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**Campus Announcements**

**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**

*Online Campus Information*; Aug 31, 2pm, Bldg 1, 126  
*Cookout & DJ*; Aug 31, 3pm-6pm, Bldg 2

**Welcome New UWF-Emerald Coast Faculty and Staff**

**Chelsea Quinn** (863-6568; [cquinn@uwf.edu](mailto:cquinn@uwf.edu)) is now a full-time Bookstore/Cashier staff member at the Fort Walton Beach Campus. **Tom Schwingle** (863-6584, [tscwingle@uwf.edu](mailto:tscwingle@uwf.edu)) is now our Faculty Support Specialist for the FWB and W.E. Combs Campus. **Harvey Brooks** (833-3968, [hbrooks@uwf.edu](mailto:hbrooks@uwf.edu)) is now our Computer Technology Specialist at the W.E. Combs, Marianna, Hurlburt Field, and Common Campuses. **Chuck Straley** (863-6569, [hws8@students.uwf.edu](mailto:hws8@students.uwf.edu)) is our new VA Representative. Mr. Straley will be at the FWB Campus the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of each month and at the Eglin Center the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays of each month. **Dr. Stephanie Moussalli** (863-6586, [smoussalli@uwf.edu](mailto:smoussalli@uwf.edu)) is joining the FWB Campus as an Accounting faculty member. **Dr. David Moffett** (863-6585, [dmoffett@uwf.edu](mailto:dmoffett@uwf.edu)) joins the FWB Campus as Professional Studies faculty member.

**What's Going On in September?**

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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**Welcome to our Fall 2006 Students!** We would like to extend a warm welcome to the students who will be joining the UWF-Emerald Coast Team for the first time and welcome back those who are returning for the fall semester. Our goal is to ensure that you receive the academic, administrative, and technical support you need for successful completion of the program of study you have selected. Please do not hesitate to call on members of the faculty or administrative community for advising, support, or information.

As you may know, on Monday August 14, 2006, The University of West Florida-Emerald Coast opened the doors of the first walk-in bookstore on one of our campus locations. The first location is at the FWB Joint Campus and is open Monday through Thursday from 9am-6pm and from 8am-5pm on Friday. Books are available for students taking classes at the Combs Campus, Eglin Center, Common Campus, and FWB Joint Campus locations, as well as online students. Additionally, UWF memorabilia and clothing, and school supplies, folders, notebooks, and other stationary items are available. As UWF-Emerald Coast continues to grow and expand its service delivery throughout Northwest Florida, other bookstore operations will be added. The next ten years should be filled with exciting and productive times for those seeking higher education in Northwest Florida as UWF-Emerald Coast moves toward full implementation.

We look forward to working with all of you this fall and hope everyone experiences a pleasant and rewarding semester.

**Walk-in Bookstore is Open on FWB Campus** Plans have been finalized, and Room 209 in Bldg. 2 is open for the fall. Books, supplies, and merchandise are available for purchase in the bookstore. Books for on-line classes and classes conducted at the Emerald Coast locations are 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 the first two weeks of classes are:

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)

### **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-Emerald Coast is Looking East** towards Panama City and the Naval Surface Warfare Center-Panama City (NSWC-PC) to offer degree and certificate programs for the local community. Possible certification programs being considered for the NSWC-PC include Microsoft Certification, LINUX, Cisco, ASP.NET, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Professional Engineering (PE) certifications. The Environmental Science M.S. and the Master of Science in Administration (MSA)/Public Administration graduate programs are also researching

the possibility of offering their programs at the NSWC-PC using E-Learning delivery in the near future.

**The Teacher Education Club** will be holding a meeting on September 11th at 5:30 p.m. in Bldg. 1, room 126 on the Fort Walton Beach Campus. There will be four Principals from Okaloosa County present at the meeting who will answer questions on everything from what first year teachers should expect to what to expect in an interview. 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 FWB 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).

