

### August

- 3 New Employee Orientation (Pensacola)
- 3 SBDC Workshop—'How to Write a Business Plan'
- 8 SBDC Workshop—'Starting a Business'
- 17 New Student Orientation (Marianna) 6pm
- 21 AA to BA Term E classes begin (Niceville)
- 22 Meet & Greet Activity (Niceville)
- 28 First Day of Classes
- 28 Teacher Education Club Meeting
- 28 Overview of Argus, FWB
- 29 Mental Health Counseling, FWB
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- 31 Cookout & DJ!! FWB

### September

- 6 Welcome Back Faculty & Staff Meeting
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- 8 First Friday Flick, FWB Auditorium
- 8-10 *Speak of Me As I Am* (p.4) Mainstage Theater, UWF Pensacola

## Campus Announcements

### New Dean Announced for UWF-Emerald Coast

Dr. Jack Azzaretto has accepted the position of Dean of the University of West Florida-Emerald Coast. Dr. Azzaretto is currently Vice Chancellor of Public Service and International Programs and Dean of University Extension and Summer Sessions at the University of California, Riverside. Dr. Azzaretto will be an excellent leader for the Emerald Coast campuses as we continue to expand UWF initiatives throughout the region. He will begin November 1.

### Welcome Week Activities!

We hope you had a great summer and are ready for some fun! There are numerous activities and events planned for students at each UWF-Emerald Coast location for all of our new and returning UWF Emerald Coast students from Aug 28 through Sept. 1, 2006.

### Fort Walton Beach

*Overview of Argus*; Aug 28, 11am, Bldg. 1, 126  
*Mental Health Counseling*; Aug 29, 3pm, Bldg. 1, 126  
*Student Services Information*; Aug 30, 11am, Bldg.1, 126  
*Online Campus Information*; Aug 31, 2pm, Bldg 1, 126  
*Cookout & DJ*; Aug 31, 3pm-6pm, Bldg 2

### Niceville

*Meet & Greet Activity*; Aug 22, 2p-5p, Bldg J, Niceville Green Room

## What's Going On in July?

Visit the **Branch Campus Calendar** to find out what events are taking place. You may use this link <http://www.uwf.edu/emeraldcoast/EmeraldCoastCal/Calendar.htm> or log onto the Web site <<http://uwf.edu/EmeraldCoast>> and choose the **Branch Campus Calendar** link. The calendar remains posted and is updated daily, so you will always be able to check on upcoming, previous, and current month events. If you have events that should be posted, please let us know ([emolder@uwf.edu](mailto:emolder@uwf.edu)).

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### Walk-in Bookstore Ready for Fall on FWB Campus

Plans have been finalized, and Room 209 in Bldg. 2 will be ready to open for the fall. Books, supplies, and merchandise will be available for purchase in the bookstore. Books for on-line classes and classes conducted at the Emerald Coast locations will be available for purchase. If books for classes on the main campus are needed they can be ordered from the FWB bookstore.

The hours of operation for the bookstore during book buyback and rush are as follows:

Monday, August 14 - Thursday, August 17  
Book Buyback 8:00am-6:00pm

Monday, August 21 - Friday, August 25  
Book Sales 8:00am-6:00pm

Monday, August 28 - Friday, Sept. 1  
Book Sales 8:00am-6:00pm

Tuesday, Sept.5 - Friday, Sept. 8  
Book Sales 8:00am-6:00pm

Normal operating hours for the bookstore will resume September 11<sup>th</sup>. The normal operating hours are Monday – Thursday 9:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. and Friday 8:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M. However, if you need something from the bookstore Monday – Thursday between 8:00 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. or 5:00 P.M. – 6:00 P.M. see the cashier in Bldg. 1 and they will be happy to assist you. If you have any questions, or would like to place an order for your books please contact Scott Lapinski at 863-6571 or e-mail at [slapinski@uwf.edu](mailto:slapinski@uwf.edu)

### A Branch of the Student Government Association

(SGA) will be established at the Marianna—UWF at Chipola College Campus. There will be two slots available for Criminal Justice majors. If you are interested in one of the positions, please contact Rosa Jones ([rjones@uwf.edu](mailto:rjones@uwf.edu)) or 850.474.2946. This is a great opportunity!

