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Campus Announcements

Making Way for Excellence: Employee Satisfaction Team to Present New Reward and Recognition Program. The Employee Satisfaction team will present a new university reward and recognition program "Excellence Matters" at both the UWF Main and UWF Emerald Coast campuses. The Emerald Coast presentation will be held Tuesday, November 7, at 10:00 a.m. on the Fort Walton Beach Campus, Building 1, Room 126. Featured speakers include President Cavanaugh, Honor Bell, Jaimie Woodard, Alecia Ross, and Dr. joyce gillie gossom.

Door prizes will be given out at the conclusion of the presentation and a continental breakfast will be served. To make reservations, e-mail excellence@uwf.edu and indicate which presentation you will attend, Pensacola or Fort Walton Beach.

Welcome New UWF-Emerald Coast Staff

Latrece Gulley has been hired as a full-time General Advisor in the Academic Support Center at the Fort Walton Beach Campus (850-863-6569, lwhite1@uwf.edu). **Mr. Richard Hough** accepted the position of Coordinator/Instructor for Criminal Justice at our Marianna Campus. Mr. Hough has been a law enforcement officer and the superintendent of a juvenile detention center. He has also been an adjunct professor for UWF for many years and has taught for Troy University and the University of Phoenix. Mr. Hough begins this position in January.

What's Going On in November?

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 **Emerald Coast 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).

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First Friday Flicks presents “Over the Hedge” on Friday, November 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the FWB Auditorium. Free popcorn, soda, and giveaways!

UWF-Emerald Coast is Hiring Students for the Spring Semester to work as Distance Learning Lab facilitators and Computer Lab assistants. Please contact Jason Smith at jsmith2@uwf.edu or 863-0706 for more information.

Eglin AFB Education Fair to take place at the Enlisted Club on base Friday, November 17th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. College and University representatives will have tables with information about academic programs. Please contact Deborah Cluff (dcluff@uwf.edu; 678-3727) for more information.

MBA Lunchtime Information Session at Hurlburt Field will be conducted for the first time on Hurlburt Field for interested students on Wednesday, November 15 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Building 90220, Room L. The UWF MBA program is designed specifically for the time-constrained working professional and military service member. The comprehensive integrated curriculum is geared toward current business practices and allows the qualified student an opportunity to complete the MBA in just five semesters. Students complete their classes at Eglin, AFB while part of a cohort of working professionals from education, government, industry, and the military.

Military Appreciation Reception will be held Tuesday, Nov. 7th from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the Student Center (Building 2) on the Fort Walton Beach campus. This is an event for our military students and their families.

The Student Social Work Organization (SSWO) meeting will be held Thursday, October 26 at 12:30 p.m. in Building 0002, room 2004 at the W.E. Combs facility. The meeting is open to all majors. Membership is limited to social work majors. Meetings are held every other Thursday. For more information contact Jonathan Southard at jps17@students.uwf.edu.

The SSWO of the Marianna branch will have an exhibit booth at the Peanut Festival in Dothan, November 3 - 12. They will be providing information on the field of social work and the programs offered at the Marianna branch, as well as basic UWF information. For further information contact Sherri Stone (ssstone@uwf.edu).

The Teacher Education Club (TEC) will be holding a certification meeting Monday, November 13 at 5:30 p.m. in Bldg. 1, room 126 on the Fort Walton Beach Campus. There will be a presentation from Okaloosa County School District certification analyst D.J. Kramer.

The next TEC meeting is December 4 at 5:30 p.m. in Bldg. 1, room 126 on the FWB campus. The Teacher Ed. Club cordially invites any UWF students, staff, or faculty to attend. TEC membership is open to all students currently enrolled at UWF. If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact Catherine Cook (President) cdc32@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 10:00 a.m., every Friday, in the Building 3, room 352 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 for details. Upcoming meeting: October 27, November 3. Students can contact Travis Whitney with any questions they may have, ecsenatepres@uwf.edu

SGA will be sponsoring a **Canned Food Drive** from 1 November until 8 December. Canned goods will be collected and donated to needy families in our area. Collection boxes will be located in every building on the Fort Walton Beach campus and in strategic locations on the W.E. Combs campus. Please give this holiday season! For more information, contact Linda Littlefield (ecsenatepro@uwf.edu).

