



"Sometimes You Want to go Where Everyone Knows Your Name."

There's a FREE cup of coffee waiting for YOU at the Lifelong Learning Center

Spring 2003 Calendar of Events



- Jan 13 (NEW) R*E*S*T Seminar
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- Jan 28 R*E*S*T Seminar
Using the Internet to Apply for Financial Aid
- Jan 30 R*E*S*T Seminar
Learning to Research Using the Internet/User Friendly Tour of the Library
- Feb 3 (NEW) R*E*S*T Seminar
Science 1101 Lab Tour
- Feb 7 (NEW) R*E*S*T Seminar
"T1182 and T183 Calculator Workshop" - Linear Equations/Graphing/Modeling
- Feb 10 (NEW) Adult Learner Forum
- Feb 11 (NEW) Adult Learner Forum
- Feb 13 (NEW) Adult Learner Forum
- Feb 15 Disney Day Lunch and Movie
- Feb 18 Positive Parenting Luncheon
- Mar 7 KSU Kids Project
- Mar 15 Disney Day Lunch and Movie
- Mar 18 Positive Parenting Luncheon
- Apr 22 Positive Parenting Luncheon
- May 10 WINGS Ceremony

You are always welcome in the LLC!!

The Lifelong Learning Center's (LLC) main goal is to provide a place where adult learners can find a sense of **connection** and **belonging**. It is a place to hang your hat (and your coffee mug) and gather with others, either to study or to socialize.

As soon as many of KSU's **adult learners** find the LLC, they make it a regular place to hang out on campus because of the warm and friendly environment. Who are adult learners? Adult learners are those students who are juggling school, employment, family, home and even extracurricular activities. They hold both similar characteristics and diverse backgrounds. Some may be coming to college for the first time after 5, 10, 15, or 20 years. Others are transferring from other institutions, holding down a full-time job, and taking night classes. And there are others returning to school after their children are grown and now their in school themselves.

Adult Learner Forum

- Any interest in being involved in the creation of a student organization for adult learners?
- Want to combine efforts to advocate for adult learner issues such as campus childcare?
- What about the student activity fees that you pay - how are they used for adult learners?
- Want to have a voice as to what needs adult learners have that are not already being met? How about programming?

There will be three initial meetings offered for all adult learners to attend, learn and discuss the future possibilities for your student population.

PLEASE PLAN ON ATTENDING ONE

Monday, February 10, 2003 - 3:30pm - 5:00pm
Tuesday, February 11, 2003 - 12:30pm - 2:00pm
Thursday, February 13, 2003 - 7:00pm - 8:30pm

In the Lifelong Learning Center
Carmichael Student Center Room 261

The Lifelong Learner

The Lifelong Learning Center Staff welcomes you back for the Spring!!

Top ten things I hear from adult learners:

1. I'm so much older than everyone else.
2. I'm so much dumber than everyone else.
3. Those young people have an advantage over me.
4. My kid knows more about computers than me.
5. I'm going to stick out like a sore thumb.
6. New math was not taught in the 40s, 50s, 60s, 70s, 80s.
7. They're wearing what I used to in the 60s.
8. Their songs are just remakes of our songs.
9. How am I going to juggle everything?
10. I don't have enough time.

Top ten things I hear from the "younger" students about adult learners:

1. They are so much smarter than me.
2. They have years of experience over me.
3. They must know more because of their age.
4. They actually know how to use a typewriter.
5. It's like having an adopted parent in my class.
6. They struggle with math just like me.
7. I can't believe they wore this stuff.
8. How do they know the words to our songs?
9. How do they juggle everything?
10. They're just like me with little to no time.

The bottom line is that both traditional and adult students come in with the same anxieties and misperceptions and have much more in common than they do in differences. Blending the classroom with all ages adds richness and diversity to the college experience and all benefit. - Valerie Jersey, Assistant Director, Adult Learner Programs

Services of the Lifelong Learning Center

- Computers - Satellite Lab of I.T.S.
* *We've increased our available computers to (6)*
- Kitchenette
- Resource Library
- Free Coffee - Bring in Your Mug!
- Fax Machine for student use
- Hook Ups for Laptop Computers
**You will need an interface card (NIC)*
- Free telephone
- Audio Visual Equipment
- Typewriters for Check Out
- Campus Resource Information Display Racks
- Program Reservations
- Emergency Locator Service:
Don't forget to renew!
- Childcare & Parenting Resources
- Academic Support Programs & Staff Support

Tutoring by appointments through the LLC

Dr. Paula Anderson-Green - retired English Professor
Tutoring in study skills, reading skills, writing and researching papers, preparing for the Regents Exam

Joan Lanoie – Math Tutor
Math 097, 098, 099, & 1101

Brantley Hastings— Math Tutor
Math 097, 098, 099, 1101, 1113, 1190, 3260, 3322 & Physics 1111, 1112, 2211, 2212

Resource Library & Math Videotapes

The LLC houses the Adult Learner Resource Library and Math videotapes for check out. Math videotapes are available for 0097, 0098, 0099, and Precalculus. classes. The tape series reviews one chapter per tape. Many adult learners have benefited from the use of these tapes. You can check them out for home viewing or you can view them right here in the LLC.

Why do we have to sign in? The entire Lifelong Learning Center budget is funded by student activity fees. The sign in process helps us to keep good records of the usage of the Center to justify the use of student fees. We submit our records annually to the Student Activities Budget Advisory Committee along with our budget requests. In addition, the sign in numbers tell us how students most use the Center so that we might provide changes or better services for you! **Computer sign in is separate from the Center sign in. Make sure that you do both so you don't lose your spot!**

Additional Academic Support Services on Campus Available for Adult Learners

Math Lab - Sturgis Library Room 433 - (770) 423 - 6044 - "Walk In's" Welcome!
Hours: Monday - Thursdays 9:00a.m. - 9:00p.m., Saturdays - 10:00a.m. - 3:00p.m.,
And Sundays - 1:00p.m. - 5:00p.m.

