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Through an innovative agreement with Okaloosa County School District, UWF has made a commitment to provide \$50,000 in scholarships each year for the next ten years to Okaloosa County High School graduates who attend UWF. The first awards will be made in the fall of 2007. Preference will be given to those students who complete one of the following joint UWF/CHOICE Institutes:

- Instruction Technology – W.E. Combs Campus
- Information Technology – Niceville High School
- Engineering Technology/Construction – Common Campus

What's Going On in May?

Visit the **Branch Campus Calendar** to find out what events are taking place. You may use this link <http://www.uwf.edu/emeraldcoast/EmeraldCoastCalendar.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).



(Left to Right) John Cavanaugh, Keysha Cron, Stephen Beamon, and Jack Azzaretto.

Campus Announcements

UWF-Emerald Coast Scholarship Luncheon

The University of West Florida-Emerald Coast hosted a luncheon for more than one hundred community leaders on April 5th at the Niceville Community Center to raise awareness about the impact UWF is making in the community. Guest speaker Dr. John Cavanaugh, UWF President, emphasized the university's commitment to the Emerald Coast community and to current and prospective students through the Emerald Coast Scholarship Fund.

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According to the Okaloosa County School District, only 50% of their graduates make a decision to work towards an advanced degree. By awarding these scholarships, UWF and the school district hope to increase the percentage of students who make the decision to pursue a higher education degree.

Dr. Jack Azzaretto, UWF Emerald Coast Dean and CEO emceed the lunch and UWF students Keysha Cron, Stephen Beamon shared their personal experiences with participants. Event committee chair, Marjorie Cummins, shared the importance of community support of its students how this not only provides a better life for them, but enhances the quality of life for everyone.

For additional information about the UWF Emerald Coast Scholarship Fund, please contact Gretchen VanValkenburg at gvalkenb@uwf.edu or 863-0755.

Welcome Follett Bookstore Manager Cynthia Spiller (863-0760; 1017mgr@fhcg.follett.com) to the Emerald Coast! The UWF-Emerald Coast bookstore is located in Building 2 on the FWB Campus. Hours: 8:00 am-5:00 pm Monday and Wednesday-Friday; 9:00 am-6:00 pm Tuesday. Sell your books back anytime!

Spring Commencement

Due to an increase in the number of University of West Florida students graduating this semester, two Commencement Ceremonies will be held in the spring. Both ceremonies will be held May 5. The first ceremony, for students earning bachelor's degrees (undergraduate students), will be held at 9 a.m. at the Pensacola Civic Center located at 201 East Gregory St. in downtown Pensacola. This ceremony should last approximately two hours. The second ceremony, for students earning master's, specialist and doctoral degrees (graduate students), will be held at 3:30 p.m. at the UWF Field House, Building 54 on the Pensacola Campus. This ceremony should last approximately one to one and a half hours. For more information, visit <http://uwf.edu/commencement> or call (850) 474-3386.

Nominations Sought for Partners in Excellence Award

- Many members of the local community generously donate one of their most prized and valued possessions to UWF – time. UWF wishes to express its appreciation to these community members who, through their time, help to cultivate the academic and/or professional development of students. For the first time in UWF history, nominations are being accepted through June 1 for the annual Partners in Excellence Award. Faculty, staff and students are encouraged to assist UWF in identifying community members (individuals, groups or organizations) who are deserving of

recognition. Information and nomination forms can be found at

https://nautical.uwf.edu/files/org/INREACHPAT/NOMINATION_FORM_Prtnrs_Excel.pdf.

Faculty and Students in the News

Parenting Publications of America (PPA) gave out over 370 Editorial and Design Competition awards to 80 parenting newspapers and magazines at a banquet on March 3, 2007, the climax of the three-day PPA Annual Convention in Nashville, TN. "The purpose of the PPA awards competition is to encourage a high level of journalistic performance and service to communities by recognizing editorial excellence and outstanding visual presentation in parenting publications," said PPA Executive Director James Dowden. The *Emerald Coast's Family Magazine - On the Coast* received two Gold awards and a Silver for the contributions of The University of West Florida-Emerald Coast faculty members and a graduate student.

