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**FEW Foundation for Education and Training President Patricia Wolfe is proud to announce that Melody Bigi of Fairborn, Ohio, is the recipient of its annual four-year scholarship to Grantham University beginning with the 2008-2009 academic year.**

**Ms. Bigi, employed at the Wright Patterson Air Force Base in, is a member of Federally Employed Women's Miami Valley Chapter, Great Lakes Region. According to the Foundation's Scholarship Selection Team, while she had an excellent credentials and letters of recommendation, it was Ms. Bigi's essay that tipped the scales in her favor.**

**She writes, "For many years I have mentored women (and men) on the different avenues available to them for career advancement and I need to walk the talk per se. I want to set an example for other women in the workforce who are now "middle aged" (50 is the new 40 – right?), who have helped their children get through college, but now become the parent of their parents and their primary financial support, and still have many more productive years in the workforce...I have spent my entire life taking care of everyone else and this would be a dream come true."**

**According to Grantham University Executive Vice President Christine Shelly, "Grantham's partnership with the FEW Foundation for Education and Training is an important part of our mission of providing adult learners, like Ms. Bigi, with access to a high quality affordable college education. Ms. Bigi's professional accomplishments demonstrate that she has the drive and motivation required to be a successful Grantham University student."**

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