

Campus Announcements

Welcome From the New Emerald Coast Dean

Emerald Coast students, faculty, staff, and partners:

What a pleasure it is to be serving as your new Dean! It is exciting to be here and I look forward to getting to know you and working with you to advance our goals. Our future is bright and there are great opportunities ahead for UWF-Emerald Coast.

Students, faculty, and regional community partners should be rightfully proud of the quality educational programs offered conveniently at UWF Emerald Coast's various locations. I am eager to work with you to continue our traditions of scholarship and service, and want to encourage you to let me know your thoughts and ideas for maintaining and improving our educational program and services.

Please do not hesitate to contact me, Jack Azzaretto, jazzaretto@uwf.edu, 863-0740.

Temporary Computer Lab at the W.E. Combs Campus in Building 4, room 4001A. The lab has four computers with Internet access and Adobe Acrobat, Microsoft Office XP, Roxio Easy CD Creator, and SPSS for Windows. At this point there is no printer access in the lab. Hours for the lab are 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

December

- 1 SBDC Workshop—"Starting a Business"
- 4-5 "GIS Academy-Integrating GPS with GIS"
- 5 International Food Fair (FWB)
- 7 New Employee Orientation (Pensacola)
- 7-10 NAACP Leadership Conference (Destin)
- 8 SBDC Workshop—"Starting a Business"
- 18-19 "Introduction to ArcSDE for SQL Server"
- 23 *Tidings of Comfort & Joy* concert

Holiday Closures:

- Fort Walton Beach—Dec. 25 to Jan. 1 CLOSED
- UWF/OWC Library—Dec. 16 to Jan. 3 CLOSED
- Eglin Center—Dec. 18 to Jan. 1 CLOSED
- Niceville—Dec. 18 to Jan. 1 CLOSED
- Hurlburt Field—Dec. 18 to Jan. 1 CLOSED
- W.E. Combs—Dec. 25 to Jan. 1 CLOSED
- NAS Pensacola—Dec. 25 to Jan. 1 CLOSED

What's Going On in December?

Visit the [Branch Campus Calendar](http://www.uwf.edu/emeraldcoast/EmeraldCoastCal/Calendar.htm) 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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Spring 2007 Graduate Student Orientation

In an attempt to further meet the expectations and needs of graduate students, the Office of Graduate Studies has arranged an orientation for graduate students entering in the Spring 2007 semester. This will be a fun and valuable time to meet other students and faculty both within and outside of your department.

When: Thursday, January 4, 2007, 5:15 - 8:00 p.m.

Where: Conference Room A, University Conference Center, Pensacola Campus

Please complete the online RSVP form (which may be accessed through the link on the Office of Graduate Studies website, <http://uwf.edu/graduate>) **as soon as possible.**

ECAB to Host Fall International Food Fair

Extended Campus Activities Board is having their final event of the semester Tuesday, December 5th on the FWB campus in Building 2 from 1:00 p.m. until done. The Fall International Food Fair and will include Greek, American, Chinese and Mexican food. Music will be provided by DJ Renzo. It is FREE!! Come and enjoy!!

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.

The Teacher Education Club (TEC) will be hosting teachers from the Okaloosa County School District to share their individual experiences as first year teachers. The meeting will be held Monday, 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 (cdc32@students.uwf.edu).

The Student Government Association is continuing its **Canned Food Drive** until Friday 8 December 2006. Canned goods will be collected and donated to needy families in our area. Collection boxes are located in every building on the Fort Walton Beach campus and in strategic locations on the Combs campus. Please give this holiday season! For more information, contact Linda Littlefield (ecsenatepro@uwf.edu).

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

The Emerald Coast Student Psychological Association (ECSPA)

is continuing its **Book Drive** to collect used and unwanted Psychology & Social Work books to send to Cambodia until after Fall Semester Book Buy Back.

Collection bins are located in the following locations:

Pensacola campus – outside the book store

Fort Walton Beach campus – outside the book store in Building 2; Building 4; Building 7.

Any questions, please contact Linda Littlefield (ecspa@uwf.edu).

The Emerald Coast Library (FWB) will be closed for intersession December 16-January 3. Regular library hours will resume on Thursday, January 4, 2007.

Faculty members are asked to think about needs for the Spring semester. Now is a good time to place materials on course reserve, schedule library research classes, and request materials to be ordered. Collection development is enhanced by your course syllabi, so please bring/send copies of syllabi that you have not already given to the library.

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 December 1 and 15 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 December 11 from 9:00 a.m.—2 p.m. **Career Services** representative will be at the FWB Campus December 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Appointments are encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome. Contact Andrea Rymer at 863-6569 to make an appointment.

The UWF Mock Trial Team participated in the Southeastern Invitational Tournament at UCF in Orlando November 17-19. The UWF team was composed primarily of new members so that they could get experience competing before the Spring season. There were fourteen teams from all over the U.S. at this Tournament. The UWF team performed strongly and was ranked in the top five going into the last round. Although we did not bring home any trophies this time, the team is going to start gearing up for the Spring competitions.