Writing Center - Humanities Building Room - (770) 423 - 6380 - "Walk In's" and Appointments - Hours:
Monday - Thursday 9:00a.m. - 7:00p.m., Friday - 9:00a.m. - 12noon, Saturdays 10:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.,
Sundays - 1:00p.m. - 5:00p.m.

Cultural Awareness Resource Center (CARC) - Carmichael Student Center Room
263 - (770) 423 - 6512 - Math Tutoring available: by Appointment and "walk in's" if available. Hours:
Tuesdays and Thursdays - 9:30a.m. - 4:30p.m.

disAbleD Student Services - Individual tutoring, special testing and Workshops - contact Carol Pope at
(770) 423 - 6443 or Lynne Hagan at (770) 499 - 3667 for an appointment or to pick up workshop
schedules at the Student Development Center, Carmichael Student Center Room 267.

Counseling, Advising Program Services - CAPS Center - Kennesaw Hall Room 2422 -
(770) 423 - 6600 - Academic Advising for students with an undeclared major, individual appointments
for academic issues such as time management and test anxiety, workshops for a variety of personal
and academic subjects including "Taking the Regents Exam", testing such as the CLEP as well as per-
sonal counseling individually and in support groups. Call above number for appointments.

Career Services Center - Kennesaw Hall Room 2617 - (770)423 - 6555 - Individual appointments,
workshops and interactive computer programs that assist students with preparing for a career, mock
interview sessions, Cooperative Education and Internship information, career fairs, company interviews
and access to job banks by computer.

KSU 1101 - Freshmen Seminar - Kathy Matthews, Director of KSU 1101, (770) 423 - 6493
A three-hour elective course intended for helping students acclimate to the college environment and
prepare for student success. Seminars vary in emphasis and style in accordance with the instructor and
set purpose. Learning Communities also available where students take two other courses in addition to
the Freshmen Seminar. See Schedule of Courses each semester for featured sections.

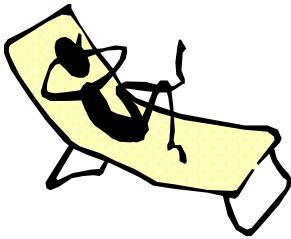
KSU 4401 - Senior Seminar - Dr. Joan Dominick, Director of Senior Year Experience - (770)423 - 6356
A three-hour upper level elective course intended to help students succeed in life after college. Semi-
nars include career services information including preparing a career portfolio, resume and interview
preparation as well as the transition from college to the "real world".



IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY TO CONSIDER SUMMER CAMPS FOR YOUR CHILDREN

Continuing Education at Kennesaw State University, home of KIDS College, has
opened summer camps registration early this year. Summer camp descriptions and registration informa-
tion are now available online and can be found at <http://www.kennesaw.edu/ConEd/kids/camps.htm>

To register by phone or to request a catalog, call (770) 423—6765.



COME TAKE A R.E.S.T.!!

What is R*E*S*T? **Re-entry Support Training** for the adult learner. Often times after returning to school after 5, 10, 15, even 25 years, feelings of uncertainty coupled with a little anxiety take over. The R*E*S*T series is designed to assist in alleviating some of these feelings.

From math anxiety, to learning how to use your math calculator, to using the computer for all of your educational needs, the REST series was designed with YOU in mind. Take a look at the sessions on the next two pages and take advantage of this training. **We want to help you get a good start this semester!! Reservations are required for all workshops, so call now to reserve your seat.**

ADJUSTING BACK TO SCHOOL AFTER ALL THESE YEARS

Support and Resources for the Adult Learner

Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2003
Time: 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Place: Lifelong Learning Center, Room 261
Facilitator: Valerie Jersey, Assistant Director for Adult Learner Programs

Do you feel all alone? Do you feel like the oldest, dumbest student in your class? We are here to help you shake that feeling. Come to this workshop to discuss the common adjustment issues of adult learners (non-traditional students) and to receive an abundance of resources and services to help you survive and succeed!

Adjusting Back...

SUCCEEDING IN ACADEMIA: PLAYING THE GAME

Date: Thursday, January 16, 2003
Time: 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Place: Lifelong Learning Center, Room 261
Facilitator: Kathy Matthews, Director of KSU 1101-Freshman Seminar



You can succeed at the game if early on you just learn the rules. Who are the players? What are the different settings? What are the uniforms and who's the referee? This seminar will give you a direct approach to classes, professors, grading and setting yourself up for success in this environment.

Computer Support...

"COMPUTER BASICS FOR DUMMIES"

An Orientation to the Computer Lab

Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2003
Time: 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
Place: Computer Lab, Burrell Building, Rm. 484
Facilitator: Sid Kemp, Software Trainer, Instructional Technology Services

 **Limited to 14 Reservations** 

ITS computer lab BB 4th floor or
reserve on-line

<http://its.kennesaw.edu/labs/studentworkshop/>

A commonly heard comment from new Adult Learner students is: "My kid knows more about computers than me! I thought a mouse pad was what you caught mice with on the back porch." This seminar will give an introduction to computers and the basics you need to know to get started in this technological age.

Searching for Financial Aid...

USING THE INTERNET TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

Date: Tuesday, January 28, 2003
Time: 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Place: Lifelong Learning Center, Rm. 261
Facilitator: Willetta Shelby Administrative Coordinator, Office of Financial Aid

Would you like to know how to find educational funds over the web? Students will learn how to fill out a FAFSA over the web and how to do Internet scholarship searches. Any remaining time will be used to answer questions on a one-on-one basis.

Every Adult Learner Ought to Know...that you should become involved in campus activities. Data shows that students who have some degree of involvement with their institutions tend to finish their educational goals. There are campus activities you would enjoy. In addition, you may have experience and expertise that will be helpful to your classmates. Take advantage of the things offered on campus that extend beyond the classroom. You may never be in another situation where these activities are provided at little or no cost.

Math Anxiety...