**New Programs** Bay County is starting a Master's in Education Leadership cohort for Fall 2006. Chipola is starting a Specialist/Doctoral cohort at for Fall 2006. Dr. Sherri Zimmerman is the contact person for both. Please contact her for more information (850-863-0730; [szimmerman@uwf.edu](mailto:szimmerman@uwf.edu)).

### Graduate Studies in Public Administration at UWF: Regional, Online and Global

**The Master of Science in Administration** with a specialization in Public Administration is an interdisciplinary degree offered entirely online. The program of studies is designed to prepare students for

advanced management and leadership roles in public and not-for-profit organizations at the federal, state and local levels.

Graduate students in Public Administration at UWF will build managerial and analytical skills useful in a career in governmental and nonprofit organizations. The program integrates administrative theory and practice, and is designed to provide an understanding of governmental and not-for-profit structures and processes as well as the political/economic/organizational environment in which the administrator works.

This online graduate program is well suited for mid-career specialists as well as pre-service students. Specialists who desire to move into broader administrative positions of responsibility or to upgrade their administrative capabilities will find the program useful. Pre-service students are provided important networking opportunities through interaction in online classes with experienced mid-level professional and/or executive staff presently employed in governmental or not-for-profit agencies.

**Public Administration students** complete a 12-hour business core along with a 21-hour specialization in administrative coursework. There is no thesis or comprehensive examination requirement.

### Scholarships and Assistantships Available

Scholarships, Graduate Assistantships, Research Assistantships, and Teaching Assistantships are available through the Office of Graduate Studies, the University Graduate Merit Fund and the Department of Professional and Community Leadership.

For additional program information and current application deadlines, please contact Dr. Bill Tankersley ([wtankers@uwf.edu](mailto:wtankers@uwf.edu)) or phone 850.474.2338

### UWF Public Administration Faculty Offers Federal Contracting and Acquisition Administration Courses

Two courses, "Acquisition Administration" and "Government Contract Law" will be offered this fall at the University of West Florida Emerald Coast Okaloosa School District Common Campus, located in Fort Walton Beach at 1976 Lewis Turner Blvd. The courses are open to the public.

These two courses are the first in a series of five federal procurement management courses planned by UWF. The courses provide certificates of completion for non-degree seeking students and/or graduate credit toward the Master of Science in Administration, Public Administration Specialization. "Acquisition Administration" will describe the federal acquisition process and the federal procurement process, according to prescribed federal regulations now in place. "Government Contract Law" will provide an overview of government contract law and ethics.

Both courses have been evaluated by the **Defense Acquisition University**, and students who complete the

two courses with the prescribed grade can simultaneously earn Defense Acquisition University credit for the following DAU courses: "Mission Support Planning," "Mission Planning Execution," "Mission Performance Assessment" and "Government Contract Law."

To register, contact Mrs. Nancy Fuson, UWF Dept. of Professional and Community Leadership, at (850) 857-6057 or e-mail [nfuson@uwf.edu](mailto:nfuson@uwf.edu). For additional information contact Dr. Bill Tankersley at (850) 474-2338 or e-mail [wtankers@uwf.edu](mailto:wtankers@uwf.edu).

**Staff Senate Members of UWF-Emerald Coast.** The following staff serve as volunteers as part of the University community: Paula Wilson, Employee Benefits; Ester Molder, Environmental Health and Occupational Safety; Margaret Chubb, UPC Collegial Culture and Human Resources Committee. Hats off to these folks for their involvement in bettering our University and representing the Emerald Coast!!

