

Career Services' E-Newsletter for Faculty and Staff



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New Mentor Service for Undergraduates, from the Co-Op Program

Career Services now offers an online mentoring interface meant to assist students in learning more about their career choices. Students can go online to their JasonQuest account and search for a mentor who shares the student's major or career goals. The mentor database is made up of University of West Florida alumni who have agreed to allow students to contact them through email. Alumni can also agree to do informational interviews, host job shadows and speak to organizations.

Career Services is hoping that this project will fill the gap for students who have declared a major, but are not yet sure about

career possibilities and aren't advanced enough in their studies to participate in a cooperative education or internship experience. While this program will be beneficial to students who have comfortably declared a major; students who are still struggling with that choice are encouraged to contact Career Services to set up a career coaching appointment prior to participating in the online mentoring project. Students who do not yet have a JasonQuest account can go to www.uwf.edu/career and go to the JasonQuest Student Log In to fill out a profile and request an account. Most accounts are approved in less than 24 hours.

If you have any questions about the Mentoring Project, please contact Patrice Friant at pfriant@uwf.edu or at 474.2202. If you are a UWF alum and would like to be a mentor, please go to <https://www.myinterfase.com/uwf/mentor> to fill out the online registration.



Don't Cancel Class!

Need to be away from your class one day? Something unexpected arise that requires you to cancel class? Well, don't! "Don't Cancel Class" is a Career Services program that lets you take care of your business while we come and speak to your students on one or more of a variety of topics

that will undoubtedly help them in the near future. Some topics include resume writing, cover letter composition, interviewing skills, service learning or job search strategies! To request a speaker, you can visit us online at uwf.edu/career. Click on Career Services Events, then click on the Re-

quest A Workshop link. You can also request a speaker by calling our main office. Let us know the date, time, number of students expected and a few weeks advance notice to set things up and you're good to go!

Graduate Student Success Story



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Congratulations!

Laura Mackenzie, our former Student Assistant for Employer Development is now pursuing her Master's Degree here at UWF in the College Student Personnel Administration program. She is now our Graduate Assistant for Career Planning!



Silver Bullet Technology is not like your average software company. "If you are a new professional in our office," said CEO Bryan Clark, "You interact with some of the largest companies in the world like Fuji, Unisys, Cannon, Wachovia, and NCR." Two of the newest members of the Silver Bullet team were hired this past semester through the UWF Career Services On-Campus Interview program.

Last Spring Semester, Mr. Clark went through the process of setting up an on-campus interview session with our office. He identified two students from the interviews to work for Silver Bullet – an organization that owns the standard that is used in check scanner communication interacting with the \$30 billion dollars of checks that are scanned each year. Eric St. Louis, a graduate of the Electrical Engineering program at UWF

and Erik Wesemann, a Computer Science student who will be graduating this Fall have been working for Silver Bullet for a couple of months now. "It's scary sometimes" said Mr. Wesemann, "we are responsible that our products work right. We could often be responsible for millions of dollars." Both Mr. Wesemann and Mr. St. Louis agree that it is this sense of ownership that make their job so fun. Mr. St. Louis points to a screen and clicks his mouse to show us a couple of screens of code that make the product he is working with, "Scout" work. "I feel like what helped me with preparing for what I am doing now is that I took on projects and independent study while in classes. Much of what I do here is project oriented."

Mr. Wesemann and Mr. St. Louis both had a desire in staying in

the local area for their careers. They agreed that there are jobs here, but those positions are often hard to find. "Opportunities are out there, but it helps to make contacts early." Over 30 interview schedules were listed through JasonQuest last Spring and Fall Semester. All of those opportunities are to assist in helping students make contact with professionals in their fields. Although the on-campus interview programs are open to all students and alumni, we often see low turnout. Encourage students to search for these opportunities in the JasonQuest system and inquire about interviews related to their curriculum or career choice. Who knows, one posting, could lead to another story of success.

Volunteer UWF! Student Success Story

During the summer 2008 semester, university students registered and completed over 13,500 service hours through Volunteer UWF! Two Student Organizations and unique programs through the Student Transitions Program each contributed over 2,000 service hours toward the cause. The New Student Orientation Leaders worked diligently from the end of April until the end of August to welcome the new students to our campus. Although many of their peers elected to receive a monetary stipend for their work,

which would forfeit their volunteer hours, a group of 7 Orientation Leaders elected to work each event solely for the volunteer hours. Throughout the semester, on average 4-8 other Orientation Leaders participated in various volunteer activities to help contribute to the total 2,240 for the Summer semester. The Argo Camp Leaders, another Student Transitions Program student organization, also worked very diligently this summer accruing massive amounts of service hours. A total of 27 student volunteers organ-

ized, planned, and ran a 3 day camp in Marianna, Florida to welcome a group of new incoming students to campus life at UWF. An Executive Board of 5 student leaders, Mark De Luna, Jordan Glenn, Mariana Ortega, Mai Naito, and LaRonda Mangum volunteered for almost a year in planning to make Argo Camp a success. A total of 4,334 service hours were completed by Student Transition Program students.

If you would like to get involved in service, please contact Volunteer UWF!

New Staffmembers!

We have many new additions to our staff here for the Fall. We are excited to welcome them to our staff. Our new Coordinator for Career Planning is Robin Zimmern. She joins us from the Univ. of Alabama at Birmingham, and before that, had completed

her Master's in Higher Education Administration at Vanderbilt University. Michael Kaloydis, our new Graduate Assistant for Employer Development hails from Wright State University from Dayton, Ohio and is pursuing his Master's in Industrial/

Organizational Psychology. Anlecta Johnson is our new Graduate Assistant for Volunteer UWF! and is pursuing her Master's in Public Administration. Finally, Adam Nunn is our new Student Receptionist. He is a Pre-Professional Biology Major.