



NONTRADITIONAL STUDENT WEEK 2020

My Educational Path

You may be classified as a “non-traditional student” in some circles, but here at UW Extended Campus, *you* are our traditional student. We celebrate you this week for who you are on your educational path!

Outside of your coursework, we know that you have a full plate of responsibilities across your personal and professional lives—we congratulate you for your commitment and perseverance! We are so proud of you!

As your educational and life journey continues, it’s important to remember, and reflect, on why you decided to take the bold step of beginning this journey. What led you here? What is motivating you? What obstacles have you overcome to be here? We encourage you to unplug for a moment and reflect on this. We also invite you to share with us on social media so we can celebrate with you!

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Every path is different, and they all matter!
Read about how your fellow classmates reached their goal(s) below:

- [From Dentistry to Data Science: A UW Grad’s Career Journey](#)
- [Assistant Head Nurse Advances Her Career and ICU through UW Flexible Option](#)
- [UW HIMT Graduate Finds Passion in Career Change from Military to Healthcare](#)

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Brittany S

Program: Bachelor of Science in Business Administration



Why did you choose this program?

I chose the Business Administration program because I want to obtain knowledge in management, marketing, and finance, with hopes to turn my small business into a larger business or help others to do so also.

What keeps you going?

My children keep me going. I have two little girls that I want to show that you are never too old to finish your degree, and the traditional way is not the only way.

What have you enjoyed most about your current program?

What I have enjoyed the most about my current program is the flexibility that I have as a wife, mother, worker, and a small business owner. Being able to set the hours that work for me, has allowed me to successfully complete the classes I have taken.



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In addition to celebration, we want to also recognize that it's been a tough year. So, although you know why you started this journey, we know that you may be facing real life challenges. Whether it be online learning, your career, your mental health, your financial situation, or something else, it may be a hard season.

With that, we want to remind you:

- **You are in control!** The path you are on is your path and your journey, and you can progress through your program at whatever pace you desire. That's the beauty of our programs—they're 100% online, affordable, and flexible for your lifestyle and path.
- **You're not alone!** You have a dedicated Success Coach ready to support and assist you with your course selections, degree completion planning, registration, time management, and so much more!
- **We have resources for you!** Explore the resources on your Student Resource Lounge, your Student Resource Center, or your program's website! Be sure to let your Success Coach know if you have questions or if you can't find something that you're looking for. They're happy to help!

Resources to help fuel your journey forward:

- [What is Resilience? Your Guide to Facing Life's Challenges, Adversities, and Crises](#)
- [20 Best Motivational Podcasts of 2020](#)
- [TED Talk: The Power of Passion and Perseverance by Angela Lee Duckworth](#)

Contact us – We are here for you!
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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Erik J

Program: Bachelor of Science in Information Science
and Technology



What have you enjoyed most about your current program?

I've really enjoyed being able to learn new skills from classwork that I'm able to put into real world practice at work just a few weeks later. Truthfully, learning SQL for example was a skill I learned and was able to start using at work almost immediately. In addition, the feeling I get after putting a lot of effort into an assignment/course and getting an A is seriously rewarding and impacts other aspects of my life positively.

What keeps you going?

This can be tough, especially when you are attending part-time and the completion time stretches out. There are instances where I really don't want to study, or do my best on an assignment but inherent work ethic helps, and the company paying for my degree if I get a B or above helps as well! This is also my 2nd bachelor degree and when I was younger I was not as successful so this is a chance to show my academic abilities.



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