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Why Honors Essay

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As an adult student seeking unique and challenging opportunities, the Honors Program has fulfilled those expectations through a wide range of experiences. For starters, I have finally developed a website that can be used to bring people to view my work in a digital setting. Since my previous career did not require a website, I never had the opportunity to learn the skills to develop one. I have also participated in Indigenous events and attended guest lectures on topics outside my major and interests. During the Indigenous Night event, I was introduced to some of the specific cultural issues associated with local Indigenous communities, from dance to cultural preservation.

Although most of the events are geared toward younger students such as leadership opportunities and social events there have been plenty of activities and learning opportunities that have helped me engage and grow. As my main objective of returning to school is to re-wire and not retire, I have been able to use the Honor Program to focus on more challenging experiences.

For the upcoming semester, I am looking forward to participating in the Wealth Gap Colloquium as well as meeting the author Keith Payne of the course book "The Broken Ladder". Being a fan of Bernie Sanders, such topics are compelling, and I am hoping that my knowledge base will allow me to better understand the challenges of others. I often reflect on the numerous opportunities that are afforded to those who attend academic institutions and remind myself of the importance of taking advantage.

As I did last year, I am eager to participate in cultural engagement activities, as those often seem to provide the most enjoyable experiences. I plan to use these opportunities to make formal and informal connections that may be useful in my future endeavors. In the past relationships that I have made have been useful in allowing me to participate in research, write papers, and engage in teaching.