SGA is continuing to take orders for the **UWF Emerald Coast Graduation Stoles** until 10 November. Stoles are \$30.00 each. If you desire to order a stole, please contact Linda Littlefield (lk14@students.uwf.edu).

Extended Campus Activity Board (ECAB) open meeting Friday, November 3 at 11:00 a.m. 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 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. If you cannot make the meeting but would like to join, or have some ideas for events, please contact ECAB at ecab@uwf.edu or Interim President Pam Sidabras at pam_sidabras@yahoo.com

ECAB to Host a Holiday Bazaar November 17 and 18 in Building 2 on the FWB campus. Tables will cost \$20 and the money will be used to buy Christmas gifts for a needy family. The times for the event are yet to be determined. ECAB hopes to have about 50 tables with different merchandise ranging from crafts to sporting goods. It will be the first annual bazaar and they want it to be a huge success!!

The Emerald Coast Student Psychological Association (ECSPA) will be holding a **Book Drive** to collect used and unwanted Psychology & Social Work books to send to Cambodia. The Book Drive will begin the first week of November and continue until after Fall Semester Book Buy Back. Collection bins will be located in the following locations:
Pensacola campus – outside the bookstore; Fort Walton Beach campus – outside the bookstore, Bldg 2, Bldg 4, and Bldg 7. Any questions, please contact Linda Littlefield (ecspa@uwf.edu).

The Criminal Justice Student Organization- Emerald Coast (CJSO) is now an official student organization. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 7 at 4:30 p.m. at the FWB campus in Building 7, room 704. The meeting is open to all UWF students. We will introduce the acting officers, discuss t-shirt designs, fund raising ideas, and planned activities for the upcoming months.

The CJSO- Emerald Coast will be taking a trip with it's counterpart organization CJSA-Pensacola on Wednesday, November 15 to the regional FBI office in Mobile, Alabama. There are approximately 15 slots open to our CJSO members and are available to registered CJSO members on a first come first served basis. If there are leftover slots, they will be available to any interested parties. We will be meeting at the Pensacola campus at 7:30 a.m. and leaving at 8:00 a.m. by carpool. Dress code is semi-professional (no t-shirts or jeans). We will be going on an extended tour and finishing up around 3:00 p.m. We will not be stopping for lunch so please plan accordingly. Contact Kathy Haywood krh12@students.uwf.edu if interested.

Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity International is open to all students interested in the law. Fun activities days and informational speakers are scheduled throughout the semester. For more information, contact Professor Ross Goodman at rgoodman@uwf.edu

Academic Student Center

Pam Basham, Mental Health Counselor, will be at the FWB Campus on Mondays & Tuesdays, 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m., Bldg 2, Rm. 211, by appointment only—call 850-474-2420. **Chuck Straley**, VA representative, will be at the FWB Campus November 3 and 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Bldg 2, Rm. 211, for walk-ins. Mr. Straley will also be at the Eglin Center November 6 and 20 from 9:00 a.m.—2 p.m.

Reminders From the Emerald Coast Library (Located on the OWC/UWF Fort Walton Beach Campus):
DID YOU KNOW THAT...

Users of all of the UWF libraries can read 35,195 books online? This, in effect, doubles the size of the Emerald Coast Campus Library. To access a specific online book, do a TITLE search in the UWF Libraries' Catalog. A SUBJECT search will display all of the print and online books available on a given subject in the UWF libraries.

The latest issues of the PENSACOLA NEWS JOURNAL and the CHRONICLE OF HIGHER EDUCATION can also be read online. Search the catalog for the title. Back files of the NEW YORK TIMES and the WALL STREET JOURNAL (and other newspapers to which we do not subscribe) are found through online databases used for searching journal articles.

