

About...

This program connects returning women undergraduate students together to provide a networking of support for what can often be a challenging experience! Peers will work together provide each other personal, professional, and academic support and guidance.

In addition to building the individual relationships between the women, all participants attend a welcome (mandatory) orientation, participate in various workshops and events designed specifically for returning women students at UMBC, and meet with Women's Center staff for semester check-ins.



All are welcome as long as they respect women.

Their experiences.

Their stories.

Their potential.

The Women's Center exists to assist all women in achieving their full potential in education, career, and personal life through academic and intellectual growth, professional development, and personal empowerment.



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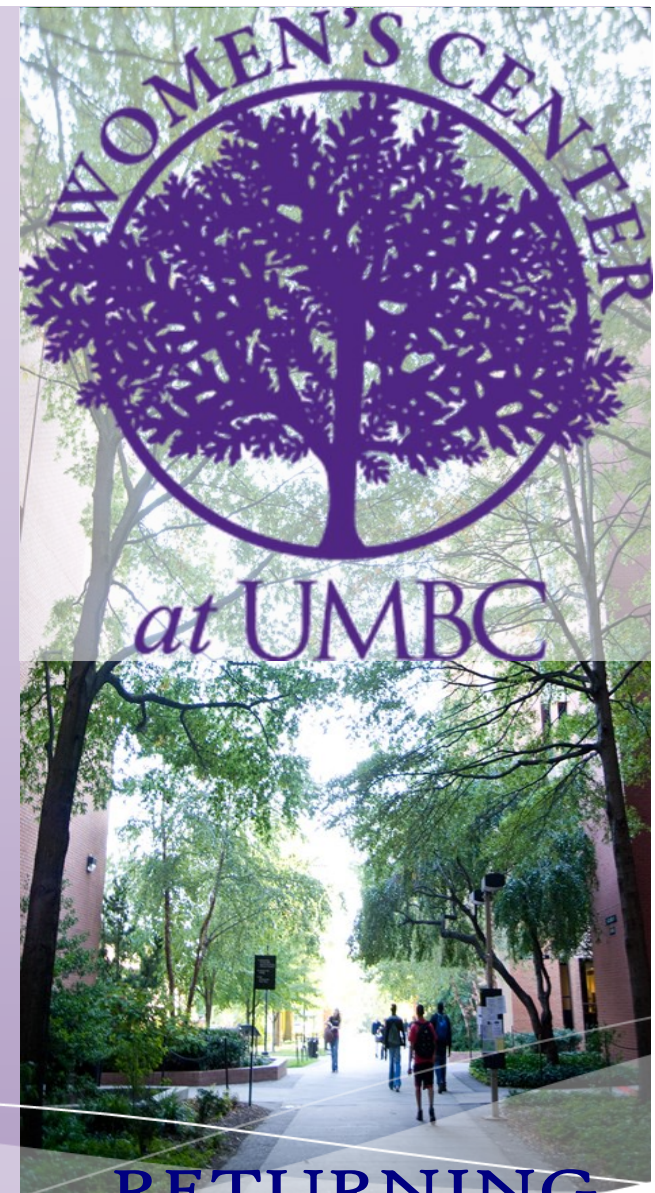
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**RETURNING
WOMEN
STUDENTS**

**Peer Connection
Program**





What are the benefits of joining the Peer Connection Program?

This program brings together a group of like minded women who are all focused on the same goal. Connections are made that will help support you socially, professionally, and academically through the lens of your experience as returning woman student. This program includes newer UMBC students as well as women who have more experience navigating the campus and UMBC community. Whether it is balancing a full time job, children, a significant other, or various challenges that come with being a student over the age of 25, the Returning Women Students Peer Connection Program is a place where these unique challenges are understood and validated by your peers and the Women's Center community.

More on the Peer Connections Program from a Current Student!

When I started at UMBC I struggled to find my place. I wanted as much of the college experience as possible, while balancing a husband and three kids. The Returning Women Peer Connection Program offered me a chance to meet other women who faced the same obstacles that I did. They gave me advice about financial aid, textbooks, and classes. I left the first meeting feeling inspired and empowered and have not looked back!

-Carrie Cleveland, Social Work '16
Newcombe Scholar & Women's Center student staff member



Apply online!

All Returning Women Students Scholars are required to participate in the Peer Connections Program. We also welcome other students to join us as affiliates in this unique program. Express your interest and commitment to the program by applying online:

tinyurl.com/RWPeerConnection

Apply by August 3, 2015.

More on the scholarships in the Returning Women Students Scholarship Program:

The Newcombe Scholarship for Mature Women Students

The Newcombe Scholarship is named after Charlotte W. Newcombe, who spent her lifetime supporting others in their pursuit of higher education. This scholarship supports completion of a bachelor's degree by students 25 years or older who need financial assistance. This scholarship recognizes the challenges faced by mature students who seek higher education while juggling family and work commitments.

Bryson-Neville Scholarship

The Bryson-Neville Scholarship is a memorial scholarship named after Richard Neville, a founding UMBC faculty member, and his first wife, Roselyn Bryson. Dr. Neville played a critical role in UMBC's development by helping shape the character of UMBC through his emphasis on excellence and his compassion for others.

AEGON Scholarship

The AEGON Scholarship provides scholarships to returning women students with family responsibilities.

Scholarship applications are available at the beginning of each spring semester for the following academic year.