National Nontraditional Student Week Activities!

Here are some ideas to help you celebrate Nontraditional Student Week at your college or university:

- Coffee and donuts are a great start, how about recognizing nontraditional students that go out of their way to help other nontraditional students through support, motivation, guidance?

- Consider celebrating nontraditional students with an essay contest and the winner gets a money prize, gift card, or gift certificate to a local restaurant or better yet, a kid-friendly restaurant like Monkey Joe’s or Chuck E Cheese so that parents can get a little break too.

- Another great idea is to hold a workshop where nontraditional students can come and get assistance with financial aid, job placement, resume writing, technology and computer assistance, homework help, and so on.

- Consider hosting a party in honor of nontraditional students and invite their families and have games, prizes, inflatables or entertainment, so the whole family can enjoy.

- How about recognizing specific faculty or administration who have had a direct impact on the lives of adult students at your college or university? Present them with an award or gift card as a sign of appreciation.

- Pizza and family movie night with popcorn, drinks, candy, the works!

- Who says that celebrating your nontraditional students has to only happen one week a year, why not start a campaign to host monthly gatherings for nontraditional students and their families.

These are just a few of the ways that you can show appreciation for and recognize the nontraditional students on your campus and demonstrate your commitment to their educational success.

Organize a Run/Walk, Bike or Swim Event

Need some ideas for your run/walk? Check out these ideas for your event. This is a great way to show your unique style. How will you celebrate Nontrad Week?

- 5k Run/Walk
- Bike or swim event
- Painting party
- Craft show
- Festival

Fun Themed Event:
- Pajama-Thon (walk/run in pj's)
- Moonlight walk/run
- Family Walk-A-Thon
- Dog Walk

- Walk a mile in my shoes (here's a twist, have administrators walk as nontrads with books, kids, strollers, backpacks, let your imagination guide you).

A fundraising partnership with ANTSHE will help to raise money for your adult learner program to help pay for events celebrating nontraditional students on your campus, or use the proceeds to help offset the cost of registration or travel expenses for your nontraditional students to attend the ANTSHE Conference! We can't think of a better way to show appreciation for your nontraditional students than to help them to be able to attend the ONLY conference dedicated exclusively to supporting nontraditional students and their SUCCESS!

ANTSHE can help support your fundraising event in many ways. For more information about partnering with ANTSHE for fundraising events,

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Take your Nontraditional Student Week celebration one step further- Send us your pictures and we'll post them on our website, Twitter and Facebook! *Who will be the most Nontrad-Student Friendly college or university?* Don't forget to send us your events and pictures so we can promote you and your school to the ANTSHE community!