DON'T FORGET...

It is not too late for faculty to schedule library research classes and place orders for materials to be purchased

Faculty Applications Sought for Semester in Japan Program

– The deadline for applications from UWF faculty interested in the Semester in Japan Program for summer 2007 is October 27. The program dates are May 18 through July 1. The instructor will teach two courses to five UWF students hosted by the Jikei Group of Colleges, a consortium of 35 post-secondary institutions. In addition to the five weeks of class, there is an additional week set aside for class-related group travel to historic sites in Japan. For complete details, log-in to Argus.

The Criminal Justice program is currently searching to hire a full-time tenure earning faculty member. The successful candidate will have a Ph.D. in criminal justice or criminology and have an interest in a policing specialization. The position is for fall 2007.

Legal Studies Professors Susan Harrell and John Smykla attended the 25th Annual American Association for Paralegal Educators meeting in New Orleans in October. Professor Harrell presented on academic publications and the role of being a legal studies coordinator. John Smykla attended to learn more about the professional association. AAFPE is the only national organization devoted to paralegal education and educators.

The UWF Mock trial team will go to Orlando this month for a competition. There are 17 students on two teams, the largest number ever, for a UWF team.

Benjamin A. Smith, UWF graduate student and research assistant for the AA to BA program at Niceville, presented an invited paper at the 31st Annual Meeting of the Semiotic Society of America. It was part of a

collaborative panel on "The Pyramid of Semiosis in the Future of Semiotics". His paper is to be published in a book on the topic.

Special Events

UWF Would Like to Invite All UWF Military Personnel and their families to Military Appreciation Reception in honor of your past and present hard work, dedication, and commitment in preserving and protecting our freedom. Please join us in celebrating and honoring you Tuesday, November 7th, at the Student Center in Building 2 on the Fort Walton Beach campus from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. For more information please contact Andrea Rymer (arymer@uwf.edu; 850-863-6569).

Viruses, Spyware, & Pop-Ups - Oh My! "Protect Your PC" workshop. Learn about a variety of online threats and what you can do to protect your computer, your data, your privacy, and your identity. This session is for faculty and staff at the Emerald Coast campuses. This session will be connected to the Pensacola session via two-way video and audio. Wednesday, November 1 at 2:00 p.m. FWB Campus, Building 7, room 701. There will be a two-way video and audio connection between this session and the session on the Pensacola campus.

The Florida Inclusion Network will be offering a 2-day workshop on Differentiation Instruction on November 1 and 2 on the FWB campus in Building 1, room 126 for educators in the Florida Panhandle. Registration is limited to the first 40 participants. Educators can contact their principals for a registration form and fax to the FIN office in FWB (850-863-0721). It is recommended that educators look at the FIN website www.FloridaInclusionNetwork.com for further information on resources and learning opportunities.

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.

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).

UWF-Emerald Coast Announces its New Student Ambassador Corps. We are proud to announce our new corps of Student Ambassadors at UWF-Emerald Coast for the 2006-2007 academic year. UWF Ambassadors serve as the official student hosts for the University of West Florida and are supported by the UWF National Alumni Association and the Office of Alumni Relations. These student volunteers are selected through an interview process based on a minimum GPA requirement, communication abilities, and an interest in promoting UWF. Student Ambassadors, famous for their distinctive green jackets, assist with a variety of University functions, including serving as tour guides and attendants at UWF and community related events and serving as liaisons between students, faculty, alumni, parents and the community. After recently completing their training, our new Student Ambassadors for UWF-EC are: Linda Littlefield, Jennifer VanHeteren, Lynn Johnson, Melanie Villapondo, Bill Pahl, Angela Hall, Travis Whitney, and Mary Storts. Anyone who is interested in having our new Student Ambassadors participate in an event or provide tours, please contact Latrece Gulley, (lwhite1@uwf.edu) or 863-6570. Requests for Student Ambassadors must be made at least two weeks prior to the date of the event.