DEALING WITH MATH ANXIETY & RESOURCES TO HELP: "Is This What They Call New Math"

Date: Tuesday, January 21, 2003
Time: 12:30 pm to 1:45 pm
Place: Library, Room 461

Date: Monday, January 27, 2003
Time: 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Place: Student Center, University Room C/D
Facilitator: Pinder Naidu, Coordinator of the Math Lab, Learning Support Instructor

One of the most common anxieties a student has coming back to school is understanding how to succeed (or survive) through the Math requirements. This seminar will show you that you are not alone and that there are many resources on campus to help you succeed in Math.

NEW "T182-T183 CALCULATOR WORKSHOP" Linear Equations/Graphing/Modeling

Date: Friday, February 7, 2003
Time: 10:00 am to 11:00 am
Place: Math Lab, Library Room 433
Facilitator: Pinder Naidu, Coordinator of the Math Lab, Learning Support Instructor

Students will be lead through an explanation and instruction workshop on more advanced functions using the T182 and T183 calculators.

"T182-T183 CALCULATOR WORKSHOP" (Getting to Know Your Calculator—Hands on Basics)

Date: Wednesday, January 22, 2003
Time: 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Place: Student Center, University Room A

Date: Wednesday, January 22, 2003
Time: 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Place: Student Center, University Room A

Date: Thursday, January 23, 2003
Time: 12:30 pm to 1:45 pm
Place: Library, Room 461



Date: Thursday, January 23, 2003
Time: 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Place: Student Center, University Room A
Facilitator: Pinder Naidu, Coordinator of the Math Lab, Learning Support Instructor

Students will be lead through an explanation and instruction workshop on the "basics" of how to use the T182 and T183 calculators.

Using the Internet...

LEARNING TO RESEARCH USING THE INTERNET / USER-FRIENDLY TOUR OF THE LIBRARY

Date: Thursday, January 30, 2003
Time: 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm
Place: Sturgis Library – Meet at Circulation Desk
Facilitator: Cheryl Stiles, Coordinator of Library Instruction

**Learning To Research Using
The Internet and User-Friendly
Tour of The Library are both**
 **Limited to 18 Reservations** 

Join this "hands on" workshop and learn how to do research on-line. Learn about the latest search engines and explore the vast amount of databases found in GALILEO. Come discover the numerous resources of the Sturgis Library. From the worldwide web to reference tools, from periodicals to rare books, you'll discover.

Science Lab Tour...

NEW SCIENCE 1101 LAB TOUR

Date: Monday, January 13, 2003
Time: 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Place: Nursing Room 112

Date: Tuesday, January 14, 2003
Time: 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
Place: Nursing Room 112

Date: Monday, February 03, 2003
Time: 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
Place: Nursing Room 112
Facilitator: Dale A. Zaborowski, Lab Coordinator, Department of Biological and Physical Sciences

Don't Panic. It's only science! Start with the right attitude and your science classes will be much easier. This workshop includes some sample lab activities and discusses how to succeed in Science 1101, 1102 and the lab.

Adult Learners Ought to Know...the first semester is going to be tough. Most college graduates will say it was the toughest of all. It will take you a while to get your bearings. Don't get discouraged. You will soon have a routine, your family will have adjusted, and you will be on your way to achieving your goals.

Financial Aid Information

An Adult's Guide to Continuing Education: Finding the Money

How do I apply for financial aid? How do I calculate my need? Am I getting a good deal? Where do I look for scholarships?

www.Channel2000.com/education/conted/pay.html

Back 2 College Financial Aid

Tools, tips, work sheets; scholarship and funding resources; graduate and professional education; women, minorities, veterans, health professions, disabilities, distance learning, loan resources, tax credits, international students.

www.back2college.com/library/finad.htm

Back to School: A Guide for Adults Returning to College

www.collegeplan.org/bcksch/bkschool.htm

Paying for College: A Financial Aid Guide for Adults Returning to School

www.collegeboard.org/finaid/html/CUPayforCollBro.pdf

College Is Possible

www.collegeispossible.org/paying/paying.phtml

Strategies for the Nontraditional Student

www.freschinfo.com/strategy-nontrad.phtml

eStudentLoan: Adult Student

www.estudentloan.com/adult.asp

Financial Aid Advisor

Online financial aid eligibility questionnaire.

www.alx.org/finadvintro.asp

Returning Adult Students

Includes college credit for past education and life experience; The ICPAC Financial Aid Guide for Adult Students; Finding Money for your Education; Veteran's Educational Benefit Programs; Financial Aid Page for Returning Students; Scholarship Search engines; Resources to help you estimate college costs.

<http://icpac.indiana.edu/finaid4.html>

Financial Aid and Scholarship Information for Adult Students

<http://financialaid.about.com/education/financialaid/cs/adults/index.htm>

Road Map for the Nontraditional Student

Student Loan funding Resources.

www.studentloanfunding.com/

Adult Students Guide to Survival and Success 4th edition

Includes Financial Aid Resources.

www.adultstudent.com

Student Gateway to the U.S. Government

Information about federal student aid programs; tax credits; scholarships, grants, and loans; state financial aid; work-study; military funding; budgeting; calculating costs.

<http://students.gov>

Georgia Executive Women's Network Leader of Tomorrow Scholarship Application

To assist in the college education of a Georgia female leader of tomorrow. A \$1,500 scholarship is awarded to a non-traditional full-time student attending an Atlanta accredited college or university in an undergraduate program.

Applications must be submitted with proper supporting documents no later than **March 15, 2003**. Applications available in the Lifelong Learning Center, Room 261 of the Carmichael Student Center

Adult Learners Ought to Know...that asking for help is the critical first step in enabling others to help you. When you have a problem, go to your instructor, your advisor, or a counselor who works with adult learners. Give them a chance to help.