A Group of CJSA and CJSO Students from both the Pensacola and Emerald Coast (FWB) campuses spent the day on Wednesday, November 15 at the FBI offices in Mobile, Alabama. The students were able to tour the offices, including the crime lab, and met with special agents from the terrorism, counterintelligence, white collar, cyber-crime, violent crime, and SWAT units. The students heard some interesting presentations from these agents, including Special Agent in Charge Debra Mack, and made some valuable contacts for the future. The CJSA is especially grateful to Special Agent Denise Gunn for her time and assistance on this trip.

The Department of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies received a substantial gift from local attorney, Mr. Fred Levin, and principal of Levin & Papantonio, to convert a classroom on the Pensacola campus into a high-tech mock trial courtroom for use by UWF and local high school mock trial teams, area attorneys and law enforcement agencies for witness preparation, and a venue to hold regional and national mock trial competitions.

The **Making Way for Excellence Communications** team has posted the December 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 "A little knowledge that acts is worth infinitely more than much knowledge that is idle." - Kahlil Gibran. Visit the website at <http://uwf.edu/excellence/compass/>

Special Events

Parent University Offered at UWF

Publisher Nancy Babin of The Emerald Coast's Family Magazine, On the Coast, is proud to sponsor the upcoming Parent University at UWF in February. "We're excited about this innovative way to reach out into the community with the UWF Emerald Coast Student Psychological Association," she says. The student association has put together a wonderful two-day event promoting positive parenting. For more information please call 863-6569.

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).

Small Business Development Center Workshops Starting a Business

- December 1 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Crestview Chamber of Commerce.
- December 8 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., FWB Campus, 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.

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.

Tidings of Comfort & Joy Tickets on Sale

WUWF Public Media is pleased to present **Tidings of Comfort & Joy, Saturday, December 23, 2006**. From its inception in 2000 this simple, elegant concert has become a favorite holiday tradition in Pensacola. The beautifully lit Old Christ Church along historic Seville Square provides a serene setting for the carefully chosen selection of acoustic seasonal music.

Host Dale Riegle includes something for everyone in the family. Both contemporary and traditional carols and hymns will be performed by the Perdido Brass, flutist Stephanie Riegle, violinist Patti Easton, keyboardist Tina Buran, harpist Katie Glass and others.

Seating in Old Christ Church is limited and because the event sells out so quickly each year, a third performance has been added. Performances are at **6 p.m., 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. E-tickets are \$10 each** for general seating. They will be available online at www.wuwf.org beginning, Friday, December 1. For those without internet access, please call (850) 474-2787 for assistance.

The Division of Continuing Education will offer "Introduction to ArcSDE for SQL Server" December 18 and 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The class, which covers the software basics of GIS database integration, is geared toward database professionals, GIS professionals and government information specialists. The class will be held on the UWF Main Campus, Building 13. The registration deadline is December 11, and space is limited.

“ArcSDE technology is used to access geographic databases stored in database management systems,” said Nicole Gislason, associate director of the UWF Division of Continuing Education. “It is an integral part of any enterprise Geographic Information System. The primary role of ArcSDE is to combine GIS and powerful databases such as Oracle and Microsoft SQL Server, delivering all the advantages of these robust relational databases within the GIS environment.”

The class will be taught by Stuart Hamilton, GIS coordinator for UWF.

For more information or to register, call (850) 474-2914 or visit <http://ContinuingEd.uwf.edu/Gis.cfm>

The Division of Continuing Education will offer “GIS Academy - Integrating GPS with GIS” December 4 and 5 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the UWF Main Campus, Building 13. The class will allow students to become familiar with the general principles of how a Global Positioning System (GPS) works, how to obtain real-time differential and post-processed data, how to plan a field survey and collect feature data with a GPS, how to transfer, convert and display field work in ArcGIS and how to integrate GPS data with other data layers, such as aerial photos in a GIS. The class is geared toward facilities planning, site assessment and emergency management professionals seeking to improve their methods of collecting field data.

“Flooded areas, fallen power lines, street damage and brush piles can all be coded by location in real time,” said Nicole Gislason, associate director, UWF Continuing Education. “This empowers decision makers to improve response and recovery plans based on accurate up-to-date field data collected by a GPS/Mobile GIS solution.”

For more information or to register, call (850) 474-2914 or visit <http://ContinuingEd.uwf.edu/Gis.cfm>

The Military Appreciation Reception honored enlisted and retired military personnel for their past and present hard work, dedication, and commitment in preserving and protecting our freedom. The celebration took place November 7 on the Fort Walton Beach campus. The Choctawhatchee High School ROTC presented the colors while Cheryl Jones sang the national anthem. Major Charlie Listak gave the invocation and Captain shared a reading about the POW/MIA table that was on display. Dr. Wesley Little was the guest speaker in addition to President Cavanaugh who expressed his thanks to our service members and Board of Trustees member Honor Bell who shared stories of his own military experience.



Choctawhatchee High School ROTC present colors



Left to Right: **Capt. Richard Humphries, Major Charlie Listak, Dr. Wesley Little, President Cavanaugh**

Did You Know . . . ?