**The Education Office at Hurlburt Field** has begun an initiative to market the different academic programs available at Hurlburt Field. Periodic education fairs are now being conducted two or three times monthly at different locations throughout the base. This initiative is intended to provide the host college/universities with greater visibility and an opportunity to market the different educational programs and opportunities offered at Hurlburt Field. Representatives from the seven base schools provide advisors to participate in each education fair conducted at high visibility locations throughout Hurlburt Field. Interested individuals can speak with advisors, ask questions, or pick up program materials during the fairs. The education fairs have been well received throughout Hurlburt Field and have helped to educate and inform the public about their educational benefits and opportunities available on the base and throughout the local area. Students interested in receiving information from our Hurlburt Office can contact Allan Gold at (850) 884-2723, email [agold@uwf.edu](mailto:agold@uwf.edu) or obtain information on the web at [www.uwf.edu/EmeraldCoast](http://www.uwf.edu/EmeraldCoast). Other advisors are also available at the Fort Walton Beach Campus (850-863-6569).

**The UWF Teacher Education Club** will be holding a "Meet and Greet" meeting August 28th 2006 at 5:30pm in Building 1, room 126 (FWB Campus). Please come join the Teacher Education Club members for food, fun, and creativity. During the meeting we will be discussing what the club will be doing throughout the semester. The fall meeting schedule is: September 11<sup>th</sup>, October 9<sup>th</sup>, November 13<sup>th</sup>, and December 4<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm in Bldg. 1, room 126 on the Fort Walton Beach campus. If you would like to apply for TEC membership, new members

are welcome at any time! Meetings are open to Education majors and anyone who would like to attend. Please email Catherine Cook (President) with any questions you may have, [cdc32@students.uwf.edu](mailto:cdc32@students.uwf.edu).

**FIRST CITY BANK COMMITS \$100,000 TO UWF** (Pensacola News Journal, July 5, 2006) First City Bank, the oldest independent, locally-owned bank on the Emerald Coast has committed \$100,000 to the University of West Florida Foundation. The gift, which will support students attending UWF Emerald Coast campuses, will be matched with another \$50,000 from the state's matching gift program, establishing a \$150,000 endowment in the name of First City Bank and Dr. James H. Langston, a retired dentist from Fort Walton Beach and one of the bank's longest-serving board members.



**Standing (L to R): Dean Van Galen, Gretchen VanValkenburg, John McGee, Martha Lee Blodgett, Bob Bennett. Seated (L to R): President Cavanaugh, Dr. Langston.**

"First City Bank is proud to participate with UWF in establishing this scholarship," said John McGee, First City Bank chairman and chief executive officer. "Dr. Langston has been an integral part of our bank and a director for nearly 40 years. We are pleased to honor his service to the bank, as well as the community, with this scholarship that will help UWF serve deserving students."

McGee, Langston and First City Bank President and UWF alumnus Bob Bennett, presented UWF President John Cavanaugh with the check June 28.

"The First City Bank commitment is testimony to the excellence of UWF's academic programs and a reflection of First City's long association with UWF through its hiring of our graduates," said Cavanaugh. "We are proud of that association and of our growing presence along the Emerald Coast."

For more information, contact Gretchen VanValkenburg, Associate Director of Development, at (850) 863-0755 or e-mail [gvalkenb@uwf.edu](mailto:gvalkenb@uwf.edu).

### **Criminal Justice Student Association**

The Criminal Justice Student Association (CJSA) will be carrying out a membership drive during the month of August! The CJSA is open to all majors and provides professional development and community service opportunities as well as social activities for students who have an interest in criminal justice issues. There is no membership fee to join. If you are interested in receiving additional information, contact Juliet Adams ([jaa17@students.uwf.edu](mailto:jaa17@students.uwf.edu)).

**Student Government Association (SGA)** all Senate meetings are open to the public or students that are interested or just want to get involved and have a voice. We still need members and have Senator positions available as well as others. There is time allotted during Senate meetings for the gallery (non - SGA members). Student Government meetings are at 1:00pm in the Auditorium on the Fort Walton Beach campus. Upcoming meetings: August 11<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>. Students can contact Travis Whitney with any questions they may have @ [ecsenatepres@uwf.edu](mailto:ecsenatepres@uwf.edu)