The first **Student Social Work Organization (SSWO)** meeting will be held Thursday August 31 at 12:30pm in Building 0002, Room 2004 at the WE Combs facility. The meeting is open to all majors. Membership is limited to social work majors. Meetings will be held every other Thursday beginning with the first on Aug 31. For more information contact Jonathan Southard at [jps17@students.uwf.edu](mailto:jps17@students.uwf.edu).

**Student Government Association (SGA)** 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, every Friday, in the Auditorium on the Fort Walton Beach campus. A conference call-in option is available for students are not able to get to FWB—contact Dr. Melanie Pelton, 850-863-6569, [mpelton0@uwf.edu](mailto:mpelton0@uwf.edu) for details. Upcoming meetings: September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29. Students can contact Travis Whitney with any questions they may have, [ecsenatepres@uwf.edu](mailto:ecsenatepres@uwf.edu)

The **UWF-Emerald Coast SGA** will be selling paper hearts ♥ for \$1.00 during the month of September and the first week of October 2006 to raise funds for the American Heart Association annual Heart Walk event. Purchase your heart ♥ from any SGA Member (Travis Whitney, Linda Littlefield, Bill Pahl, or Jennifer VanHeteren) or from the Academic Support Center, Bldg 2, Rm 201 on the Fort Walton Beach Campus. Signed paper hearts ♥ will be displayed in the Student Center, Bldg 2. For more information, contact Linda Littlefield ([lk14@students.uwf.edu](mailto:lk14@students.uwf.edu)).

**Extended Campus Activity Board (ECAB)** open meeting Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at noon in the Student

Center (Bldg 2) on the FWB campus. Refreshments will be served. A conference call-in option is available for students are not able to get to FWB—contact Dr. Melanie Pelton, 850-863-6569, [mpelton0@uwf.edu](mailto:mpelton0@uwf.edu) for details. The meeting is open to all currently enrolled UWF students. Everyone is welcome and bring friends! ECAB is for the students, by the students for UWF-Emerald Coast and membership is ongoing. Many of our key members will be graduating in the fall, so we need to solicit new members! 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. The group would like to be in touch with candidates now in order to start mentoring this semester. 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)

**First Friday Flicks** presents “Nacho Libre” (starring Jack Black) on Friday September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m. in the FWB Auditorium. Free nachos, soda, and giveaways!

**Back-to-School Bash** is Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Music, entertainment, free food, and giveaways! Everyone is welcome—bring your family and friends!

The **Emerald Coast Student Psychological Association (ECSPA)** is currently seeking individuals interested in training for future officer positions. If you are interested in participating in the planning and implementation of events of interest to Psychology students and the surrounding community, please contact Linda Littlefield ([lk14@students.uwf.edu](mailto:lk14@students.uwf.edu)). Regular meetings will begin soon. Don't miss this great opportunity for leadership and involvement in your Emerald Coast UWF Campus.

**Student Disability Resource Center** is gearing up for 2006-2007. Students with any special needs may register for services with the center. The full service Disabled Student Services staff at University of West Florida-Emerald Coast focus on the educational requirements and goals of students with special needs and to seeking solutions and strategies to optimize learning based upon the potential of the individual, not to therapeutically remedy the disability. The UWF-EC Student Disability Resource Center is located at the FWB campus, Building 2, Rm. 201. Students who consider one of the branch campuses of UWF-Emerald Coast as their primary campus location should contact Dr. Melanie Pelton (863-6569) or Ms. Ruby Jackson (863-6579) for any information regarding disability services while attending courses at UWF.

### Academic Student Center

Pam Basham, Mental Health Counselor, will be at the FWB Campus on Mondays & Tuesdays, 9:00am–3:00pm, Bldg 2, Rm. 211, by appointment only—call 850-474-2420.

Chuck Straley, VA representative, will be at the FWB Campus the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays each month, 9:00am–2:00pm, Bldg 2, Rm. 211, for walk-ins. Mr. Straley will also be at the Eglin Center the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Mondays each month from 9:00 am—2 p.m.