Small Business Development Center Workshops
Year End Tax Planning – Thursday, October 26 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in Bldg 8, the Auditorium (FWB). Free. Presented by Carr, Riggs and Ingram, LLP this seminar will include information about tax strategies for individuals and businesses. The seminar will include a discussion of new initiatives from the Internal Revenue Service that focus on audits and collections. Handouts including a Year End Tax Planning Guide will be provided and pre-registration is recommended.

Starting a Business – Thursday, November 2 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm in Room 126, Bldg 1 (FWB). Fee is \$25.00 (Free to currently enrolled UWF students and staff). This workshop will cover many aspects of starting a business, including legal forms of business, taxation, financing and insurance.

Net Etiquette – Thursday, November 16 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in Room 126, Bldg 1. Fee is \$30. Learn how to be an effective cyber communicator. Topics include how to get your e-mails answered promptly and how to write messages that get to your point. Guest speaker is Mr. Joseph Caruth.

SBDC programs are free to currently enrolled UWF students and UWF employees. To register call the Small Business Development Center, 850-833-9400.

Gulf Power and UWF Will Present a Construction and Engineering Technology speaker series Tuesday, November 7 in the University Commons Conference Center, Building 22 (Pensacola). John Tooley, senior building science consultant with Advanced Energy's Applied Building Science, will conduct the seminars. The cost is \$30 per person per session. Seating is limited, and advanced registration is required by Tuesday, October 31.

Framing for High Performance Buildings" will be held from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Topics will include how to build consistent framing that improves insulation and decreases infiltration and the 13 framing details that are most often done wrong. "What Every Homeowner Should Know Before Purchasing or Building their Next House" will be held from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Topics include essential tips and knowledge people should know before buying or building a home.

For more information or to register, contact the UWF Division of Continuing Education at (850) 474-2914 or visit ContinuingEd.uwf.edu.

Lt. Governor's Visit/ Insurance Reform Task Force Meeting. Florida Lt. Governor Toni Jennings will visit Pensacola for an Insurance Reform Task Force Meeting Thursday, November 9. The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the University Commons Conference Center. Legislators and experts will attend. The meeting is open to the public. For more information, contact Leslie Jacobs, special assistant to Jennings, at (850) 488-4711 or e-mail Leslie.Jacobs@MyFlorida.com.

UWF Center For Fine And Performing Arts Presents The Musical "She Loves Me"

The UWF Center for Fine and Performing Arts (CFPA) and Department of Theatre will present the musical, "She Loves Me," Nov. 3 through 12 on the Mainstage Theatre in the CFPA, Building 82. Performances will be held Nov. 3, 4, 10 and 11 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 5 and 12 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$16 per person for adults, \$12 per person for senior citizens, active military and UWF faculty and staff. UWF students are admitted free with their Nautilus cards.

"'She Loves Me' is the perfect musical," said Tim Kennedy, director. "It has love, tragedy, innocence, betrayal, hope, loss and triumph. Even though it shows a snapshot of life in pre-WWII Hungary, the characters could just as easily be walking around today. The two main characters are looking for love through a matchmaking service – much like people who use match.com or eharmony.com today, while others are realizing that the people they are in love with may not be the people they thought they were."

For more information or to purchase tickets, call the CFPA Box Office at (850) 857-6285 or visit www.uwf.edu/cfpa/. For media inquiries, contact Jerre Brisky, CFPA assistant director, at (850) 857-6057 or e-mail jbrisky@uwf.edu.

Did You Know . . . ?

Successfully Operating SPSS (S.O.S.)