**Extended Campus Activity Board (ECAB)** open meeting the first week in August in the Student Union (Bldg 2) on the FWB campus. Refreshments will be served. The meeting is open to all currently enrolled UWF students. ECAB is for the students, by the students for the University of West Florida Emerald Coast and membership is ongoing. If you want to join the only organization that brings events and entertainment to the Branch Campuses of UWF, and have fun doing it, this is your chance. If you cannot make the meeting but would like to join, or have some ideas for events, please contact ECAB at [ecab@uwf.edu](mailto:ecab@uwf.edu) or Interim President Pam Sidabras at [pam\\_sidabras@yahoo.com](mailto:pam_sidabras@yahoo.com)

**W.E. Combs Campus Update** If you have not done so, stop by the Combs Campus. There have been many changes since we began holding classes there fall 2005. Here is a brief rundown of the changes that have taken place, followed by a rundown of the changes you can expect to see during the summer and fall 2006 semesters.

**New:** Teacher Education, Social Work, and Human Performance Technology faculty have moved into offices in Building 13. Academic Technology Center has opened in new offices in Building 4, Room 4002A. Computer and Technology Support located in Building 1. Security lighting has been installed in all covered walkways between buildings. Much of the chain-link fencing has been removed.

**Coming:** Building 3 will be renovated to include a student Cyber lounge, faculty offices, and classrooms. Building 9 will be retrofitted to provide joint-use CHOICE IT and Continuing Education classroom space. We plan

to expand the current parking lot and add two additional parking lots, install lighting for all parking lots, and begin beautification landscaping. Finally, the remaining chain-link fencing will be removed, and new lighting will be installed for the flags and sign.

**Academic Student Center** Pam Basham, Mental Health Counselor, will be at the FWB Campus Mondays & Tuesdays, 9:00am–4:00pm, Bldg 2, Rm. 211, by appointment only—call 850-474-2420. Marc Churchwell, VA representative, will be at the FWB Campus each Thursday, 9:00am–3:00pm, Bldg 2, Rm. 211, for walk-ins. Ruby Jackson, SGA, has moved from Bldg. 3 Rm. 318 to Bldg. 2, Rm. 210.

### **Announcements From the Library:**

Faculty are reminded to drop off reserve material for the fall term; schedule classes for basic library orientation and for subject-specific library research instruction; make recommendations for materials to be purchased for the library collection.

#### **Coming soon:**

*Laptop computers* to be checked out for use within the library;

*Paperback book swap*—exchange a book you've read for one you haven't read. Additional donations for this project will be accepted and appreciated.

**The Center for Lifelong Learning**, which holds classes on the FWB campus of UWF/OWC, is currently in the planning stages for their fall semester, which will begin on September 15. Open to all ages, CLL courses are non-credit, and cover a wide range of topics. Students may choose from such diverse topics as religion, history, languages, crochet, Tai Chi, computers, philosophy, and Yoga.

Registration for returning CLL students will take place in the campus auditorium (FWB Campus) on Friday, September 8, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM; new students will register at 1:00 PM. The semester will cover an eight-week period and students may take up to four classes for a fee of only \$40. For more information call the CLL office at 863-6548, email them at [CLL@uwf.edu](mailto:CLL@uwf.edu), or check out their web site at [www.cll-fwb.org](http://www.cll-fwb.org)

### **CRIMINAL JUSTICE MAJORS**

For those of you in FWB check out CCJ 3666 Victimology and CCJ 4075 Crime Analysis. Both will enhance your understanding of the critical post-crime moments. After finishing the classes you'll be awesome critics of CSI: Miami, etc. Responding to victim needs and crime scene investigation is more complex than the media portrays. Think about following up the classes with internships. Both fields offer good job prospects.

For those in Chipola, you'll be interested to know that Ms. Carol Dunaway will teach CCJ 4501 Juvenile Justice. Ms. Dunaway is family court manager in Panama City. In that capacity she manages the family court division of the circuit court for all six counties in the 14th Judicial Circuit. She brings much experience to the classroom.