**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 Fall and Spring 2006 semesters. Of note: Do not park in the front loop (in front of Building 1). School busses pull through the front loop and we do not want your car to be damaged!

**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, new lighting will be installed for the flags and sign.

### Announcements from the Emerald Coast Library

(Located on the OWC/UWF Fort Walton Beach Campus): Start your semester off right by preparing yourselves for that day when instructors assign library research. No fees or prior registration are required for the Basic Library Orientation Seminars that have been scheduled for the following dates/times. Just show up in the library conference room on the first floor for the session that fits your schedule best.

Monday, September 11

9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 12

9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 13

11 a.m.-12 noon and 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.

Thursday, September 14

11 a.m.- 12 noon and 2 p.m.- 3 p.m.

While you are in the library, you may wish to check out something interesting to read before the semester really gets rolling. The paperback book rack has been completely restocked with new titles. A paperback “swap” rack, filled with donated books, is also available for the first time this semester. From this rack you may take one and leave one (on the honor system).

Library computers have been loaded with Microsoft Office, but library research remains top priority for student use of computers. Laptop computers may also

be checked out from the reserve desk for student use in the library.

Dr. Lois Gilmer, director of the library, would like to meet with any student organization that would like to invite her ([lgilmer@uwf.edu](mailto:lgilmer@uwf.edu)) to speak about library services. Have a great academic year!

The **UWF mock trial team** is looking for new members for this year’s team. Anyone interested in learning more about the mock trial team can contact David Amond, team president, [dta1@students.uwf.edu](mailto:dta1@students.uwf.edu) or Professor Kimberly Tatum, faculty advisor, [ktatum@uwf.edu](mailto:ktatum@uwf.edu). The team is open to all majors and all classes. In addition to preparing for our competitions, this year we are also working with the Escambia County Teen Court Program by training their student attorneys.

Earn a **Master of Science in Administration with a Criminal Justice Specialization** completely online and without paying out-of-state tuition! This is the only Master of Science in the Administration of Criminal Justice that includes business *and* public administration courses in the core curriculum. Knowledge of budgeting, human resource management and e-business, for example, are essential to your future success as a leader in criminal justice. Why wait? Apply today [www.uwf.edu/admissions](http://www.uwf.edu/admissions). Email Melissa Webb for more information ([mwebb@uwf.edu](mailto:mwebb@uwf.edu)) or call 850.473.7293

**Dr. Tammy Castle** is the new faculty advisor for **Alpha Phi Sigma**. Alpha Phi Sigma is the nationally recognized honor society for students in the criminal justice sciences. To become a member, the student must have completed one-third of their total hours required for graduation at his/her institution. Undergraduate students must maintain a minimum GPA of 3.2 (overall and criminal justice courses) on a 4.0 scale. The student must also have completed a minimum of four courses within the criminal justice curriculum. The Honor Society is open to those with a declared criminal justice major or minor. Graduate students are required to maintain a minimum of a 3.4 GPA (overall and criminal justice courses) on a 4.0 scale.

The search for the new **Criminal Justice Coordinator** and Instructor at the Chipola College Campus in Marianna is going well. We have several highly qualified candidates. The new person should be on board with us in January.

**The Center for Lifelong Learning**, which holds classes on the FWB campus of UWF/OWC, is fully prepared for

their fall semester, which will begin on September 15. Many new classes have been included for this term, to include *Watercolor II*, *Take Control of your Computer*, *The Purpose Driven Life*, *Pine Needle Basketry*, and *Slide Shows Made Easy with MS PowerPoint*. More than 60 courses and special events are scheduled.

Registration for returning CLL students will take place in the campus auditorium 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.

Late registration will be held September 11, 12 and 13 in the UWF admin offices at building #1. Thereafter it will be held in the CLL office, Room 461, building #4.

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 [CLL-FWB.org](http://CLL-FWB.org).

## 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. The conference call-in number for faculty and staff who are unable to attend is available from Ester Molder (863-6583, [emolder@uwf.edu](mailto:emolder@uwf.edu)) Refreshments will be served.