Tonya Rasor, a Psychology graduate student, received Gold recognition in the Family Matters area for her article titled "Pool Safety." Joy Damen Makela, a faculty member in the Psychology Department, was recognized with a Gold award for her photography of girls engaged in bullying accompanying "The ABCs of Bullying" article written by Valerie Peterson, LMHC. Additionally, the PPA awarded Silver to *On the Coast* for headlines acknowledging Joy Damen Makela as a contributing editor along with Dr. Diane Dodendorf's editorial titled "The Grand Connection" receiving special acknowledgment.

"I receive such great feedback from our local community on our journalism, photography and design, it's nice to receive national recognition," says Nancy Babin, publisher of *On the Coast*. Babin goes on to say, "Having faculty and students from The University of West Florida-Emerald Coast contribute gives me an opportunity to use local knowledge bringing some proximity to the stories. I'm very pleased with my relationship with UWF and look forward to continuing it while getting the best information possible out to the community."

All award winners are posted on the Parenting Publications of America website and can be viewed by visiting www.parentingpublications.org and selecting AWARD WINNERS.

Academic Student Center

Chuck Straley, **VA Representative**, will be at the FWB Campus May 4 and 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Bldg 2, Rm. 212A, for walk-ins. Mr. Straley will also be at the Eglin Center May 7 and 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. **MBA Representative**, Melissa Padden, will be at the

FWB Campus May 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and at the Eglin Center from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Call or email Melissa, 850-474-2352, mpadden@uwf.edu, to schedule an appointment.

Announcement from the Library:

Now is the time for faculty to place items on reserve for summer classes and to arrange for library research strategies instruction for entire classes. Please schedule classes studying library research strategies for no later than the end of June.

The library celebrated National Library Week April 15-April 21 with free food and drink.



Uncle Sam (Walter Craft, pictured above, retired director of the Emerald Coast Small Business Development Center) visited around campus promoting the library.

The Emerald Coast Criminal Justice Student Organization (CJSO) has created a **Relay for Life** Team. Come join in on the fun April 27- 28, 2007 from 6:00 p.m. until noon at Choctawhatchee High School. We are looking for volunteers to donate baked goods, fundraise, or walk/run. Contact Team Captain: Michelle Herczeg at mjh26@students.uwf.edu for more information. If you would like to donate in the name of the CJSO, contact our website: www.acevents.org/relay/fl/ftwaltonbeach and 1) Logon on to the website, 2) Click on the Donation Icon, 3) Type "Herczeg" to bring up team, and 4) Enter you information and donation amount.

The Office of Juvenile Studies is seeking juniors, seniors, and graduate students interested in gaining valuable real-world work experience prior to graduation.

The positions involve supervising and assisting youth prior to and following release from juvenile residential programs. This is an excellent student position for those that want a flexible work schedule with much training,

networking, and guidance. Positions require current student enrollment as a junior, senior, or graduate student.

Don't miss this valuable opportunity to gain real work skills and experience! Your future employers will thank you! For more information contact Sunny Watkins at 850-863-6581 or Stacey Brame at 850-474-2782.

Criminal Justice Student Organization (CJSO) hosted their annual Career Fair on the Fort Walton Beach Campus on Tuesday, April 24.

There were local, state, and federal agencies that participated, including DeFuniak Springs Police Department, Santa Rosa County Sheriff's Office, Florida Department of Corrections, Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Fort Walton Beach Police Department, Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office, Okaloosa County Victim Assistance Center, Medical Examiner's Office, Bridgeway Judicial Services/County Probation, Okaloosa Pretrial Services, US Army, US Marines, Alabama Department of Corrections, Florida Department of Financial Services-Fraud Division, Federal Bureau of Prisons, and the FBI.

The Career Fair was an excellent opportunity for students to talk to a variety of professionals to learn more about the careers that are available for criminal justice majors. All of the participating agencies either currently offer internships or are interested in doing so.



