



Dawn goes from strength to strength

Mature student Dawn Hughes from Thornton Cleveleys made a brave decision to go back to the classroom two years ago and was well rewarded for her efforts when she was presented with a top award at the University of Central Lancashire.

Dawn, 41, a mother of two, returned to studying after a long break, enrolling at Blackpool College on a history course, under the Lancashire Integrated Colleges Scheme (LINCS). Under the scheme, students can take the first stages of a degree course at a local college before moving onto the University of Central Lancashire for the final stages. After a hesitant start, she gained confidence in her abilities and was recently presented with the Tim Curtis Award for Outstanding Progress, an award given in honour of a former Deputy Director of the University, now deceased, who was a passionate believer in extending higher education to those who may have missed out first time around. The awards, a cheque for £150 and a certificate, are presented annually to students studying at the University's partner colleges.

After juggling with the demands of family, part-time studying and part-time work, Dawn will be coming to the University in September to study on a full-time basis. She is hoping to use her qualifications to embark on a new career.

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Note to editors: Please find attached digital image of Dawn Hughes receiving the Tim Curtis Award from University Vice-Chancellor Malcolm McVicar.