### Sexual Harassment Prevention Training Session

This seminar is for all employees and focuses on sexual harassment and its negative impact on the workplace. At the conclusion of this seminar, participants will be able to: Understand the two types of sexual harassment; Identify risky behaviors that can be seen as sexual harassment; Understand other types of discrimination and harassment; Develop effective methods for keeping their work environment free from sexual harassment; Understand the university's policy against discrimination and harassment (including sexual harassment); Know what to do if confronted with objectionable behavior; Understand the potential consequences of committing sexual harassment; Understand how they can help prevent sexual harassment from occurring including several "self-checks"; Understand how to file a sexual harassment complaint. This training will be offered, Wednesday, September 20, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the FWB Campus, Building 1, Room 126. Visit <https://nautical.uwf.edu/comm/desk/calendar.cfm> to sign up. There is a call-in option for those that cannot make it to the campus. Please contact Ester Molder (863-6583, [emolder@uwf.edu](mailto:emolder@uwf.edu)) for call-in details.

### Benefits Open Enrollment Sept. 19 through Oct. 18 -

The 2007 Open Enrollment period will be held Sept. 19 through Oct. 18. Changes to your benefits may only be made during the Open Enrollment period. People First will mail "Benefit Confirmation Statements" and benefit information to employees beginning the week of Sept. 5. To review your benefits, you may access the People First Service Center Web page at <https://peoplefirst.myflorida.com/logon.htm>. Open enrollment assistance sessions will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Sept. 21 through Oct. 17 in Building 20W, Room 157A (Training Room). **Open Enrollment assistance will be provided at the Emerald Coast - Fort Walton Beach Campus, Bldg. 1, Room 156, Sept. 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** If you elect to make changes by contacting and/or submitting documentation directly to People First, please make sure to forward a copy of all change forms or online screen changes to the Office of Human Resources Bldg 20E – Benefits. For more information, contact Debbie Nelson at Ext. 2604 or e-mail [dnelson@uwf.edu](mailto:dnelson@uwf.edu) or Jeff Comeau at Ext. 2610 or e-mail [jcomeau@uwf.edu](mailto:jcomeau@uwf.edu).

### 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 2:30 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.



Box Office: 850.474.2405  
[www.SpeakofMeAsIAM.com](http://www.SpeakofMeAsIAM.com)

September 8, 9 & 10, 2006  
University of West Florida, Pensacola  
Mainstage Theater

8:00 p.m. Friday & Saturday  
2:30 p.m. Sunday Matinee

**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.

**Conflict Resolution Management Forum** will be held Sept. 25 and 26 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the University Commons Conference Center.

**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 20 West Training Room. Because lunch is served, please make reservations with Andrea Gornall, Human Resources (850-474-2694; [agornall@uwf.edu](mailto:agornall@uwf.edu)).

**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 Recordkeeping in Small Business** – September 21, 26, and 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 8:30 pm in Bldg 1, Room 126. In this three session program, attendees will learn how to keep records, develop financial statements, create asset depreciation schedules, and understand tax records.

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 . . . ?

With the new **Tuition Assistance on-line processing**, the UWF Eglin office now has CAC card access for military personnel to process their TA.

The **Making Way for Excellence Communications** team has posted the August Compass Points to Excellence. This communication tool provides information to the UWF community concerning ways to create excellence in their lives. Each month a different

UWF standard and value will be featured along with a tip of the month. This month's topic is "Courtesy in the Workplace." Visit the Web site at <http://uwf.edu/excellence/compass/>.

The **University of West Florida-Emerald Coast Student Government Association** recently voted to support the new Cyber Lounge at the W. E. Combs campus with \$15,000. These funds are earmarked for the purchase of computers and related technology. The recently restructured UWF-EC Student Government is comprised of a Senate President, a Senate Pro Tempore, and slots for two representatives from each college. The UWF-EC SGA members have expressed their desire to provide meaningful support to students attending UWF at Emerald Coast locations and have several other student related projects under consideration. Students interested in becoming a member of the UWF-EC SGA or participating in their weekly meetings (attending or call-in) can contact Ruby Jackson (863-6579), Travis Whitney, Senate President, ([tpw10@students.uwf.edu](mailto:tpw10@students.uwf.edu)) or Linda Littlefield, Senate Pro Tempore, ([lk114@students.uwf.edu](mailto:lk114@students.uwf.edu)).