More Financial Aid Information

Graduate Study

Bodine, J. "Aid Strategies for Grad Students: College Generosity on the Rise."

www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/dollars/dsgradaid.htm

Financial Aid Information.

www.gradschools.com/info/financial.html

Financial Aid for Graduate Students.
Indiana Career and Postsecondary Advancement Center

<http://icpac.indiana.edu/infoseries/is-97.html>

Special Populations

Creating Options: A Resource Guide on financial Aid for Students with Disabilities.

www.acenet.edu/bookstore/pdf/heath-fin-aid2001.pdf

DisAbility Online
Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor.

www.wdsc.org/disability/

Grants for Individuals: Disabled, Gay/Lesbian/Bi/Trans, Minorities, Nontraditional, Veterans, Women

www.lib.msu.edu/harris23/grants/3subject.htm

Reference Service Press guides: Financial Aid for African Americans; Asian Americans; Hispanic Americans, Native Americans; the Disabled and Their Families; Veterans, Military Personnel, and Their Dependents; Persons with Visual Impairments.

www.rspfunding.com/products/rspbooks/booklist.html

Other Sources

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

www.fafsa.ed.gov/index.htm

State Aid. Some states offer special programs specifically for adults. To locate your state's higher education agency and link to their website.

www.ed.gov/Programs/bastmp/SHEA.htm

If you belong to a union, **Help with College Costs** allows visitors to search for scholarships sponsored by national and international unions.

www.aflcio.org/scholarships/index.htm

KSU Scholarship Web Page Announcements: Foundation Scholars Scholarship, Foundation Fellows Scholarships, Atlanta Journal-Constitution Scholarship, Audrey and Jack Morgan Endowed Scholarship in Music, Shelby R. Wilkes, M.D. and Jettie M. Burnette, M.D. Endowed Global Fellowship Fund for International Business

<http://www.kennesaw.edu/scholarships/>

Benefits for Work-Related Education

www.irs.ustreas.gov/prod/forms_pubs/pubs/p508toc.htm or www.ed.gov/inits/HOPE

Adult Learners Ought to Know...that you should check possible financial aid, even if you think you don't qualify. You might be surprised. Financial aid may include grants, loans, and/or student work programs. Eligibility is influenced by many factors, so you may meet the criteria. You may discover that local clubs and organizations offer scholarships to adult students.



The Toby Hopper Endowed Scholarship for Single Mothers



Eligible students must have demonstrated academic promise in at least 12 semester credit hours at an accredited institution of higher learning and have at least a 2.75 undergraduate cumulative GPA or 3.0 graduate cumulative GPA.

Eligible students are restricted to those pursuing a degree in the teacher certification program.

The additional eligibility criteria for the Toby Hopper endowed Scholarship for Single Mothers remains the same, i.e., eligible:

- ☞ Must be current residents of Georgia
- ☞ Must be 25 years of age or older
- ☞ Must be single females who provide the majority financial support for their custodial children
- ☞ May be undergraduate or graduate students
- ☞ Must be enrolled in and maintain a full course load, whether graduate or undergraduate
- ☞ Once selected as The Toby Hopper Scholar, you should have the scholarship renewed annually for as long as the criteria are met, or until the degree program is complete

Applicants will be required:

- ☞ To complete the application form
- ☞ To enclose academic transcript(s) in sealed envelope(s)
- ☞ To attach the required essay to the application. Be sure that it is identified with your name.
- ☞ To submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as soon as possible if you have not done so; Kennesaw State Title IV Code is 001577. Information available through Financial Aid.

**Pick up an application packet for this scholarship at the Lifelong Learning Center,
in the Carmichael Student Center, Room 261**

***Deadline for applications and all supplemental documents:
March 1, 2003***

Feature Adult Learner Story: Toby Hopper

Winner of the Phenomenal Woman Award

By Valerie Jersey

Toby Hopper has made an incredible impact on women in her professional career and continues to have an impact during her retirement sponsoring the Toby Hopper Endowed Scholarship for Single Mothers. Having accomplished three quarters of her goals as a single mother of five (now accomplished) children, she knows the challenges women face trying to better their lots.



More specifically, she has made a significant impact on the adult learner population. When you meet Toby you feel completely at home and feel like you have been given the privilege of meeting with a humble sage that is there just for you. She couches her wisdom in common sense and a strong sense of justice. Toby exudes enthusiasm for life and more specifically for helping women better themselves. "It's just wonderful to see a shooting star years later that you knew would make something of themselves." Her eyes just glow when speaking of the past and the students she saw grow and flourish under her tutelage.

Toby is a visionary with a fighting spirit for the needs of the underdog. In her tenure at Kennesaw College she was always a strong student advocate of all populations. Her leadership as Dean of Student Development provided substantive advocacy for disabled students and adult learners. Her path ran with a bridge between academic affairs and student services; serving as Assistant Academic Dean under Dr. Sturgis from 1974 - 1978. When asked by Dr. Sturgis why she wanted to be a dean, she replied, "I don't want to be a dean. I want to be in a position that gives me an opportunity to serve more students and have an impact," and an impact she has made!! That spunk provided many new services and opportunities for our student body. She has dynamic, "devil may care" attitude about the status quo and what people may think of her progressive ideas. Do not interpret it as arrogance because that is the last character trait you would use in describing Toby; it is more of an intentional focusing of what's important. And Toby will tell you what's really important: "Life is about relating to people honestly and warmly."

It was Toby's insight and assertiveness that initiated the very first Lifelong Learning Center—a place for adult students to belong. When giving her a compli-

ment for her impact she simply replied, "You stay at one place long enough and you will stick your nose where there is a blank." She knew that adult students and especially women had a need for a "designated space just for them—to commiserate or to encourage." She met with a student named "Jo" in the old Social Sciences building and answered her request for "anything, a broom closet." Going to Dr. Siegel, she got what she needed and what would be the beginning of a significant contribution for adult students at KSU.

She has also been an excellent model in Physical Education for both men and women. It was her vision to create a Wellness Center on campus. Toby Hopper is indeed a phenomenal woman!!

(For more information about the Toby Hopper Endowed Scholarship for Single Mothers, see page 7 of this publication)

The 2002/2003 recipient of the Toby Hopper Endowed Scholarship for Single Mothers is Shoner Johnson.

Shoner is a loving mother of four. Since she lost her husband two years ago, she has continued to raise her children, ages 7, 9, 11, and 13 with strong moral values. She's also instilling in them the value of education by her example. When asked about the key to her success, she said, "I take time for me...how can you give your best to others, if you don't take care of yourself."

