outreach and Social**
 - 5-10pm meet in OASES, Barnard 106
 - Social following at secret location.

*NTSO will support Hunter Wood Nursing Home this year as our community service organization. Please drop off paper goods and hygiene products to Barnard 106.

NTSO Officers:

- President– Shonda Orr
- Vice President– Julia Brinkenton
- Secretary– Lezonias Jones
- Promotions Coordinator– Fatosh Gadesh

If you are interested in joining NTSO, please fill out this membership form.

NTSO Membership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____

Zip: _____

Phone No.: _____

UNCC E-mail: _____

Undergraduate _____ Graduate Student _____

Major: _____

Proposed date of graduation: _____

Please mail or deliver this form to:

UNC Charlotte
106 Barnard
9201 University City Blvd
Charlotte, NC 28223

Please remember to include your \$10.00 lifetime membership dues made payable to NTSO. A portion of this fee supports adult student scholarships.

Visit our website for more information on events and activities at www.uncc.edu/NTSO.

Get Prepared for Graduate School!

GMAT Strategy Workshops

Wednesday, August 26, 2009

6:30 - 8:30 pm

UNC Charlotte Main Campus
Colvard Bldg. – Room 2058

Wednesday, October 7, 2009

6:30 - 8:30 pm

UNC Charlotte Main Campus
Macy Bldg. – Room 201

GRE Strategy Workshops

Wednesday, September 2, 2009

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

UNC Charlotte Main Campus
Colvard Bldg. – Room 2058

Wednesday, October 7, 2009

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

UNC Charlotte Main Campus
Colvard Bldg. – Room 2058

LSAT Strategy Workshops -

Thursday, August 20, 2009

UNC Charlotte Main Campus
Colvard Bldg. – Room 2058
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Wednesday, October 21, 2009

UNC Charlotte Main Campus
Colvard Bldg. – Room 2058
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

UNC Charlotte Main Campus
Colvard Bldg. – Room 2058
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

To register for these **FREE** workshops, please call the Registration Center at 704-687-8900, or send an email to:

ceregistration@uncc.edu, or [register online](#).

**Ever wonder what you could do
with your major?**

Check out University Career Center's
new webpage for this
information and much more!
<http://www.career.uncc.edu/>

Come to our “Welcome Home” reception Aug. 24 & 25 from 4 - 7pm for more information on the AMPS Program!!!

Adult Mentoring Program for Students (AMPS)

The Adult Mentoring Program for Students (AMPS), sponsored by the Office of Adult Students and Evening Services teams experienced adult student volunteers with new adult students to make the transition to college as seamless as possible.

The purpose of AMPS is:

- to make available a support system for new and returning nontraditional students.
- to network with other nontraditional students.
- to share and learn about social and educational opportunities within UNC Charlotte and the community.

Want to be a Mentor? OASES is currently seeking energetic, enthusiastic and experienced nontraditional students to become the mentor of a new nontraditional student.

“Mentoring has given me the opportunity to help out adults who are in situations similar to mine. When I returned to college after a ten year hiatus, I had so many questions and concerns, and now, I am able to pass on the information that I have gathered over the past couple years and share it with adults who have the same questions and concerns. It has been quite a rewarding experience and hopefully, it has made the transition back to college a little less intimidating.” *Autumn Lau (Mentor 2009)*

Want to be a Mentee? OASES is currently recruiting newly admitted, first degree seeking nontraditional students wishing to receive support and encouragement from an experienced nontraditional student.

“I feel that the AMPS is such a worthwhile investment for the mentees. Returning to college can be such a transition for the older learner and just knowing that you are not alone and that someone can guide you with such compassion can be the difference between success and failure. I feel very honored and privileged to have an AMPS mentor and a great friend. I found it to be the big difference that my soul needed after returning to school. I am looking forward to this year and to continuing my education and wouldn't want to do it without AMPS.” *Cindy Perrotta (Mentee Fall 2008)*

If you are interested in participating in AMPS and would like additional information, please contact the Office of Adult Students & Evening Services at 704-687-2596 or www.oases.uncc.edu/amps/home.htm



For our fall newsletter, we decided to chronicle the adventures and challenges of an adult student. Paula LaCross works full time, is a single mother AND is attending UNC Charlotte. We will give you a small introduction and continue Paula's story in the Spring and Summer Newsletter.

