

# THE RETURNING WARRIOR

#### A RESOURCE FOR AND ABOUT ADULT STUDENTS AT WAYNE STATE

## Welcome!

February is all about planning ahead. Spring/Summer registration opens on the 3rd, and winter degree applications are due on the 7th. Don't forget to check out this month's Tuesday Talk, "Finding and Applying for Scholarship for the Adult Learner," on Feburary 4th. We also highlight Ashley Ramirez, a Warrior Way Back student with a truly inspiring story. Finally, we would like to call your attention to a recent feature on the program.

Thanks for checking out our inaugural monthly newsletter for adult students, and keep up the amazing work this semester!

### Mark Your Calendar: February 2020

#### Deadlines

 February 3
 Registration for Spring/Summer Open

 Schedule an appointment with your departmental advisor to plan and register for classes. Browse now at registration.wayne.edu.

#### February 7 Winter Degree Applications Due

Wrapping up your degree this semester? You must have a degree application on file to have it conferred, even if you do not participate in commencement. Learn more at <u>wayne.edu/commencement</u>.

#### **Events and Workshops**

February 4 Tuesday Talk: Finding and Applying for Scholarships for the Adult Learner 4-6 PM in the Transfer Student Lounge (first floor of the UGL). RSVP to <u>aneher@wayne.edu</u>.

Workshop: Don't be a Copy Cat: Understanding Ways to Not Plagiarize 3-4 PM in the Academic Success Center (first floor of the UGL)

CLAS and Career Services Job & Internship Fair 10 AM-2 PM in the Student Center Ballroom

- February 17
   Workshop: Stress Prevention and Management

   5:30-6:30 PM in the Academic Success Center (first floor of the UGL)
- February 19Easy Virtual Career Fair 1-5 PM on your device! To register, go to wsucareerservices.easyvirtualfair.com
- February 20 Workshop: Everyday Money Mgmt: Creating a budget and tracking spending 4-5 PM in the Academic Success Center (first floor of the UGL)





## **Student Spotlight: Ashley Ramirez**

#### **Communication Studies Major**

"The biggest obstacle for completing my degree is balancing family, education and my salon. As a mother of five, it's important for me to lead by example. Prioritizing education within my personal goals shows my kids that a degree is attainable regardless of looming obstacles. I previously worked a job that didn't allow me to prioritize my education. After years of looking for another way, I found a work alternative in entrepreneurship and opened a salon. The owning the allowed me flexibility for classes. The Warrior Way Back advisors are personally attached to me. I know this because they tailor my returning experience with attention to detail. They remember important details about me, who I am, and what I personally need to achieve my degree."

Ashley was originally featured July 3, 2019, on the Warrior Way Back Facebook page.

## Please Advise: Apply for Scholarships NOW!

#### Amber Neher, Advisor for Warrior Way Back and Adult Returning Student Programs

As an adult returning student, your financial situation is likely very different than that of the 18 year old sitting behind you in class. You have a lot going on. Work, school, family, and church are just a few commitments competing not only for your time, but also your financial support. Finding scholarships can feel like a full-time job on top of all that, which is why I always ask students to apply for the Wayne State scholarships available through the Office of Student Financial Aid.

These scholarships are an excellent opportunity because you don't need to spend hours searching on the Internet, and you have likely already completed most of the steps required to apply. The kicker is that you need to plan ahead. If you want a scholarship for next school year (Fall 2020), you need to submit your scholarship applications by March 1, 2020. That deadline applies also to an additional documents required by your selected scholarships, and we must also have your 2020-2021 FAFSA on file by March 1, too.

Learn more by going to <u>wayne.academicworks.com/opportunities</u>. Or, better yet, come to our Tuesday Talk on the 4th (more info on page 1) to connect with professionals from Scholarships and the Writing Center to get your application started now.

## In the News: NowThis Comes to Campus

In October 2019, NowThis, a social media-focused news organization, visited campus to learn more about the Warrior Way Back program and students like yourself. To check out their video, visit: www.youtube.com/watch?v=FOIJ-jzXc9c.



For comments and to learn more about Warrior Way Back and returning to Wayne State as an adult student, contact: Amber Neher, Advisor for Warrior Way Back and Adult Returning Student Programs aneher@wayne.edu / 313-577-8908