Pictured: Officer Nelson, DeFuniak Spring Police Department, and Kathy Haywood, President of CJSO

Special Events

IT Academy Scholarship Opportunities

The University of West Florida IT Academy has recently announced scholarship opportunities for individuals enrolled in summer 2007 instructor-led information technology (IT) courses.

Scholarships will cover between \$500 and \$1,500 per semester in tuition expenses for qualified individuals in the Fort Walton Beach area. Limited funds are available. Interested individuals must complete a registration form by May 1, 2007 to qualify.

The UWF IT Academy semester begins May 21, 2007. Courses last for 16-weeks.

For more information, contact Nicole Gislason at (800) 710-3233 or visit <http://ContinuingEd.uwf.edu>.

In an effort to meet the growing demand for quality professionals in the information technology (IT) industry, the University of West Florida's IT Academy will provide several classes and certification opportunities for residents of Northwest Florida.

UWF "Retire With Technology" Courses Begin May 7

The Division of Continuing Education will offer "Retire with Technology" courses, which are designed for seniors and will provide more than 22 hours of hands-on computer skills in a student-paced environment, geared to meet the needs of the fastest growing segment of Internet users in the United States. "Computer Basics" will be held every Wednesday May 9 through Aug. 22, and "Intermediate Microsoft Office Suite" will be held every Monday May 7 through Aug. 20. Each course meets from 9 to 10:30 a.m. at the UWF Main Campus. Tuition costs \$299 per person and includes a flash drive to store class material, a textbook and certificate of completion. The enrollment deadline is May 2. Registration is limited to 24 students per class.

"Former students have taken the class for a variety of reasons," said Nicole Gislason, associate director of Continuing Education. "Many retirees enjoy the activities which are available to them via the home computer. Our students are using the Internet to play bridge, plan a vacation, share photos and reconnect with friends throughout the country. There are more practical applications for the PC like paying bills and researching purchases. But who can resist the opportunity to reconnect with buddies while playing cards and sharing news?"

For more information or to enroll, contact the UWF Division of Continuing Education at (850) 474-2914 or visit <http://ContinuingEd.uwf.edu>

UWF Reading Skills Program in Fort Walton Beach

Division of Continuing Education & the Institute for Reading Development; 1-800-964-8888

<https://enroll.readingprograms.org/webreg/register.aspx?puno=3680>

K: 4 Year Olds to Entering Kindergarten

Friday, 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM; 5 sessions starting July 13, 2007, ending August 10, 2007

1: Entering 1st Graders

Friday, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM; 5 sessions starting July 13, 2007, ending August 10, 2007

2: Entering 2nd Graders [610003]

Thursday, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM; 5 sessions starting July 12, 2007, ending August 9, 2007

3: Entering 3rd Graders

Friday, 1:45 PM - 4:00 PM; 5 sessions starting July 13, 2007, ending August 10, 2007

4: Entering 4th and 5th Graders

Thursday, 3:00 PM - 5:15 PM; 5 sessions starting July 12, 2007, ending August 9, 2007

5: Entering 6th-8th Graders

Thursday, 11:45 AM - 2:15 PM; 5 sessions starting July 12, 2007, ending August 9, 2007

6: Entering 9th-11th Graders

Wednesday, 4:00 PM - 6:30 PM; 5 sessions starting July 11, 2007, ending August 8, 2007

7: Speed Reading and Reading Skills Program for Entering 12th Graders-Adults

Wednesday, 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM; 5 sessions starting July 11, 2007, ending August 8, 2007

UWF Nautilus Dance Institute to Hold First Annual Dance Workshop

The UWF Nautilus Dance Institute will hold its first annual dance workshop June 29 and 30. The event is designed to promote dance education, fitness and fun and will be hosted by the UWF Health, Leisure and Exercise Science Department (HLES). The event is open to the public and prices vary depending on age group and participation.