UWF Offers Certificate in Professional Accountancy

The Department of Accounting and Finance now offers a “Certificate in Professional Accountancy.” The certificate is offered online and is designed for students and accounting professionals with bachelor’s degrees in accounting or the equivalent, who need the additional four courses required to sit for the CPA examination in Florida. A GMAT score is not required to obtain the certificate.

The certificate program, which can be completed in two semesters, requires successful completion of 12 semester hours comprised of the following graduate courses: “Advanced Financial Accounting,” “Non-Profit

Accounting and Auditing," "Corporate Tax" and "Commercial Law."

An application form for the "Certificate in Professional Accountancy" program is available online at uwf.edu/account/certificate.htm. Students may also elect to complete the coursework in the traditional face-to-face setting in lieu of the online format.

For more information, contact Chula King, chair of the Department of Accounting and Finance, at (854) 474-2719 or e-mail cking@uwf.edu.

Student Directory Available in Argus - Beginning November 28, the student directory is now part of Argus for internal use by students, faculty and staff, but will not be available to the general public on the Web. Only directory information is available in the Web directory. Students should refer to the Catalog (<http://uwf.edu/catalog/regrecords.htm>), section on Confidentiality of Student Records and Directory Information, for details on release policies and directory information. Students may change their privacy restrictions via the Argus Services tab in the Directory and Privacy Information Update section. Changes for Electronic Release will take up to 24-hours to be reflected in the online directory since the changes are implemented over night. Students who are also listed as employees of the university will continue to have work-related directory information included in the employee directory and will be available through the public Web page.

In Our Community

The Center for Lifelong Learning, which holds classes on the FWB campus of UWF/OWC, is preparing for their winter semester, which will begin January 18, 2007. More than 70 courses and special events are scheduled.

Registration for returning CLL students will take place in the campus auditorium Friday, January 12, 2007, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.; new students will register at 1:00 p.m. 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 January 15, 16 and 17 in the UWF admin offices at building 1. Thereafter it will be held in the CLL office, Room 461, building 4.

For more information or to request a catalog, call the CLL office at 863-6548, email them at CLL@uwf.edu, or check out their web site at <http://CLL-FWB.org>

The U.S. Department of Defense Gave \$1 million to the University of West Florida so that soldiers underwater, in faraway lands or places even the Internet won't reach can take college courses on personal digital assistants.

"With all the soldiers deployed in remote places such as Iraq, PDAs give them a chance to do the same things that others do in a traditional classroom," said Ed Barker, spokesman for U.S. Naval Education and Training Command, the local donating agency.

The University of West Florida Academic Technology Center was awarded the money in cooperation with the military, Florida Community College in Jacksonville and Coastline Community College in San Diego.

The "Anytime ... Anywhere Mobile Learning Partnership" program will focus on undergraduate and graduate courses in two subject areas: technology-systems support and human-performance technology.

"We'll send them a handheld PDA, with the course on the equivalent of a memory card that they can put in the device," said Pam Northrup, director of the university's technology center.

"A lot of them are trying to better themselves, further their education and move up in the ranks of the military."

The courses are expected to be available to about 100 students by May. The student selection is happening now.

The PDAs will use Flash animation, audio-narrated PowerPoint and video, Northrup said.

"This is cutting-edge," said Dean Taylor, who is overseeing the contract for the government. "We're thinking outside the box when it comes to delivering education. They'll actually get college credit for it."

The program costs so much to launch because it takes highly trained designers and technology experts to create it with adult learning in mind, he said.

But once begun, the cost will be relatively cheap to maintain and adjust the program.

The next step will be distributing iPods to soldiers to take their college courses. (*Pensacola News Journal*-November, 11, 2006)

The Department of Music is Seeking Competitors for the Kathleen T. and Philip B. Phillips, M.D. Jazz Piano Competition. This annual event, made possible by the generosity of the Phillips family, is open to currently

enrolled undergraduate and graduate students, ages 17 through 35, from colleges and universities throughout the U.S. Finalists will compete for cash prizes totaling \$10,000. The final round of the competition will be held as a free public performance March 30, 2007 at the historic Saenger Theater in downtown Pensacola. The competition coincides with Pensacola's annual JazzFest, which will feature the winner in concert March 31, 2007.

Five finalists will be selected by a panel of judges and notified by March 1, 2007. Finalists should plan to arrive in Pensacola March 29 in preparation for the competition. Each finalist will be allowed a maximum of 20 minutes performance time. Prizes to be awarded include: First place: \$5,000; Second place: \$3,000; Third place: \$1,500; and two Honorable Mentions at \$250 each. Each finalist will be allocated a \$500 travel and housing stipend.

Competitors must submit applications no later than Feb. 16, 2007. They should include a letter of recommendation from the student's applied teacher, an audition CD or videotape (not to exceed 30 minutes) that includes pieces representing at least three different jazz styles, proof of age and student status.

For more information and application materials, visit uwf.edu/music/phillipsjazz or call the Department of Music at (850) 474-2147.

or consider a scholarship for a young leader in the community.

For more information please contact Sabu Williams, (850) 376-1346

Let Us Hear From You!

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

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This is a National Program being held in our area! If you are a part of a local business, please consider sponsoring a young leader from your company to attend