History of Sullivan University

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AO Sullivan founded AO Sullivan & AR Sullivan's Floral Business. In 2004, Cliff (Clifford G. Azzolino) joined the Air Force, came back to the floral business. His father, Cliff (Clifford G. Azzolino), continued working through high school, and after a stint with the Air Force, came back to the floral business. In 2004, Cliff began taking classes at the Fort Knox campus and soon after was diagnosed with cancer. He took online classes while undergoing chemotherapy and is currently in remission.

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Cliff earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a Concentration in Marketing and Sales in 2007. He chose this area of concentration because he enjoys working with people, has natural sales abilities and had always had a desire to have his own business. When asked about his favorite instructor while attending Sullivan University, Cliff could not name just one. So many people helped along the way but a few stand out:

Judy Logsdon, Leekinia Dowan, Thomas Cherry and Terry Kilbolski were all instructors who recognized when he needed help and went the extra mile for their students. Cliff added that although Barbara Dean (Director of the Fort Knox campus) was not an instructor, he always felt comfortable coming to her when he needed someone to talk to about things other than schoolwork. The Fort Knox campus staff and students became like an extended family to Cliff when his actual family wasn't close by. This was especially important to him during his fight with cancer.

In June 2008, Cliff purchased Longview Florist in Radcliff and decided to keep the business because it was well established and very reputable. One of the most valuable things Cliff has done since graduating and purchasing his business is that word-of-mouth is the best marketing tool. Taking care of customers comes naturally to Cliff and he recognizes that that care follows them out the door and into their neighborhoods and businesses. Cliff’s advice to current students is to keep your head up, work through the hard times, and don’t be afraid to ask for help.

June Alumus of the Month

Congratulations to Pam Azzolino of the Month! Pam graduated March 2010 with an Associate of Science in Office Administration, and is continuing her education toward earning a Bachelor’s degree in Management. She chose this field because she has always wanted to open her own business. Becoming a leader and helping guide future leaders in the right direction is a goal she hopes to achieve.

Pam chose Sullivan University because of all the wonderful things she had heard about the school. The business classes were her favorite since she could apply what she learned in her current position. The knowledge gained allowed her to evaluate what was working in her office and what could be changed to make the workplace better for all parties involved. Obtaining her degree is the fondest memory of school thus far.

Harold’s advice to current students is to stay focused and continually push to work and study hard. The payoff is far better than anything else, you will ever experience.

Career Services

Once you graduate and formally apply for Career Services, there are a few important items that you are responsible for. By the same token, there are a number of other things you can expect the Career Services department and your Employment Specialist to do for you.

Career Services should be considered a supplement to your job search, not a replacement for searching for a job on your own. Use what you learned in Professional Development to take advantage of the networking opportunities.

“Don’t cheat yourself. The people that are truly hiring the most quickly are usually the ones that are keeping in touch with Career Services and are actually looking for work on their own.”

We assist you with your job search and Career Services representatives make calls daily from employers who are looking for employment and in most cases, a call comes in regarding a job in your field. For example, there could be five or six calls in one day from different employers in your field. Each call is inundated with calls, other times there are none. There is really no pattern. Rest assured that when a call comes regarding a job for which you are qualified, that company will receive your resume. Sometimes graduates wonder what the average length of time for a job search could be, but there is no single answer. Jobs, people, and their needs, vary. The more options you allow yourself, the more options there will be for which you may take advantage. Your Employment Specialist will also begin a search for companies and positions that may fit your needs and capabilities.

Prior Learning Assessment

Our Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) is a process in which we turn your knowledge into college credits you can use towards your degree at Sullivan University. You’ll achieve your Sullivan degree faster and save money, too. In fact, it’s possible you can earn up to >75% of the credits you need for a particular degree.

Is PLA right for you?

A Sullivan University Admission Advisor can help you assess whether PLA is right for you for the meantime, ask yourself a few important questions:

- Have you previously attended another institution of higher education?
- Did you receive exceptional high scores on any subject area of your ACT or SAT?
- Are you, or have you been a member of the United States military?
- Do you receive professional development training or earn a professional certificate?
- Do you have extensive experience in a specific field or skill that may translate into learning outcomes at a level with university class outcomes in the same area?

How does PLA work?

After assessing if PLA is right for you, the next step is to enroll in PLA 301, a for-credit course that helps you explore your past experience and provides you with the know-how to create a PLA portfolio for review later.

It’s important for two reasons: The instructor will help you uncover all the aspects of your experience so you can maximize your PLA Portfolio. We are committed to providing you with the knowledge that helps you advance your career. The process for creating portfolios is detailed and involved.

How long does PLA take?

The PLA course is a one-quarter course, for which you receive credits. Then you compile your portfolio and submit it for review. You will receive an assessment within six weeks. You can submit as many portfolios as you wish for up to two years after taking the PLA course.

There are no guarantees that everyone who submits a portfolio will receive credit and the credit you do receive can vary and is afforded in accordance with Sullivan University guidelines. If you have any questions regarding Sullivan University Academic Advisor for assistance.