The Office of Adult Learning at Wichita State University exists to serve the over 3000 domestic undergraduate students by providing a sense of belonging through support, advocacy, guidance and encouragement to degree completion and beyond.

**ADULT LEARNING SCHOLARSHIPS AND HONORS**

**Osher Re-entry Scholarship Program**

Wichita State University is proud to be the only university in Kansas to offer the Osher Reentry Scholarship Program for returning adult students. The Osher Scholarships are designed to help undergraduate students who have experienced a five-year cumulative gap in their education. Scholarships of up to $2,500 per year are available for qualified candidates.

Wichita State University has been accepted into Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society for non-traditional students.

**PARTNERSHIPS AND RECRUITING**

**ShockTalk** is a collaboration between the Office of Admissions and the Office of Adult Learning where an adult student can learn about the admissions process, financial aid, scholarships, career options and programs designed just for adult learners.

Between June 2014 and June 2015:

92 adults attended 10 information sessions in 2014-15

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The Office of Adult Learning works to increase the timing and availability of academic programs that are tailored to meet the needs of returning adults (goal 2), increase partnerships, like Shocker Pathway, that can increase educational opportunities (goal 3), and work with our adult learners to create a culture that is conducive to their unique needs and experiences (goal 5).

In the spring of 2015, Wichita State University and Wichita Area Technical College entered into an agreement that was the first of its kind in the state of Kansas. Shocker Pathway is a partnership between Wichita Area Technical College (WATC) and Wichita State University (WSU) that provides a path to earn a two-year Associate of Arts (AA) degree from WSU. Letters of intent have been signed by students at Wichita area technical college for the following semesters.

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Opportunities for improvement:

Data Management—use of Recruiter and attributes within Banner to better track and communicate with inquiries and current students.

Improving student services for adult learners—offering services that will be convenient for busy adults.

Raising awareness of the Office of Adult Learning within the university and Wichita Community.

For more information visit our website at Wichita.edu/adultlearning