**ARGO Tutor provides tutoring and workshops** through webcasts. Webcast topics will include academic subjects like mathematics and science, but the Emerald Coast Campus students might be interested in CLAST Exam preparation, Writing and Grammar, and other workshops.

Another service being implemented for Fall is online paper editing. Students can email papers to the Learning Center and our staff will edit the papers on a Tablet PC and email the results back to the student for corrections. This service will be available for all students. For further information contact Jenae Burkart, Learning Center Coordinator, (850) 474-3488, [jburkart@uwf.edu](mailto:jburkart@uwf.edu)

The **UWF Academy of Senior Professionals (ASP)** is actively engaged in several projects. They actively solicit and consider requests for assistance from various private, public and community individuals and groups. The ASP membership is composed of talented senior individuals who want to pursue their interests, share their expertise and experiences while also volunteering their time as a contribution to the community and the University. These contributions include promoting closer ties with the community and participating in problem solving and other activities of benefit to the area served by the University. If you would like more information about ASP, please contact David Seymour at 850-475-0515 or email the ASP ([jdebolt@uwf.edu](mailto:jdebolt@uwf.edu)).

**The Recycling Program** is alive and well! The program started in April **0 pounds** collected the first week and

now we are up to **400 pounds** every week. We are doing super and we want to do better!!! Aluminum (soda) can/water bottle recycle bins have been added around campus in addition to the blue recycle (all paper and light cardboard) bins. Please help by using the appropriate bins for paper, soda cans, water or plastic soda bottles. A BIG Thank You to Hurlburt Field Recycling for picking up our recycle bins every week.

Students are needed to cover routes for the upcoming year. Students who volunteer earn VolunteerUWF! hours for their time. We have extended the recycling to the Combs campus; the individual blue recycle bins are there. We need a student (Education, Social Work, Environmental Studies) to help coordinate the efforts on the Combs campus. For more information contact Dr. Diane Dodendorf (850-863-0729, [dmdodend@uwf.edu](mailto:dmdodend@uwf.edu))



**Dr. Diane Dodendorf and Harvey Brooks display one of the blue recycling bins.**

**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.

**Okaloosa-Walton College and the University of West Florida** congratulate the 2005-2006 graduates of the AA to BA program in Interdisciplinary Humanities. The AA to BA program is a cooperative degree operated in partnership between OWC and UWF and is housed at the OWC Niceville campus Arts Center. More than 100 students have graduated with a bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Humanities since the program was established five years ago.  
2005 -2006 Graduates include:

**Baker:** Leslie Carroll, Joseph Fisher **Crestview:** Ashli Bugby, Alexis Keith, Tracey McGann, Andrea Tennille  
**Fort Walton Beach:** Deborah Breihan, Laura Fuerst, Joshua Hostetter, Sonalea Shukri, April Wakely  
**Mary Esther:** Crystal McCall **Niceville:** Michael Biddick, Glory Anna Dole, John McDermott, Ashley Moore, Cheryl Morrison, Mary Ann Nelson, Mark Seay, Donn Wilson  
**Pensacola:** Derek Crowe **Valparaiso:** Joe Griffin, Jessie Moore

Through the AA to BA program, students design a course of study suited to their interests and goals by choosing electives and areas of concentration from the fine and performing arts or the Humanities. Courses in the program are all offered in Okaloosa County through the OWC Niceville Campus and OWC/UWF Fort Walton Beach Campus. For information regarding the AA to BA program, call (850) 729-4933 or email [arts@uwf.edu](mailto:arts@uwf.edu).