Shoner has an undergraduate degree in Business Administration, but it was not as fulfilling as she thought it should be, so she decided to pursue a career in teaching. She will complete her program in May of this year and will graduate Cum Laude. This semester she made the President's list, a significant accomplishment, especially while supporting and raising four children. She wants to go on to teach grades 3 through 5. She is not stopping there. She wants to obtain a Master's degree in teaching so that she can make an impact in a higher level academic position such as a school principal or a college professor.

When asked how she felt about receiving this award, she said, "I feel honored to receive this scholarship, it is so difficult for non-traditional students with an undergrad degree to obtain assistance so I really appreciate this honor...I know I made the right decision to teach because everyday when I go into the classroom, I know that's where God wants me to be."

ADULT LEARNER PROGRAMS

- A** Advocacy
- N** Networking
- S** Support
- W** Whereabouts
- E** Encouragement
- R** Resources
- S** Service

Adult Learner Programs (ALP) at KSU offers a variety of innovative programs and services for students known as “non-traditional”; juggling the roles of student, employee, and family member. Adult Learner Programs works collaboratively with academic, student success and community entities to provide for all of these student needs. In addition, ALP works in support of the universities mission of supporting personal and professional peak performance in students.

Adult Learners Programs adopts the acronym “ANSWERS” to describe each of the categories of our service to students.

Advocacy: From the point of thinking about making the decision to start or come back to a college career, Adult Learner Programs can provide a **personal advocate** for you. **Individual appointments or “walk-in’s”** are welcome to meet with staff to navigate the admission process, academic concerns, and even personal challenges. Adult Learner Programs staff acts as a referral agent to get you to the proper places and people while supporting and validating students needs. In addition, ALP acts as the campus advocate for Adult Learner issues such as childcare and parenting.

Networking: Both through people, programs and places, Adult Learner Programs provide a variety of networking opportunities for students. The **Lifelong Learning Center** or LLC is a gathering place for students to meet and network with their peers. Programs such as the **R*E*S*T Seminar Series (Re-Entry Support Training)** offer adult learners an opportunity to meet with others including other KSU faculty and staff.

Support: Adult Learner Programs provides both academic support and personal support for students to succeed. In the form of listening staff, necessary equipment as well as substantive programs, adult learners learn to rest as ease and concentrate on their studies and purpose for being in college. **Tutoring** resources are available for writing and reading. The LLC is a satellite lab for Information Technology Services (ITS) providing **computers** and **hook-ups for laptops** for student use. In addition, the LLC houses an **audio-visual cabinet** and **fax machine** for student use. Even “old-fashioned” typewriters can be checked out for students to use.

Whereabouts: Don’t know where to go for what and when it is due, we act as an information center and referral source for students. The staff of Adult Learner Programs through the Lifelong Learning Center provide a “one-stop shopping” experience for students to acquire campus information and resources. Don’t know where to go for any service on campus, ask our staff and they will get you the information. No more “run-arounds”, just ask!

Encouragement: Sometimes it's tough being a student and a worker and a family member and you need someone who understands. Our students and staff can encourage you to keep on keeping on! The **Odyssey Peer Mentor Program** is an excellent source of encouragement from a peer who has been there and succeeded!

Resources: The Lifelong Learning Center houses campus information racks that display an abundance of brochures and fliers advertising campus events and services. Examples include financial aid, tutoring and lab resources, wellness and health center, student organizations, counseling, career services and academic advising and testing information. In addition, the LLC houses the Adult Learner Resource Library with books, audio and videotapes for students to check out.

Service: In addition to the academic support services, the Lifelong Learning Center, Carmichael Student Center Room 261, also offers a sense of belonging and hospitality services for adult learners. The Lifelong Learning Center staff perceive it both as a joy and purpose to serve all students. Students often comment on how overwhelming the large dining hall is and how it looks like a hangout for a bunch of kids. The LLC, as it is affectionately referred to, is a wonderful gathering place for adult learners to meet, greet and eat. The kitchenette houses a refrigerator, microwave, toaster oven and sink. Coffee is always flowing freely (literally) as well as decaf coffee and hot water for tea. Bring in your own coffee mug and hang it on our Mug hooks for your “home away from home” while in college. Students can bring in food from home or the dining hall and socialize while eating. There is a free phone for local calls for students to use. **“Sometimes You Want to Go Where Everyone Knows Your Name.”**

Adult Learners Ought to Know: that you should keep up with the reading assigned for each course. Reading before the lectures helps you connect the classroom material to the textbook. If you run out of time, scan. Use post-it notes to mark material in your book that was lectured on by the instructor. This information should be given extra attention as you study for a test.

Campus Advocacy Information

The Department of Adult Learner Programs thought this would be an ideal time to remind all students that you have a voice in the affairs of campus. Often you know what you want to say but don't know who to say it to - maybe this information can help!

Student Government

The Student Government (SG) is the student elected body responsible for representing student views to the administration. Members of the SG Board actively solicit student input on issues to address, then work with the administration to instigate needed changes on the campus level.

On the state and federal level, the SG keeps abreast of issues and concerns relevant to higher education, and serves as a conduit of information between the students and state and federal officials.

The SG Board consists of 29 elected members: 5 executive officers, 12 senators representing the various schools (2 undergraduate senators per school and 1 graduate senator per school), 5 senators representing the student body at large, and 7 senators who also serve on the college senate (1 student for each of the following constituencies: disabled, international, American minority, undergraduate, graduate, traditional, and non-traditional.)

The SG office is located in Room # 374 of the Carmichael Student Center (CSC). Steve Ellis is the President and Joan Lanoie is the Non-traditional Student Senator. Contact Joan via e-mail joanlanoie@mindspring.com or you can contact either one of these officers by phone (770) 423-6267, visit

Valerie Jersey, Assistant Director of Adult Learner Programs

Valerie is available when in need of an advocate or liaison. She can be reached in her office at the Lifelong Learning Center, 2nd floor of the Carmichael Student Center, Room # 264B, via phone at (770) 423-6701, or e-mail, vjersey@kennesaw.edu.

