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HAVE YOU GONE BACK TO SCHOOL LATER IN LIFE?

My name is Ursula Cafaro and I am a PhD Candidate in the Human Studies and Interdisciplinarity program at Laurentian University in Sudbury. I am conducting research to better understand the experiences of women who return to postsecondary education later in life.

Women are enrolling in colleges and universities later in life in increased numbers. The purpose of this study is to document and understand the life experiences of women who return to Ontario postsecondary institutions later in life. While much is known about the younger more traditional students, research on older women's experiences is scarce. I hope to shed light on older women's experiences and if appropriate, develop recommendations to policymakers within the postsecondary system and respond to the needs of this growing student population.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN THIS STUDY?
Individuals who identify as women between the ages of 55 and 70 who are currently attending or have attended (in the past two years) a postsecondary institution in Ontario may participate in this study. The institution can be a community college, or university. Students may be enrolled in any program in any field. While they must be able to communicate in English, their program of study may be or may have been conducted in another language.

WHERE?
Individual interviews will be conducted upon mutually agreeable dates and times. Interviews will be conducted virtually through Zoom.

If you agree to participate in this research, you will be in control of your story and the interview. The premise is that the story is yours. It is private. It is confidential. Pseudonyms will be assigned to participants, and all identifying information will be modified to insure anonymity.

For questions or more information, please contact me (Ursula Cafaro)
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This study has been approved by the Research Ethics Board at
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