### LEGAL STUDIES MAJORS

There are still some seats left in PLA 3003-Paralegal and the Legal Professions course which is being offered online. This is a required course. The Contracts and Business Entities course (core course) will be offered online for the very first time by Prof. Mosley. Law and Society will be offered at Chipola. CJ majors can use this course for the major as well. The Tort Law course will be offered on Tuesday nights in FWB. All Legal Studies Students are encouraged to contact Prof. Harrell if you have any questions about your degree plan at

[sharrell@uwf.edu](mailto:sharrell@uwf.edu)

Watch your e-mail about upcoming Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity events! Contact Prof. Goodman if you have questions at [rgoodman@uwf.edu](mailto:rgoodman@uwf.edu)  
Interested in being on the UWF Mock Trial Team?  
Contact Prof. Tatum at [ktatum@uwf.edu](mailto:ktatum@uwf.edu)

### GRADUATE STUDENTS

We are offering two NEW elective classes this fall in the MSA-CJ program.

The first is CCJ 6930 Seminar in CJ: Crime and Violence. This course will be taught by Dr. Helen Jones, Senior Learning and Teaching Fellow and Principal Lecturer in Criminology in the Department of Sociology at Manchester Metropolitan University, Manchester, England. Dr. Jones is a world-renowned scholar on violence against women. Technology allows us to bring Dr. Jones to you. You can read more about Dr. Jones at <http://www.sociology.mmu.ac.uk/profile.php?id=237>

The second seminar being offered this fall is CCJ 6930 Seminar in Criminological Theory. This course will be taught by our own Dr. Tammy Castle. Currently she is engaged in research on therapeutic communities and correctional officers' stress. With everyone arguing the causes of crime, criminological theory will deepen your understanding of the explanations, their strengths and limitations, and the consequences of their policy implications.

### Special Events

#### Welcome Back Orientation for Faculty and Staff

Wednesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2:00pm-3:30pm, Fort Walton Beach Campus, Building 1, Room 126. All faculty and staff are encouraged to attend! This will be an opportunity to meet new faculty and staff members

and get information and updates about UWF-Emerald Coast happenings. Refreshments will be served.

### The University of West Florida - Pensacola

performances of ***Speak of Me As I Am*** ([www.speakofmeasiam.com](http://www.speakofmeasiam.com)) featuring Thom Gossom Jr. will be presented at 8 p.m. on Friday, **Sept. 8**, and Saturday, **Sept. 9**, with a 2 p.m. matinee performance on Sunday, **Sept. 10** at the Main Stage Theatre in Pensacola. *Speak of Me As I Am* is a play about nine men who gather every Saturday at Emmett's Barber Shop in a Birmingham, Alabama neighborhood. This barbershop is their gentlemen's club. There's laughter, poetry, bragging, politics, and bone chilling arguments. One Saturday, everything changes when secrets come tumbling out of long-sealed closets and turn the men's world upside down. Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$12 for senior citizens, military and non-UWF students; free to UWF Students with ID. For tickets, call the box office 850-474-2405.

**Save the Date!** Please make a note on your divisions/departments calendar that April 12, 2007 has been reserved for UWF Day at the Capitol in Tallahassee. Travel to Tallahassee will occur on the afternoon prior. Look for more information in upcoming newsletters.

**Lunch Box Mondays at FWB** will feature *Heavenly Croissant* sandwich lunch boxes available in the Student Center (Building 2) from 11:30 a.m. until they are sold. Box #1 will include ½-croissant sandwich with pickle, chips, and one cookie (\$3 cash only). Box #2 will include full croissant sandwich with pickle, chips, and two cookies (\$6 cash only). Sandwich choices will include cheese; ham & swiss; turkey & swiss; roast beef & swiss; bacon, turkey, & swiss; tuna salad; chicken almond salad; and shrimp salad. For details contact Diane M. Dodendorf 863-0728; [dmdodend@uwf.edu](mailto:dmdodend@uwf.edu)

**New Employee Orientation** All new UWF employees are strongly encouraged to attend one of the Human Resources' New Employee Orientation sessions. New employees are given an overview of UWF history and culture along with an introduction to policies and procedures, an explanation of the various benefits available, and an introduction to the computer technology most employees work with daily in their jobs. Sessions are presented in the Building 20West Training Room. Because lunch is served, please make reservations with Andrea Gornall, Human Resources (850-474-2694; [agornall@uwf.edu](mailto:agornall@uwf.edu)).