I was 42 years old when my life suddenly turned upside down. My marriage of 22 years was over and this was going to be the first time in my life that I would be on my own and financially responsible for both my teenage children and myself. Although I was already working full time at UNCC, I knew that I would have to supplement my income in some other way; I could either find a part-time job or I could get serious about continuing my education and earning my Sociology degree. After doing a lot of soul searching and talking with my friend Martha (who also works here on campus), I realized that finding a part-time job was only going to be a short term fix. In order to truly get ahead, I would need to have a BA degree so that I could start looking for a better paying job. Therefore, I cut back on my living expenses as much as I could and started taking two classes a semester at UNC Charlotte.

In the Fall of 2008, I received a Sociology email/newsletter from Mary McKenzie, Lecturer and Undergraduate Coordinator in the Sociology Department. There was an interesting article in the newsletter about a study abroad program in Manchester, England that was going to be led by Dr. Scott Fitzgerald in the summer of 2009. The program was called "Service Learning & Community in a Changing City," where students could earn 3 credit hours for service learning/volunteering in the community and 3 credit hours of Urban Sociology. My initial reaction was that this sounded like a great program and I wanted to participate in it. However, I didn't have a lot of confidence in myself, so I just let it go.

In the Spring of 2009, I heard that this study abroad program was looking for just one more student in order for the trip to be a "go." After discussing the trip and being encouraged by my daughter and son to participate in this experience, I decided to speak with my supervisor to see if it would be possible for me to be gone for five weeks this summer. Being very supportive of me pursuing my degree, my supervisor said "yes"... and I'm now three days away from flying out to Manchester, England !!



Looking for Fall Travel Tips and Ideas?

Check out a new blog by Mike Redding called stopandsmellthepeople.com. The former Carolina Traveler has "spent 8 years crisscrossing North and South Carolina meeting fascinating people and discovering amazing destinations". His new blog and upcoming book will be "part where-to-go, what-to-do, where-to-eat and (this is the critical part) WHO to see while you are there". He says, "Don't just go to the Outer Banks and mill around with no connection to the locals. Stop and visit the old Post Master of Rodanthe, Mr. Hooper. Can't miss him. When they built the new post office a few years ago, Mr. Hooper retired and took the old building with him. It's in his front yard. That's a different kind of "travel"...enjoy!"

Nontraditional student wins national scholarship



Dustin Montgomery, a senior electrical engineering major, recently received a national \$1,500 Alpha Sigma Lambda Triangle Club: Second Century Scholarship for 2009-10.

Montgomery transferred from Michigan State University in fall 2007; he plans to graduate in spring 2011. A husband and father to a 4-year-old son, Montgomery also tutors in the College of Engineering. Alpha Sigma Lambda (ASL) recognizes the special achievements of adults who accomplish academic excellence while facing competing interests of home and work.

A national honor society, it was established at Northwestern University in 1945-46. Currently, ASL has more than 300 institutional chapters within the United States.

UNC Charlotte's Gamma Rho chapter is advised by Cricket Bonnetaud in the Office of Adult Services and Evening Students. As of spring 2009, approximately 750 nontraditional students have been inducted into UNC Charlotte's chapter. The Triangle Club: Second Century Scholarship is supported through funds provided by interested enrolled member chapters.

University Center for Academic Excellence

Workshop Registration Form

Fall 2009

“The Better Grades People”

330 Fretwell (704) 687-2162

Register Online @ www.ucae.uncc.edu

Note: Workshops last about 45 minutes. Drive-Thrus are approximately 15 minutes long.



Get Connected!!!: Navigating Your Way Through Moodle and 49er Express

- ___ 2:00 Mon Sept. 14
- ___ 12:30 Wed Sept. 23
- ___ 11:00 Thu Oct. 8



411 Fit: The ABC's of Student Wellness

- ___ 12:30 Thu Sept. 17
- ___ 3:30 Mon Oct. 26

What's on Your Plate?

