

# *Time for You to Nominate Someone Special for the Annual OWLs Awards*

At the end of each spring semester during our annual picnic, the OWLs present awards to people who are exemplary in their support and example for all OWLs members. This year we ask you to submit nominations for the various categories to the Adult Services Center by April 11.

**The Best OWL Professor Award** goes to someone who has demonstrated interest in and concern for adult learners that goes beyond the norm. All nominees receive a certificate of nomination and a letter is sent to their department chairs. The winner also receives an OWL trophy as a permanent reminder of the award. If you have had a good experience with a supportive professor, you will want to make a nomination.

Other awards go to those who are supportive of adult learners in other ways such as **The Best OWL Spouse, The Best OWL Son or Daughter, The Best OWL Family, and The Best OWL Friend**. You will want to nominate someone who has been of special help to you for one of these awards. All nominees receive a certificate and winners receive an OWL trophy as well.

A final group of awards are for adult learners themselves who demonstrate extraordinary abilities to live their lives while doing

college work. The **Best Juggling OWL Award** goes to the student who is juggling the most - job, family, school, community activities, etc, - and still able to keep a minimum 2.7 GPA! You may even want to nominate yourself for this one!

The **Best OWL Volunteer Award** goes to the person who serves others in the community or at MTSU while still maintaining a job, family, and college presence.

Come by KUC 320 to fill out a nomination form for any of these awards or go online to **mtsu.edu/~owls**. Scroll down to the awards section and click on the nominations form link to submit your nominations form online.

The **Pinnacle Honor Society** also has its **Award of Achievement**. One Pinnacle member graduating in May will be the second recipient of the Pinnacle Award of Achievement. We seek to honor those who have achieved academic success despite many obstacles that they encountered and overcame during their academic careers. Apply for this award online at **mtsu.edu/~owls/pinnacle** or come by KUC 320 for an application.

**Be sure to submit your nominations for these awards by the April 11 deadline!**

*Dr. Carol Ann Bailey, Director*

## OWLs Activities

April 11 Nominations for OWLs Awards due.



The OWLs organization gives out awards each spring semester to the Best OWL Professor, the Best OWL Spouse, the Best OWL Son or Daughter, the Best OWL Family, and the Best OWL Friend. We also present an award to the Best Juggling OWL and the Best OWL Volunteer Award. You may pick up a nomination form in the Adult Services Center in KUC 320 or use the online form available at: <http://www.mtsu.edu/~owls/owlnom.htm>

April 11 Deadline to join the Pinnacle Honorary.



All juniors and above with a 3.0 GPA or graduate students with 3.4 GPA are eligible to join. Fill out an application on-line at [mtsu.edu/~owls](http://mtsu.edu/~owls) and then click on Pinnacle in the list on the left or come by KUC 320 to pick up an application.

May 8 Annual OWLs Picnic  
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
Old Fort Park Pavilion



This is a fun time for family and friends. We have a potluck picnic in the park to close out the school year! Bring a dish to serve 8-10 of salad, veggies, or side dishes to go with barbeque, plus a liter bottle of your favorite soft drink. We provide the barbeque and all the paper products we need. We give out the OWLs awards and have the Pinnacle Honorary initiation also at this event.

## Reaching and Serving our Distance Learning Students: Tenth Annual Conference

The tenth annual Adult Learning Conference was held February 20-21 here at MTSU. Adult learners and the professionals who work with them at colleges and universities across Tennessee and the southeast heard Dr. Renee Weiss compare serving adult learners in online environments to serving a dinner party. She redefined the term of "serving" students to include providing them with a broad menu of instructional activities and delivering them with a hearty portion of instructor facilitation.

Dr. Weiss is an assistant professor of Instructional Technology in the Department of Educational Leadership at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville. She is the co-editor of the book, *Principles of Effective Teaching in the Online Classroom*.

The keynote address was followed by a panel discussion featuring Dr. James A. Hite, Jr., American Intercontinental University Online, Dr. Sharon Felton, Belmont University, and Kim Balding, a distance learner at Belmont, talking from the

point of view of the administrator, instructor, and online student.