Student Activities Budget Advisory Committee

The Student Activities Budget Advisory Committee (SABAC) reviews and approves and/or denies requests by student campus groups for funding to participate in conferences, events, workshops, etc.

Recruitment needed for Non-traditional Student Representatives. SABAC's phone number is (770) 423-6276. Students can provide written proposals to the Student Life Center, Room #274 in the Carmichael Student Center.

Adult Learners Ought to Know...that many colleges give credit by examination. You may earn credit based on your performance on specified examinations. These exams can be the college's own challenge examinations or those of the College-Level Examination Program (CLEP). Discuss these options with your admissions counselor. The experiences you've had before attending college may speed your goal of earning a degree.

Dr. Nancy King, Vice President for Student Success and Enrollment Services

With the exception of Dr. Betty Siegel, President, KSU, Dr. Nancy King is the highest ranking student advocate on campus. Dr. Nancy King is known for her open door policy. As such, students should know her office is in Room #4413, Fourth floor, Kennesaw Hall; phone messages can be routed through Charlotte Doolin at (770) 423-6310.

Student Ombud

What is an ombud? *An ombud or obudsman is a government official appointed to receive and report grievances against the government.*

Charmayne Richardson is the Student Ombud. If a student has a complaint the Student Ombud investigates and acts as an advocate/liaison for the student in the matter. Her office is located in Room # 258 of the Carmichael Student Center Addition (CSCA), her phone number is (770) 499-3313, and you can contact her via e-mail crichard@kennesaw.edu.

Juggling the role of student and parent?

Several resources are available at KSU for you and your children. From lunch to movies, the LLC is here to support the parent attending college.

Positive Parenting Luncheons

Several informal gatherings are scheduled during the Fall Semester for KSU students, faculty and staff parents to discuss the unique challenges and changing roles of parents today. Getting together in this relaxed forum is a great way to find comfort among your peers. Share in the discussion and pick up some tips to make parenting a little easier. The luncheons will also include topic-oriented discussions conducted by seminar speakers. Don't worry about something to eat, we'll provide lunch for you. Make your reservation in the LLC or call us at (770) 423-6701. The luncheons for Fall semester will be held from 12:30 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.


- ☼ Tuesday, January 28, 2003
- ☼ Tuesday, February 18, 2003
- ☼ Tuesday, March 18, 2003
- ☼ Tuesday, April 22, 2003

Childcare Directory

The LLC has compiled a list of licensed childcare providers within the six surrounding counties to KSU. More than half of the providers listed in the directory offer KSU students, faculty, and staff discounts on childcare. Come by the LLC and pick up your copy of the directory. The directory is updated annually during the months of June and July.

Disney Days


The LLC in cooperation with the Kennesaw Activities Board offers two Disney movies per semester. These movies are free to the families of students, faculty, and staff. A light lunch is provided along with a storytelling session prior to one of Disney's current animated features. Come and join us for one or both movies this semester. Our movie for February is "*Lilo & Stitch*."



Do you need financial help with childcare? The LLC wants to help you! 10 lucky student-parents will win a \$300 per semester subsidy for childcare.

Applications Available in August 2003
Application Deadline and Lottery
Drawing in September 2003

Childcare Subsidy Lottery



Childcare Subsidy Program

Applications are available to apply to be placed in a drawing to obtain monies to subsidize childcare costs. Stop by the LLC to complete an application at the beginning of the Fall semester. The drawing will be held a couple of weeks into the semester. Your student activity fees fund the Childcare Subsidy Program.

The KSU Kids Project

This project is designed to introduce children to the concepts of giving, character development, and community service. KSU children are invited to spend a day during a Cobb County Teacher Work Day participating in this campus-wide event held during Spring semester. Space is limited, so pick up your application early in the LLC. This year's event will be held Friday, March 7th.

Kids Stuff at KSU Calendar

All of the events that are "children-friendly" are highlighted in this calendar. The Children's Programming Network is a campus-wide committee that coordinates the calendar and children's programming at KSU. The Lifelong Learning Center sponsors this committee and families of KSU students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to participate in these activities.

Emergency Locator Service

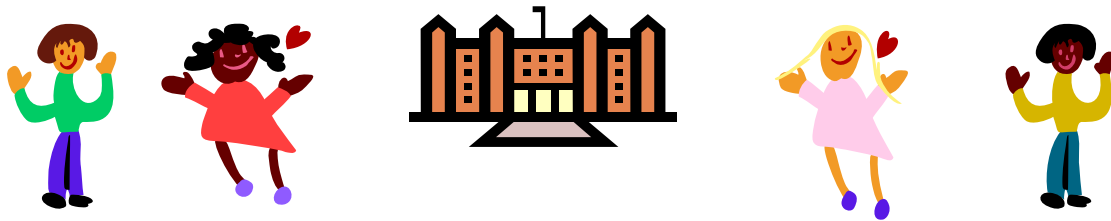
Students are encouraged to complete an Emergency Locator Form in the Lifelong Learning Center at the beginning of each semester. This service is designed to assist in emergency situations. LLC business cards are provided to distribute to children, schools, spouses, and childcare providers with an emergency telephone number. The LLC will contact the student in their classroom with an emergency message.

*A Special Invitation for Children of KSU
Students, Staff and Faculty*

***KSU Kids Project
“Celebrating Differences”***



A fun-filled, educational day for children to raise awareness of the importance of appreciating our gifts, talents and uniqueness.



Who: *Children, Pre-K through grade 5*

When: *Friday, March 7, 2003*

8:30am-3:30pm /After Care available until 5pm

During Cobb County Teacher Workday

Where: *Kennesaw State University*

***Registration packets available in the Lifelong Learning Center
February 2003- First come, First serve***

*A campus and community collaboration Sponsored by Adult Learner Programs,
a unit of the Student Development Center and the Division of Student Success and Enrollment Services*

Adult College Students Ought to Know: the importance of quality time with your family. Once a week, have an evening when everyone is together. Sit at the dinner table and share your week's experiences. Go out to eat and enjoy a movie. Take the children to the park. Everyone will have a lot to talk about and it will give everyone a dedicated time to catch up on things.

