

# Non-Traditional Student Newsletter

October 2023

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Non-Traditional Student Organization (NTSO) Meeting

Please join us to meet other adult students and help plan activities for this semester!

Every other Thursday at 6:30 p.m. on [WebEx](#)

(Oct. 12, 26, Nov. 9, 23, Dec. 7)

### Lounge Hours

(Stop by to talk, ask questions, stay connected)

Wednesday, Oct. 11 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, Oct. 19 from 9:30 to 10 a.m.

Monday, Oct. 30 from 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Friday, Nov. 3 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 7 from 1 to 2 p.m.

### Fall Break – no classes in session.

Monday, October 16, and Tuesday, October 17

### Non-Traditional Students' Week, Details on our [website](#)!

Monday, Oct. 23 to Friday, Oct. 27

Join us for a scholarship talk, learn what NTSO has planned for this year, pizza and wing lunch, advising and registration prep, study abroad, fall festival, planetarium show, donut day, and more.

### Thanksgiving Break – no classes in session

Wednesday, Nov. 22 to Sunday, Nov. 26. Classes resume at 8 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 27.

### Last Day for In-Class Exams

Friday, Dec. 1

### Final Exams

Monday, Dec. 11 to Friday, Dec. 15

## NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT LOUNGE Cornish Hall, Room 1221

The Lounge offers 3 computers, a couch, study carrel, refrigerator, microwave and coffee machine.

Enter Cornish Hall using the ramp across from Memorial Library. Walk down one floor using the staircase to the immediate right. Room 1221 will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> right side room. Elevators are at the end of the corridor.

## NON-TRADITIONAL STUDENT ORGANIZATION OFFICERS

Meet our student volunteers:

Melinda Gardner, President

Position open, Vice President

Natalya Shatskikh, Treasurer

Mackenzie Weaver, Secretary

Emily Fedrizzi, SGA Representative

## PARKING and BUS SCHEDULE

For details about parking, please refer to the [Parking Operations website](#).

Our Bus Schedule is also an important website that shows maps and routes. Make sure to download the DoubleMap GPS so you know where buses are located. You must input Cortland as your school!

## WITHDRAWING FROM A COURSE

Students needing to withdraw from a semester course will need to do so before 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 15, using the [online withdrawal form](#) from the Registrar's website.

## FILLED FRIDGE FRIDAYS at the SUNY CORTLAND CUPBOARD

Visit the [food pantry](#) throughout the semester but don't forget about Filled Fridge Fridays (Nov. 3 and Dec. 1), where the Cortland Cupboard has pre-packaged meals. Located in the basement of the Interfaith Center (7 Calvert Street). Hours open Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Make sure to bring your ID. The campus food pantry is open for students in need of food and personal hygiene items at no cost. Thank you to SUNY Cortland Auxiliary Services for their partnership!

## STARFISH

[Starfish](#) is an online communication platform that offers academic feedback to students. Communicate and connect with your instructors and ask for help by "raising your hand" if you have questions or concerns. All you have to do is login to Starfish, tab at the top of myRedDragon, and your dashboard appears with all the information on one page. Update your profile by adding your cell number, review your class schedule and see your support network. Many instructors and academic advisors use Starfish to schedule office hours and advising appointments.

## REGISTRATION FOR WINTER and SPRING 2024 CLASSES

Registration for spring and winter 2024 classes will begin soon. The online course schedules will be available after fall break. You will need to meet with your advisor to discuss classes, requirements, career aspects as well as receive your registration PIN.

You can look up your "time ticket" in myRedDragon (Student tab, left-column and then "Prepare for Registration"). A "time ticket" is the earliest date and time you may begin to register.

Time tickets are based on earned hours towards graduation. Any transfer credit or course completion must have been provided by October 1 to be included in the calculation. It does not include how many credit hours you are registered for this semester. Students will be able to register for spring 2024 classes via the web from the start time and date on your time ticket through drop/add.

Graduate Students begin Monday, Oct. 30  
Sophomores begin Monday, Nov. 6

Seniors begin Tuesday, Oct. 31  
First-Year Students begin Nov. 8

Juniors begin Thursday, Nov. 2

Winter Session can be a great time to focus on a class or catch-up requirements. Review the [Winter Session website](#) for details on courses, registration, tuition and fees, etc.

## Advising and Registration Prep

Tuesday, Oct. 24 from 3 to 4 p.m. in Advisement and Transition Conference Room, Memorial Library, Room A-111  
Advising and registration at Cortland will look different than your previous institution. This session is designed to help you navigate the resources that are provided to help you plan for your meeting with your academic advisor prior to your registration time ticket.

You may also [view videos](#) for Advisement and Registration Assistance. These videos include preparing for registration, Degree Works and Schedule Builder information.

## Apply for Scholarships!

SUNY Cortland students can [apply](#) for SUNY Cortland Scholarships between Nov. 15, 2023, and Feb. 1, 2024 using myRedDragon. There are scholarships specifically for [non-traditional/adult students](#). Join us for **Scholarship 101**, Monday, Oct. 23 from 2 to 3 in Old Main B-17A to learn how to navigate the scholarship application process.