Special free refresher sessions for Emerald Coast faculty and graduate students

Beginning S.O.S.*

This beginning refresher special session will focus on setting up a SPSS data file, getting started with SPSS, running descriptive statistics and frequency tables with SPSS, and generating simple graphs. Wednesday, November 15, 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Intermediate S.O.S.*

This intermediate refresher special session will focus on using SPSS for basic inferential statistical procedures such as tests, ANOVA, and Correlation. Wednesday, November 29, 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Beginning and Intermediate S.O.S.*

This refresher special session will focus on using SPSS for conducting additional beginning and intermediate topics in statistics using SPSS such as reliability analysis and other inferential statistics. Wednesday, December 6, 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

- Location for all S.O.S. Sessions: FWB Campus – Computer Lab (Building 4 or 7).
- All faculty and graduate students are invited to attend.
- Facilitator for all Sessions: Dr. Carla Thompson 850-473-7327

MUST RSVP to Kathy Johnson, kjohnson@uwf.edu or 863-6588 at least one week in advance of the session.

First Generation Scholarship – The state of Florida will match all private gifts made to UWF's First Generation Scholarship dollar for dollar up to \$220,000. Approximately 800 UWF students will be eligible for the scholarship. Scholarships will first be awarded to qualified students with the greatest need. To be eligible, a student's parents must not have earned bachelor's degrees or the student had to have been raised by a single parent who did not earn an undergraduate degree. Students must also be Florida residents and be classified as degree-seeking. All private gifts designated for the First Generation Scholarship must be received by November 20 in order to be eligible for the state match. To make a gift, contact Sarah Groh, Coordinator for Annual Giving, 850-857-6112, sgroh@uwf.edu.

The **Making Way for Excellence Communications** team has posted the November 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 quote is "History repeats itself because no one listens the first time." – Anonymous. Visit the website at <http://uwf.edu/excellence/compass/>

The Fall Semester Marked New Change for the Emerald Coast Bookstore and how it serves our students, faculty, and staff. There is a walk-in bookstore to better serve customers in Building 2 on the FWB campus. The modeling of the bookstore is just temporary. Follett is planning to remodel it, and is tentatively scheduled to be done by Fall 07.



Emerald Coast Bookstore

Books are available for on-line classes, and books for all Emerald Coast classes being taught (except Marianna and Niceville). If you need a book for a Pensacola campus class, it can be sent to FWB for pick-up. The bookstore also carries memorabilia and school supplies. New merchandise arrives monthly.

If students would like to have their books ready at the bookstore for pick-up when the semester starts, give the staff a copy of your schedule after you enroll. The bookstore will have all books that are currently in stock boxed up and ready for you when you arrive at the bookstore. Used books are pulled for orders, unless otherwise requested or none are in stock.

If you have any questions, please call Scott Lapinski at 863-6571 or email slapinski@uwf.edu.

Employee Assistance Program

UWF has contracted with The Allen Group (TAG) to provide an Employee Assistance Program for employees

and their family members. The Employee Assistance Program helps employees resolve personal and work problems through professional assistance. Employees may contact TAG directly by calling their toll-free number (1-800-272-7252). All services and calls are strictly confidential between the employee and The Allen Group. Services are provided by licensed mental health professionals.

The kinds of problems that may be addressed are:

- Marital
- Financial
- Alcohol
- Drugs
- Family
- Vocational
- Work-Related Stress
- Legal Referral
- Weight/Weight Loss
- Physical/Medical
- Dependent Care
- Elder Care
- Emotional/Psychological
- Any other problems that surface

TAG provides a web site for employees that outlines services that are available as well as informative articles and information at <http://www.theallengroup.com>. The code for university employees and family members is UWF (must be in all capital letters). Brochures are also available through the Office of Human Resources. For more information, please call Human Resources at 474-2694 or ohr@uwf.edu.

Darfur Op-Ed Writing Contest

For nearly two years students have spoken out and played a key role in the movement to end genocide in Darfur, but the situation on the ground continues to deteriorate. What **more** can students do to stop the genocide?

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's Committee on Conscience is asking high school and university students to write an op-ed article responding to the question above. Publish your piece in your school or local newspaper and enter it in the Committee on Conscience's Writing Contest.

Have your op-ed judged by *The New York Times* columnist Nicholas Kristof; Illinois Senator Barack Obama; and former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright.