### **Okaloosa High School Graduates Further Career Training** (UWF Press Release 7/28/06)

This fall, more than 100 specially-trained Okaloosa County high school graduates will attend the University of West Florida. The students, who are part of the county's Community High Okaloosa Institute for Career Education (CHOICE) program, have chosen to focus their high school studies on specific career paths and are now preparing to continue their education through a seamless transition to UWF.

"This program takes the best and brightest high school students and helps them focus their career interests toward high-demand fields," said Wes Little, UWF vice provost. "It helps them jumpstart their careers and provides an opportunity for them to get a feel for the real world of work."

By involving real-world professionals in the design and implementation of the CHOICE program, the Okaloosa School District was able to determine the career needs and industry demand for highly refined education in specific areas. Students can select programs of study from several institutes in engineering, information technology, construction technology, creative arts and aerospace. The students can further their educations in community college and at UWF, entering the work force with years of training.

"This isn't traditional vocational education," said UWF President John Cavanaugh. "Community, parent and economic groups are benefiting from more interesting,

more relevant and more demanding courses. Employers are predicting that, finally, the schools they support with their tax dollars may provide them with a qualified workforce.”

UWF supports the engineering, information technology and construction technology programs by facilitating the transition into related college programs and transferring three to six high school classes to college credit. Plans are also in the works to offer an allied health institute, directing high school students to career paths in health care management. While UWF is only in its third year collaborating with the CHOICE program, the benefits can already be seen.

“I believe the CHOICE model is a major breakthrough in modifying secondary education, and participating in this program will surely benefit UWF’s enrollment,” said Little. “I anticipate that within the next year or so, we’ll see an increase of 50 to 100 applicants to UWF from the combined CHOICE programs.”

For more information, visit the [CHOICE Program Web site](#) or contact Little at (850) 863-0740 or e-mail [wlittle@uwf.edu](mailto:wlittle@uwf.edu).

## In Our Community

### UWF “IT Academy” begins in Panama City Fall 2006

Well-trained employees add credibility and confidence to any organization concerned with securing data. In today’s network-reliant businesses, IT professionals need to remain on the forefront of the latest technology. Department of Defense contract employees are now required to hold job-relevant IT certifications. In an effort to meet the growing demand for quality professionals in the information technology (IT) industry, the University of West Florida will introduce its IT Academy to Panama City fall 2006.

Aimed at providing classes and certification opportunities for residents of Panama City, such offerings include Microsoft Certified Desktop Support Technician (MCDST), Systems Administrator (MCSA), Systems Engineer (MCSE), Linux, Cisco CCNA, Comp TIA A+ Geographic Information Systems and ASP.Net. In addition, UWF will provide laptops during the semester to those who enroll in Panama City IT Academy courses.

The Panama City IT Academy semester begins Sept. 13, 2006, with a registration deadline of Sept. 5. Instructor-led classes will meet every Wednesday between 5:30 and 7:30 PM. Courses last for 16-weeks and financial aid and tuition assistance for military personnel are available. For more information, contact Nicole Gislason at (800) 710-3233 or visit <http://ContinuingEd.uwf.edu>.

### UWF Continuing Education to Offer Computer Training for Seniors in Fort Walton Beach

“Retire with Technology” courses offered this semester designed to teach seniors computer skills in a hands-on, student-paced environment. “Intermediate Microsoft Office Suite” will be held every Monday beginning Sept. 18, and “Computer Basics” will be held every Wednesday, beginning Sept. 20. Each course meets for one semester from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at 413 N.E. Racetrack Road in Fort Walton Beach.

“The instructor was very patient and adapted the class to meet our needs,” said Nancy Biasco, a former student. “Some of us knew very little about computers. Seniors shouldn’t be afraid to take the course.”

Tuition is \$299 per person and includes a flash drive to store class material, a textbook and certificate of completion. The enrollment deadline is Sept. 11. Registration is limited to 24 students per class.

For more information or to register, contact the UWF Division of Continuing Education at (800) 710-3233 or visit [ContinuingEd.uwf.edu](http://ContinuingEd.uwf.edu).

**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.