Other sessions included *Preparing Students for Online Classes*, *Multiple Intelligences and Distance Learners*, *Distance Learning Academic Advising*, *How to Use the Virtual Library*, *Delivering other Services for Distance Learners*, and *Tapping into Career Resources*.

The Association for Non-Traditional Students in Higher Education (ANTSHE) sponsored a reception on Thursday afternoon at the conclusion of the sessions that day. The Conference concluded with another networking opportunity at a brunch on Friday.

The Adult Services Center welcomes suggestions for topics for next year's Adult Learning Conference. The dates will be Thursday and Friday, February 19 & 20, 2004. Mark your calendars now! MTSU students may receive a fee waiver to attend this informative conference.



## Scholarships Awarded Through OWLs

Ten OWLs Academic Service Scholarships for 2003-2004 were recently awarded to Wendy Craven, Stacie Dean, David DeLeon, Ken Garrett, Joyce Hildebrandt, Tanya McLaughlin, Steve Oakley, Christina Rees, Erica Roberts, and Julie South.

We also have granted two Enrichment Scholarships to Lisa Percy and Linda Selby.

The Jane Nickell Taylor Scholarship was awarded to Dixie Bradbury and the Joan Nickell Bailey Scholarship went to Julie Adams.

Congratulations to these worthy students who qualified for these scholarships.



## *Reach for the Pinnacle*

### **Student Success Workshops Series**

**on Wednesdays**

**12:30 - 1:30 p.m. OR**

**a repeated session on Thursdays**

**6:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

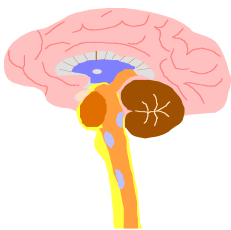
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**Call 898-5989 to reserve your spot.**



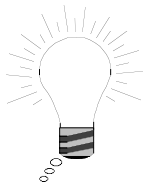
**March 26 and 27**

**Five Steps to a College Paper**



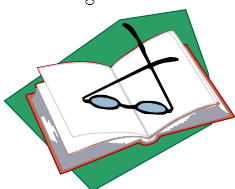
**April 02 and 03**

**Thinking with Both Sides of the Brain**



**April 09 and 10**

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**April 23 and 24**

**Five-Day Study Plan**

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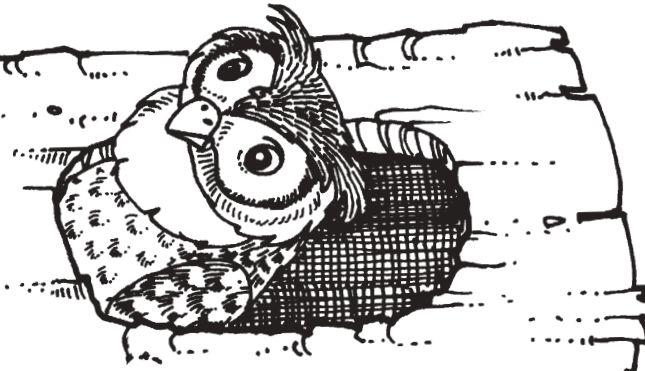
### *Involvement*

Student Activity Fee funds made it possible to send five OWLs members and five Pinnacle Honorary members to the Adult Learning Conference. Students could share ideas about dealing with online classes with professionals administrating and teaching such courses.

We are also sending representatives to the national conference of the Association for Non-Traditional Students in Higher Education to be held in Charlotte, NC, March 28-30. Dr. Baily will make a presentation at the conference. Student Activity Fee funds also make it possible to send Pinnacle officers Carla Richcreek and Kelly Mangino and OWLs officers and members David DeLeon, Lisa Percy, Tia Phommala, and Audie Sheridan to the conference. We expect them to return with lots of good ideas for our student organizations - - both OWLs, our organization for all adult learners at MTSU and Pinnacle, the honor society for adult learners with high GPAs and active involvement.

You can get involved with these conferences in the future. Just come by KUC 320 or send us an e-mail for the OWLs website and let us know you are interested.

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