### Strategies for Campus Leadership

The Chronicle of Higher Education is hosting The Chronicle Technology Forum, November 13-15, 2006 at the Ritz-Carlton, Lake Las Vegas. Join the most influential leaders in American higher education, along with technology visionaries and Chronicle editors, to examine how information technology is transforming academe and to develop strategies for leading your campus into the future.

At The Chronicle Technology Forum, you will gain the knowledge, ideas, and insight to achieve your goals for your institution—even if you're not a technology expert.

For complete information, and to register at a discounted rate, go to <http://chronicle.com/technologyforum> or email [technologyforum@chronicle.com](mailto:technologyforum@chronicle.com)

**Fitness Assessment Feedback** needed. If the Health, Leisure, and Exercise Science department sent trained individuals to each UWF-Emerald Coast location to conduct free fitness assessments for faculty, staff, and students would you be interested? If so, call or email Ester Molder, [emolder@uwf.edu](mailto:emolder@uwf.edu), 850-863-6583 with the following information: who you are, what campus you are located, and your type (faculty, staff, student).

### Small Business Development Center Workshops

**How to Write a Business Plan** – August 3 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm in Bldg 1 Room 126. Fee - \$30  
Attendees will learn how to gather data and write the business plan.

**Starting a Business** – August 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 9:00 pm in Bldg 1 Room 126. Fee - \$25  
This is a general workshop covering many aspects of starting a business including legal structures, taxation, financing and insurance.

**Small Business Financing** – August 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 9:00 pm in Bldg 1 Room 126 Fee - \$25  
Attendees will learn how to borrow money to start a small business. Additional topics include the basics of debt and equity funding, SBA loan programs and other sources of funding.

SBDC programs are free to currently enrolled UWF students and UWF employees. For details, contact Jane Briere, Manager University of West Florida Small Business Development Center 850-833-9400, 922 Mar Walt Drive, Suite 203 Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547.

### Did You Know . . . ?

**Recycling Program** Blue recycle wastebaskets have been distributed to individual offices and classrooms on the Fort Walton Beach Campus and Hurlburt Field and hoping to expand to the W.E. Combs Campus. These blue wastebaskets are for paper only: newspaper, white

paper, and colored paper. The week of July 24, plastic and aluminum recycling bins were distributed on the Fort Walton Beach campus, they are black with a hole in the lid. Student volunteers pick up recycling once per week. For more information contact Dr. Diane Dodendorf (850-863-0729; [dmdodend@uwf.edu](mailto:dmdodend@uwf.edu))

**COPS Department Name Changes Announced** – The College of Professional Studies has announced changes to departmental names. The Division of Social Work is now the Department of Social Work, the Division of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies is now the Department of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies, the Division of Graduate Education is now the Department of Professional and Community Leadership, the Division of Health, Leisure and Exercise Science is now the Department of Health, Leisure and Exercise Science, and the Division of Engineering and Computer Technology is now the Department of Engineering and Computer Technology. The Division of Teacher Education remains the Division of Teacher Education.

**The University of West Florida will play host** to Jeremy Haefner, American Council on Education fellow and dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Science at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs.

Haefner, who will serve out his fellowship on the UWF main campus during spring 2007, has been a professor of mathematics at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs since 1989. Since 2002, he has been dean of the College of Engineering and Applied Science. Haefner also directs the Colorado Institute for Technology Transfer and Implementation, a campus-wide unit dedicated to supporting the campus and Colorado Springs community in economic development through technology innovation. He also serves as interim director for the Center of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Education, which serves to connect the university with the K-12 community.

**UWF-Emerald Coast Bookstore** The cashier/bookstore is now open from 8:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Friday. Because we have hired another staff member, we no longer need to close for lunch. The cashier/bookstore is now able to take any fee payment students need to make. Students may also request transcripts for pick-up at this location.

