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Sara Hunt Malone's entire family was in the audience this year cheering her on when she received an AA degree in Business from College of Marin. More than 20 years had passed since she started taking classes at COM.

"I took a few courses after I took the high school proficiency examination and left Sir Francis Drake High School, but I wasn't ready," she said.

Malone worked in the food industry, including a stint as the owner of Country Café in Larkspur. She worked for a while in the Early Childhood Education field when her daughter was young, but that didn't pay enough to support herself and her daughter.

"I came back to COM in 1988 and studied business management. I loved being in school. People were wonderful. Teachers and counselors were so supportive and helpful. (Re-entry counselor) **Joetta Scott** is fabulous," she said.

She was just one course away from a degree when she received an offer of a job in accounting with a software corporation. Eight years later, when the company was sold, she decided she wanted something "more creative and fun."

Malone returned to COM, enrolled in an interior design course and realized she wanted to start her own business. She and her mother, **Susan Lahr**, opened Distinctive Nest. Malone is the CEO. The focus of the company is interior arrangement of homes using the clients' existing furnishings.

Malone was recently elected vice president of the Marin Association of Female Executives and was a featured speaker at their recent symposium.



If you are thinking about returning after a break from school, make an appointment to see a counselor in the College's Re-entry Program. Call 415-485-9641 and get on the road to success.