

《陪女儿考研的妈妈考上博士！那些重返校园的中年人太励志》

还记得那位陪女儿考研却比女儿先考上的妈妈吗？

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??Eamon O'Kelly 38????????????????

I went back to university full-time at 38 to finish my BA degree. I was the oldest student in all my classes but I would see a few older students around the college. I studied history and economics and did very well: I didn't have the distractions that are common among traditional-age students such as partying and boyfriend/girlfriend dramas; I had the discipline that comes from 20 years in the workplace, and thus did everything well and on time; and I had real-world experience that benefited me greatly.

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When I was 41, I went to law school of NYU. Again, I was among the older students but not the oldest: There was a woman in my class who had graduated from college the year I was born! The same factors that had benefited me in undergraduate studies also stood to me in law school (the real-world experience was particularly useful). I graduated in the top ten percent of my class at one of the best law schools in the United States.

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I have always loved history but studying it seriously at university broadened and deepened my understanding in ways that I cannot begin to describe. I also find economics inherently interesting and my undergraduate economics courses have helped me tremendously in my career as an antitrust lawyer.

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Dianne McLaren-Brighton????40????????20????????????????????????????????????

I got my master's degree when I was in my 40s. It wasn't any more difficult than it was to get my BA in my late teen-early 20s. Most of my classmates were in their mid to late 20s, but other than having a few cultural references that were different, the age difference was not an issue. In fact, I now have a terrific friend who is a decade younger than I and whom I would never have met had we not been in school together.

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Amer Khwaja????????????????????????????????

I went back to school at 43 and got my BS in photography. I was very nervous about it:

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? I thought the other students would be smarter than me, that wasn't the case.

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? I thought the other students wouldn't like me, that wasn't the case, they didn't like me anymore or less than normal. For the most part, people just do their own thing.

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? I actually feel I had an advantage in classes in that the professors were mostly about my age so I could relate to them better than the other students.

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? I liked college a lot because of my real-world experience, it made me understand things so much better and I was far more motivated to learn than some of the other students who were straight out of high school.

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Gill Bullen??

My husband left secondary school at 15, and joined the Royal Navy; when he left (by then a junior officer) ten years later, they recommended that he should go to university, but he refused; he felt that at 25 he was too old.

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Fifteen years and a second career (in industrial purchasing) later, he suddenly decided he wanted to go to university. He had a wonderful time there, was suddenly a good ten years younger, got a very good degree (in Computing) and went on to a happy third career as a freelance programmer and systems analyst.

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Almost without exception, the best and most motivated students are the non-traditional students. ("Non-traditional" is defined as a college student who doesn't fit the stereotype of being 18 - 22 years old.)

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freelance /'fri:læns/ adj 自由的;零工

existence /'zʌstəns/ n (存在)状态

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