Where learning is a journey...not a destination.

WHAT IS MENTORING?

Although interest in mentoring may be recent, the concept dates back to Greek mythology. Odysseus, in Homer's *The Odyssey*, entrusted his son, Telemachus, to an old man called "Mentor" when Odysseus set off on a 10-year journey. During part of Telemachus' travels, Mentor's advice saved him from his death. The father-like relationship between young Telemachus and the wise, loving Mentor set a standard for future mentoring relationships.

Mentoring is the attempt to educate the whole person through:

- A one-on-one learning relationship
- An emphasis on individual transformation intellectually, socially and spiritually

HOW DOES IT WORK?

The mentor/mentee relationship is characterized by:

- an experienced student taking an active role in the development of a less experienced student
- the mentor serves as an advisor, supporter and friend

HOW WILL I BENEFIT?

As a **MENTOR** you will:

- Strengthen leadership skills
- Receive self-fulfillment by providing expertise about KSU to a new or transfer student
- Help to build an aspect of his/her co-curricular achievement record

As a **MENTEE** you will:

- Enjoy a "Quick-Start" in the new KSU environment
- Receive support in the development of your academic career

Mentors will be trained to serve specific student populations represented by the following groups and areas:

- Adult Learner Programs
- disAbleD Student Support Services
- International Student Retention Services
- Minority Student Retention Services
- Service Learning
- Traditional

If you are interested, stop by the Student Development Center and pick up an application.

Meet the Odyssey Peer Mentors of the Year

Jacqueline Hand and Steve Wilkey were named Peer Mentors of the year. Jacqueline is pursuing a Human Services degree with a minor in Sociology. She's also Senior Secretary for the Lifelong Learning Center. Steve Wilkey graduated this Fall with an undergraduate degree in Communications.

An ideal Peer Mentor of the Year should take the initiative, show genuine concern, maintain contact, and be reliable. Both Jacqueline and Steve went



From left to right: Valerie Jersey, Asst. Dir. of Adult Learner Programs; Jacqueline Hand, Steve Wilkey, and Dr. Jerome Ratchford, Dir. Of Student Development

above and beyond the above as their mentees will attest to. Desaree Green, Jacqueline's mentee, had this to say, "...I am on my way to success because of Jackie's tremendous influence. She tells me that the key factor in all of this is achievement and we will get there a step at a time."

Eldridge Holloway, Steve's mentee, expressed about Steve, "He is a very kind and most considerate young man that loves to help people anyway he can. We have established a very good friendship that I look forward to enhancing over the coming

Adult Learners Ought to Know...the importance of saying "No!" With the added burdens of school, you can't do all you did before becoming a student. It may be time to give up some activities. If you try to do all things., you won't give 100% to anything. Establish your priorities.

Are you an International Student?



Meet Beatrise Ezonnaebi. Beatrise and her family are originally from Nigeria. She has been here in the United States for 9 years. She loves being here because of all the opportunities available to her and her family. She and her husband have been married for almost 23 years and they have five children ranging in age from 15 to 22. Beatrise's oldest daughter also attends KSU, and she refers to her as her best friend.

Beatrise's thirst for knowledge began in Nigeria. In her country, it was expensive to attend high school and her family was unable to afford it, so she was not able to attend. This didn't stop her, though. Later, after meeting her husband and establishing their family, he came to the states to attend school and pave the way for the family. When Beatrise and her children joined him here in the states, her heart's desire was to go to school. Beatrise began her educational journey by first working to get her GED, she then obtained an associates degree in computer networking, and now she is diligently working on getting her undergraduate degree. She started KSU pursuing a degree in Business Administration, but later changed to Human Services after evaluating her real interests. Her next goal is to obtain a masters degree in counseling. Because she feels a natural connection to adolescents and young adults, she would like to serve as a counselor in a position where she can assist this population. She is eagerly looking forward to graduating in the Fall of 2004.

Beatrise is very appreciative and excited to be here at KSU and you can see that every time you see Beatrise. She says that the road has been slow. But Beatrise is persistent and determined to complete her schooling. She is currently taking four classes along with an internship. When asked how she does it she says that she gets a lot of support from her husband and children and she has a strong faith. All of this makes her appreciative for everything she has. She went on to say, "What gets me going is this place (referring to the LLC)...I come in here and I laugh, I get a cup of tea, you make fun and people make you laugh...I keep coming back because of the people." She learned about the LLC from a fellow student, another LLC regular, that has become a good friend. She is now one of the LLC regulars. She says that she came into the LLC and

was accepted by the staff, not as a foreigner, but as an individual student with the same needs as any other adult learner.

Beatrise's positive attitude is contagious. She has such a warm heart and a warm spirit and always comes into the LLC with a smile, ready to spread cheer. She was so excited about coming back to school. When asked what she would tell other adult learners about pursuing a degree, she said, "If I can do it, you can do it."

Do you have multiple challenges as you obtain your degree?

Jacquie is going through a major life transition. The last year and a half has been quite a challenge for her. She is going through a divorce, the children are leaving home, and she lost her brother in the September 11th tragedy. Jacquie's focus for the past 26 years has been on raising her children, however, over this time she admits that she developed a strong "mommy identity", but lost touch with "Jacquie." Her children got older and eventually pulled away to pursue college and other endeavors. She felt lost and emotionally drained.

Jacquie has a Business Management degree from Indiana University, but realized that she needed to update her skills in order to become self-supporting. She visited KSU campus the summer of 2001 and fell in love with it; the beauty of the campus green particularly impressed her. She applied the Summer of 2001 to attend in the Fall, but admissions misplaced her transcripts so she wasn't able to begin on time. According to Jacquie, this turned out to be a blessing. Her brother Dan, who worked in the World Trade Center in the second tower, was killed in the September 11th tragedy; she was able to go home immediately to family in New Jersey without the concern of dropping classes. She felt worse than she'd ever felt before as she was dealing with losing her identity, going through a divorce, and now she was struggling with the horror of her brother's death.