**The Department of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies** is selling T-SHIRTS with their logo on it. They are white cotton with the logo on the front and the back. The price is \$10 or two for \$19.95!! We have a variety of sizes from M-XXL. See Dr. Johnson in Building 4, Room 452 Fort Walton Beach Campus.

### Executive Director of the UWF Small Business Development Center

Larry Strain, is the recipient of the Florida First Capital Finance Corporation (FFCFC) "Community Builder Award" for 2006. Strain was honored for his efforts with FFCFC in assisting small business victims of Hurricanes Ivan and Dennis with State of Florida hurricane bridge loans. He received the award during FFCFC's annual meeting in Jacksonville. "Larry has been a strong advocate for small businesses in the Panhandle for many years, and it was no surprise that he stepped up to the plate when the community needed it most," said Todd Kocourek, president and CEO of FFCFC. "His accomplishments and that of the SBDC can not be applauded enough."

### New Principal at Mary Esther Elementary School,

and she brings with her a wealth of life, experience and a love of children that is sure to make her new job a success. Annette Maldonado was a Title I specialist with the school district before accepting her new position. She is a product of Brooklyn inner city schools. She holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education and Master's in Educational Leadership from the University of West Florida.

"I have a lot of compassion," she said, "but I also have high expectations. If you value a child and the differences they bring to the table - whether it be gender, race or ethnicity - academic success is possible. We need to value the children's experiences, then move on. There's no crying over spilled milk and no excuses." Maldonado has been challenged with improving the academic performance of Mary Esther Elementary School students. Mary Esther is a Title I school, meaning it has a high percentage of students who are eligible for free or reduced lunch, based on their low level of family income. The children and their families face hardship in their everyday lives, something which Maldonado understands first-hand. She believes that discipline is crucial to their success and that the best way to communicate high expectations is to model them. "I am thrilled about this role. It's the opportunity of a lifetime," Maldonado said.(www.emeraldcoast.com, July 14, 2006)

### WORKSHOPS, TRAININGS, & SHORT COURSES [uwf.edu/dlhs/workshops/](http://uwf.edu/dlhs/workshops/)

Registration deadline: NOW for advance registration prices.

CEU credits for various professions. Organizations sending 3 or more participants are eligible for a \$10 discount per participant.

#### Mold Awareness

\$85, **September 2006**

#### Certified Mold Remediator

**September 2006**

## In Our Community

**YMCA Corporate Membership** The Fort Walton Beach Family YMCA has partnered with University of West Florida-Emerald Coast to offer its employees and students discounted membership rates. The YMCA is newly renovated and has new fitness equipment. The Y offers programs for all age groups from infants to senior citizens. With an indoor twenty-five meter pool the Y can offer aquatics programs year round. Aquatics programs include swim lessons, competitive swim team, water aerobics classes and synchronized swimming. The Y sports department offers year round sports and skills camps for youth of all ages. Baseball, basketball, soccer, and flag football programs are offered to Y members at a 50% discounted rate. Many services are offered to Y members at no cost. These programs include all group land and aquatics classes and use of our fitness facility and pool. The Fort Walton Y also offers its members free child care from 9:00 – 12:00 in the morning and from 4:00 to 7:00 in the afternoon Monday through Friday. Take advantage of this great opportunity to join the YMCA at discounted rates. Corporate discounted rates are as follows:

Membership Type	Monthly Draft	Joiner Fee
Family	\$40.00	\$ 75
Single Parent Family	\$30.40	\$50
Adult (18-59)	\$28.00	\$50
Senior Citizen (60+)	\$18.40	\$35
Youth (0-17)	\$13.60	\$35

**Emerald Coast Marine Institute (ECMI)** is looking for students who are interested in volunteer and internship opportunities. ECMI is a non-profit alternative education school for at-risk teenagers servicing Okaloosa and Walton counties. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Bernard Williams, ECMI Executive Director, 850-244-2711. Be sure to contact your academic or faculty advisor for approval.

## Let Us Hear From You!

We are interested in your feedback. Send to [emolder@uwf.edu](mailto:emolder@uwf.edu) or call 850-863-6583. Thank you.