- ___ 3:30 Thu Oct. 8
- ___ 12:30 Thu Nov. 5
- ___ 12:30 Mon Nov. 23
- ___ 6:00 Mon Dec. 7

Getting Organized: Preparing Yourself for Peak Performance

- ___ 2:00 Thu Sept. 10
- ___ 12:30 Thu Oct. 29
- ___ 2:00 Thu Dec. 3

Reading between the Lines: Tips for Better Notetaking & Reading

- ___ 3:30 Wed Sept. 9
- ___ 5:30 Mon Sept. 14
- ___ 3:30 Wed Oct. 28

Study Smarter, Not Harder!

- ___ 12 Tips for Effective Studying
- ___ 3:30 Thu Sept. 17 (Drive-thru)
- ___ 3:30 Thu Oct. 29 (Drive-thru)

Successorizing: Building Your Self from the Ground Up!

- ___ 12:30 Wed Sept. 16
- ___ 2:00 Mon Sept. 21

Thinking Outside the Matrix: Using Motivation to Achieve Success

- ___ 3:30 Thu Sept. 10
- ___ 12:30 Mon Oct. 26
- ___ 3:30 Wed Nov. 18
- ___ 3:30 Wed Dec. 2
- ___ 12:30 Mon Dec. 7

Lights...Camera...Action! Effective Ways to Create a Dynamic Presentation

- ___ 3:30 Mon Oct. 19
- ___ 12:30 Wed Oct. 28
- ___ 3:30 Thu Nov. 5

Highlighters, Tape Recorders, or Chewing Gum: Discovering Your Learning Style

- ___ 12:30 Thu Sept. 10
- ___ 12:30 Mon Sept. 14
- ___ 3:30 Wed Oct. 21
- ___ 12:30 Mon Nov. 30

4th Quarter Finals: Prepping for Mid-term & Final Exams

- ___ 6:00 Mon Oct. 5
- ___ 12:30 Wed Oct. 7
- ___ 12:30 Wed Dec. 2
- ___ 3:30 Mon Dec. 7

I'm Drawing a Blank: Improving Your Memory

- ___ 12:30 Thu Oct. 22
- ___ 2:00 Thu Nov. 19

Eyes on the Prize:

Prepping for the Test

- ___ 3:30 Wed Sept. 23
- ___ 12:30 Thu Sept. 24
- ___ 12:30 Mon Nov. 2
- ___ 2:00 Mon Nov. 16

The Secret of Multi-tasking: Making Time for Success

- ___ 12:30 Wed Sept. 9
- ___ 2:00 Thu Sept. 17
- ___ 2:00 Thu Sept 24 (Drive- thru)
- ___ 12:30 Mon Oct. 19
- ___ 12:30 Wed Nov. 4 (Drive-thru)
- ___ 2:00 Mon Nov. 30

Where's Waldo? Helping You Succeed in a Large Class

- ___ 3:30 Wed Sept. 16
- ___ 12:30 Mon Sept. 21
- ___ 3:30 Wed Oct. 7 (Drive-Thru)
- ___ 12:30 Wed Nov. 18

Speed Racer: Discovering the Art of Speed Reading

- ___ 12:30 Wed Oct. 21

May Day! May Day! I'm Stressed!

- ___ 3:30 Thu Sept. 24
- ___ 3:30 Mon Oct. 5
- ___ 3:30 Wed Nov. 4
- ___ 12:30 Mon Nov. 16
- ___ 11:00 Thu Dec. 3

Building Bridges not Walls: Learning to Communicate with Your Professor

- ___ 3:30 Mon Sept. 21
- ___ 2:00 Thu Oct. 8

What's in Your Wallet? Becoming a Money Manager

- ___ 12:30 Mon Oct. 5
- ___ 2:00 Thu Oct. 22
- ___ 3:30 Mon Nov. 2
- ___ 3:30 Thu Nov. 19

Register online or complete the following information and return the form to 330 Fretwell:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Hours

Mon- Thurs 8 am – 7 pm
Fri 8 am – 5 pm

Accommodations for persons with disabilities will be provided upon request. Contact Marquis McGee at 704/687-1332 two weeks in advance for accommodations.

Workshops are held in Fretwell 310 unless otherwise noted