While she was in New Jersey, she received a letter from KSU saying that they had found her transcript and she could start school in January 2002 and that's what she did. She is currently pursuing a teaching certificate at KSU because she found that she enjoyed being with children. She wants to teach the fourth or fifth grade.

Through all of this, Jacquie has a renewed spirit. It has not been easy going through a divorce after 26

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years of marriage and losing her brother at the same time, but she is moving forward. She related how she felt on her first day here, "Almost everybody was half my age and they all looked as though they knew what they were doing. There were new acronyms and vocabulary to learn. I had no idea how to use an owl print card and I didn't know how to type a paper on the computer."

She says that her biggest thrill since attending college is to see what she has learned with the computer. She used the technology fee of \$70 to her advantage to take several computer courses through the lab. She said that initially, it took her a day to type her first paper and she had to constantly ask the IT people to help her. She then related an experience that occurred in December. She went to her professor to inquire about turning in an extra credit paper. The professor told her that it was too late; the paper was due at 10 a.m. and it was 9:05 a.m. As she was heading over to the LLC, she said to herself, "It's not too late, I still have 55 minutes." So, she sat down to the computer and started composing. "In 55 minutes, I composed, typed, and ran across campus to turn it in... I knew that I had at

least a B, an A was questionable, but I knew that if I did this paper, I would have the A. I felt a sense of accomplishment in knowing that I could complete a quality paper in less than an hour. I have earned "A's" in all the classes that I have taken this year."



Jacquie is a very spiritual person, "...if it wasn't for my faith in God I wouldn't be able to get through what I have experienced this year." She also mentions how the LLC has helped her, "I come here to the Lifelong Learning Center because the LLC offers an attractive well-equipped learning center with a welcoming spirit." Through the LLC I have met many inspiring individuals who are attaining their life goals. Jacquie has taken advantage of the many services provided here at KSU. In addition to IT courses, she taken advantage of career counseling. To help her get through personal stresses she swims at the KSU pool and takes advantage of counseling services at the CAPS center.

"The faculty, staff and fellow students at KSU have played a major role in helping me to focus on my future."

"Vibes from Val"

By Valerie Jersey, Assistant Director

Happy New Year! A new year brings many of us to many resolutions; some recycled from years past; some new from pounds gained over the holidays and then some that might even be attainable. Mine



this year is to outreach more and rely on myself less; to prioritize my time according to people more and tasks less. And also to stay in gratitude instead of grumbling. With back to back meetings and paperwork and e-mails, and housework to

come home to, I have been guilty of complaining of "too much work".

Instead of being grateful for a job that is gratifying, a hard working staff and amazing people that I get to cross paths with daily. I am also grateful for having a home and a wonderful family.

I am grateful for the many trusts I have been given from students sharing their stories with me. We each have one— often filled with challenges and obstacles. I am grateful for the inspiration I receive each time I encounter the courage of an adult learner coming to college for the first time or coming back after many, many years. I am amazed by the "jugglers" that come in here (the LLC) in all shapes and sizes—juggling the balls of family, work, school and life's challenges. I am appreciative of being allowed to share in the celebrations of a test passed, a course completed and eventually a graduation tassel.

Know that I am delighted to see the Lifelong Learning Center packed with students eating, studying and often laughing. I am quite familiar with the joys of an adoptive parent. (Although a parent is a parent, no matter how a child comes into our lives.) I say this to give the analogy that my staff and myself often adopt you into our lives—the "regulars" at the LLC. And we are an open family that welcomes new members every semester and every day. Please join our community.

To conclude, if you see me "zigging and zagging" through the tables (often like a chicken with her head cut off), stop me and say, "You told me to slow you down, say hello and introduce myself." I promise I will thank you for keeping to my resolution. Also, please stop by my office next door in 264B and say hello. We are all here to help you!

THE THIRD ANNUAL

Phenomenal Women's Confer-

WOMEN SHARING WISDOM:
A CELEBRATION OF GENERATIONS

March 27, 2003
9:00 am—3:30 pm
KSU Center
3333 Busbee Parkway NW



**Presented by the Center for Leadership, Ethics and Character in
Partnership with Northside Hospital**

Student Scholarships available for this conference - First Come / First Serve
Contact Valerie Jersey @ 770-423-6701 for conference scholarship registration materials.



WINGS CEREMONY **Saturday, May 10, 2003** **Stillwell Theatre**

What is the WINGS Ceremony?

An opportunity for graduating Seniors to say "Thank You" in a special way to all who have significantly offered a helping hand on their path to graduation.

What does "WINGS" mean? "WINGS" is an acronym that stands for "When In Need of Generous Support." Each graduating senior selects up to three individuals that have greatly impacted their college experience. They receive three certificates (free of charge) that will be presented to these individuals during the WINGS Ceremony. Students are invited to publicly express their appreciation. "When the students share their experiences, and express appreciation to their honorees, things become rather emotional. What occurs is you get a theater full of people, who for a short period of time become a community. The community supports each person who comes across the stage, and it is really inspiring and poignant when it occurs," says Valerie Jersey, Assistant Director of Adult Learner Programs.

Valerie, along with the Adult Learner Programs staff and KSU Alumni Association sponsor the ceremony. This year's ceremony will be held Saturday, December 14, 2002 in the Stillwell Theater, located in the Wilson Building.

Because the ceremony is held after the fall and spring semesters, students who graduate in the summer are invited back in the fall to participate in the ceremony.

The Lifelong Learning Center Staff is here to answer your questions and be as helpful as possible. Our Spring Semester 2003

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Brantley Hastings
Joan Lanoie

We're here
Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Friday from
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.. Stop by, get a cup of coffee, have your lunch,
study, or meet up with friends to socialize between classes.

"Sometimes you want to go where everyone knows your name."



Quote for the Semester

Be of good cheer. Do not think of today's failures, but of the success that may come tomorrow. You have set yourselves a difficult task, but you will succeed if you persevere; and you will find a joy in overcoming obstacles. Remember, no effort that we make to attain something beautiful is ever lost. - Helen Keller

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