Vision Statement
The Office of Adult Learning at Wichita State will be recognized as the model for: advocacy, advising, recruiting, retention, support services, research, programming, and persistence to completion among returning and first-time adult students in higher education.

Mission Statement
Our mission is to serve the returning adult community by providing a sense of belonging through support, advocacy, guidance and encouragement to degree completion and beyond.

Core Values
• Dignity of the individual
• Caring, inclusive services and assistance
• Passion and advocacy for the needs and circumstances of adults in higher education
• Focus for skill development within our evolving community
Guarantee an applied learning or research experience for every student by each academic program.

- Addition of a student with higher education experience/grad student - Returning adult student advocate (RASA) to address the needs of returning adults.
  - Development of adult student mentoring program
  - Initial development of job description & outline of duties/expectations

- The Future of RASA
  - Updating and enriching the job description of the RASA
  - Implementation & advocacy of adult student mentoring program.
  - Paternering with Foundation for funding to sustain mentoring program.
  - RASA working in conjunction with Student

Goal #1

Empower students to create a campus culture & experience that meets their changing needs.

- Creating a ‘sense of place’ for returning adult students at WSU
  - Open House in Grace Wilkie Annex Oct. 24-28
    - 77 Visitors
  - Extended office hours
    - Monday-Thursday: 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.
    - Friday: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

- Continuation of Osher Scholars Program
  - Number of students who receive funds: 77
  - Number of graduates from program: 34
  - Current class of scholars: 29

- Serve as an entry point to university for returning adult students through web & adult learning portal

- Research & advocate for scholarship opportunities for returning adults (LEARN & Vautravers Scholarship)

- Initial induction of Alpha Sigma Lambda - returning adult honor society
  - Approved by national & constitution accepted
  - Became recognized student organization
  - Initial class of students: 16
    - 3.5 GPA or Higher

- Participated in new returning adult orientations developed by student success

Goal #5

Strategic Plan 2016-2017 & 2017-2018

Goal #1

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• Addition of two returning adult senators
• Active communication through newsletter, Facebook, Instagram, & Twitter
  – Newsletter (one per semester) = reach of 1409 domestic UG returning adult learners
  – Facebook: Highest reach - 2.27k
  – Instagram: Reach - 62
  – Twitter: Reach - 134 followers
• Serve as point of contact for Shocker Pathway Students transitioning from WATC to WSU
  — Implementation of online ‘course’
  — Opening of the Joe Stone Lounge on April 27, 2017
  — Advising and addition of Adult student lounge at WSU West

Awarness Campaign

The Office of Adult Learning is utilizing various social media platforms and a semi-annual newsletter to spread awareness of our office and services.

Facebook: Wichita State University Office of Adult Learning
Twitter: @WSUAdultLearner
Instagram: @WSUAdultLearning

Future:

• Continue working with WATC and Shocker Pathway students during the affiliation process.
• Utilize restructure of scholarship resources to allow more students to be funded by the Osher Scholarship program.
• Working with ASL leadership to increase visibility and knowledge of the program.
• Increase knowledge of the OAL offerings and Stone Lounge to the returning adult population.
• Partnership with student success to offer drop in tutoring in OAL
• Free printing, coffee, and light snacks in lounge
• Welcomefest participation to increase awareness
• Update and launch readmit orientation