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College of Business Dean Hired

Faculty and Staff,

Following a national search, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Rick Fountain as dean of the College of Business. Chair of the UWF Department of Accounting and Finance since 2017 and instructor since 2009, Rick has shown his commitment to strengthening the department's recruitment efforts and building valuable relationships within the community.

During his time as chair, he has increased enrollment in the Master of Accountancy program, more than doubling the number of new students in two years. Rick has forged new relationships with accounting firms and other related businesses in Pensacola to increase student internships and permanent job opportunities.

He established the Accounting and Finance Advisory Council, comprised of 25 community business leaders who serve as guest lecturers and mentors and aid in recruiting efforts.

Prior to joining UWF, Rick helmed the Law Offices of Richard M. Fountain, P.A., which he founded in Jackson, Mississippi, in 1987.

Please join me in congratulating Dean Fountain.

Sincerely,

Dr. George Ellenberg
Provost and Senior Vice President

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