Win a trip to Washington, D.C., where you will have the opportunity to tour the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum and attend the Days of Remembrance Ceremony in the Capitol Rotunda. For further information visit:

http://www.ushmm.org/conscience/alert/students/events/2006_contest/?tr=y&aid=2083562

Development Continues for Conversion of a

Pensacola classroom into a mock trial courtroom for use by UWF's mock trial team, the local bar and area law

firms, high school mock trial teams, and as a training facility for law enforcement officers. The goal is to raise \$200,000. If you would like to contribute, please contact John Smykla at 850-473-7377.

The Recycling Program needs student volunteers to cover routes this year. Students who volunteer earn VolunteerUWF! hours for their time. Aluminum (soda) can/water bottle recycle bins have been added around the Fort Walton Beach 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. The program has extended to the W.E. Combs Campus; the individual blue recycle bins are there. We need a student to help coordinate the efforts on the Combs campus. For more information contact Dr. Diane Dodendorf (850-863-0729, dmdodend@uwf.edu)

The Department of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies is currently campaigning to raise funds to convert a classroom into a Mock Trial Courtroom on the Pensacola campus. For more information contact John Smykla at jsmykla@uwf.edu.

UWF To Offer Mobile Learning Program For Military Personnel. Pam Northrup, director of the University of West Florida Academic Technology Center, was awarded \$1,000,000 from the U.S. Naval Education and Training Command for a project "Anytime...Anywhere Mobile Learning Partnership," which will provide support for continued development of mobile learning degree programs for military personnel pursuing education opportunities while ashore, at sea or deployed.

"The program will focus on deployed service personnel behind green lines in Iraq who are interested in participating in voluntary education programs," said Northrup. "To be a part of educating deployed military personnel allows us to impact their lives and hopefully make an impact on new strategies for mobile learning worldwide."

In cooperation with the military and other educational institutions, the project will allow for development of a continuum of education between lower divisions to upper division and graduate education using mobile learning technologies, with the focus on courses in Technology Systems Support and Human Performance Technology.

For more information, contact Northrup at (850) 473-3255 or e-mail at pnorthru@uwf.edu.

In Our Community

College of Professional Studies Faculty win seats in the election! Professor Ross Goodman, Criminal Justice and Legal Studies was elected to serve as a circuit judge for the First Judicial Circuit of Florida. Dr. Diane Scott, Social Work, was elected to the Santa Rosa

County School Board. Congratulations to both!

Local Teacher's Essay Is A Finalist In National Contest (*NW Florida Daily News*, October 4, 2006) Maryann Baker, a Spring 2005 graduate of the UWF Interdisciplinary Humanities program, can appreciate how much teaching art at Liza Jackson Preparatory School has changed her life. She made the switch from artist to mentor for young artists only recently. The dramatic transformation was fresh on her mind when she spotted a contest entry promotion online for Kohl's department store.

Kohl's asked people to submit an essay about the most important transformation in their life. According to a Kohl's spokeswoman, Baker's essay was selected from more than 5,000 entries as one of the 10 most inspiring. Entries were judged on uniqueness, the impact of the transformation and the quality of writing.

Baker wrote that she had been working as a volunteer for some time at her daughter's school. She majored in art at UWF and worked as a painter and graphic artist before discovering that her background couldn't compare to what she learned from the kids she taught. She now teaches six levels of art classes and said the children have inspired her to become a better person. Baker flew to CA October 10 to receive a makeover, a \$1,000 Kohl's gift card and \$250 spending money.

Baker took part in a celebrity-hosted fashion show at Santa Monica Pier on October 12. The winner will receive a trip for two to Paris and a \$10,000 Kohl's shopping spree.

Let Us Hear From You!

We are interested in your feedback. Send to emolder@uwf.edu or call 850-863-6583. Thank you.

Omissions from the October newsletter:

Niceville Welcome Week activity held August 22 was a success! New and returning students in the AA to BA program were given a pizza party. Two door prize winners were: Lisa Gaines and Dawn Weaver.