The workshop will include the following dance styles: ballet, ballroom, breakin, dance team work, funky jazz, hip-hop, jazz, lyrical, mock audition class, modern, musical theatre, partnering class, Pilates and dance, reggaeton, tap and yoga for dancers.

Participants will be divided into groups by observers, juniors (ages 7 to 13), seniors (ages 14 and up), assistant teachers, teachers and studio owners. The single-day workshop costs \$20 per person for observers, \$75 per person for juniors, \$95 per person for seniors, \$115 per person for assistant teachers and \$135 per person for teachers and studio owners. The two-day workshop costs \$30 per person for observers, \$120 per person for juniors, \$140 per person for seniors, \$160 per

person for assistant teachers and \$180 per person for teachers and studio owners. Late registration begins June 1. Individuals who register after June 1 will pay a \$30 late fee in addition to the prices listed above.

To register for the workshop or for more information, visit the Nautilus Dance Institute Web site at uwf.edu/ndi. For more information, contact Kym Atwood, HLES instructor, at (850) 474-2674 or e-mail katwood@uwf.edu, or e-mail Tiffany Pickett, HLES graduate assistant, at tdp5@students.uwf.edu.

UWF Department of Music to Offer Summer High School Music Camp

The UWF Department of Music, in partnership with the Pensacola Opera, will offer a summer music camp for high school students, ages 14 to 18, July 22 through 27 on the UWF Main Campus. The base registration fee is \$200 per person, with additional fees for housing, meal plans and private lessons. The application deadline is June 29.

“UWF’s Summer High School Music Camp is an opportunity for young musicians to be instructed by our prestigious faculty and staff,” said Kyle Marrero, chair of the UWF Department of Music. “Living, eating, practicing and performing on the UWF campus will provide prospective young musicians with a musical immersion experience.”

Classes will include “Music Theory,” “Ear Training/Sight Singing,” “Class Piano,” “Stage Movement,” “Music History/Literature,” “Jazz Fundamentals/Improv,” “Music Computers/Technology” and “Beginning Conducting.” Ensembles will include chorus, band, string orchestra, opera studio and chamber music. Private lessons in individual areas of study will also be offered. As an “All Steinway School,” UWF will offer camp participants the opportunity to utilize 18 new Steinway pianos.

Merit-based scholarships for \$50 and \$100 are available. For scholarship consideration, applications must be received no later than June 1. Students will present a concert July 27 at 7 p.m., which is free and open to the public.

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

Did You Know . . . ?

University Bookstore Implements BookNow Program

The University Bookstore will implement BookNow beginning with summer semester registration. BookNow connects UWF’s online registration system to the University Bookstore, allowing students to purchase

textbooks online immediately after registering for classes. If they choose to buy books, the system transfers them directly into the bookstore’s system and provides a pre-populated list of required and recommended course materials based on their class schedule. Students will see the book selections for their classes and can decide which books they wish to purchase and whether to purchase new or used books. Students can pick them up at the bookstore or have them shipped. BookNow provides students with an easy to use, all-in-one solution and less time spent in bookstore lines. For more information, contact the University Bookstore at Ext. 2150 or visit the Bookstore online at <http://www.uwf.bkstr.com>.

In Our Community

UWF Alumni Event in Destin

The UWF Alumni office will be hosting an event for area alumnus Thursday, May 17 at the Bluewater Bay Resort in Niceville, from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Contact KC Etheredge, ketheredge@uwf.edu, 850-474-2758 for more information.

Okaloosa County Leadership Summit: The State Of Black America in Okaloosa County

The Okaloosa County Branch of NAACP, RL Campbell Management Services, Inc., and Cox Communications are putting on a Leadership Summit are hosting a Leadership Summit *Closing the Gaps...Together*, Saturday, June 2, 2007. The purpose of the summit is to identify the concerns, discuss best practices, and develop measurements to track our success of key issues that we will focus our efforts on in the next 12-24 months.

The overall goal of this summit will be to build a lasting and effective coalition among leaders of the African American community for the collective purpose of moving our community forward in the areas of education, economic development, political action, health and youth.

The summit will also host a Vendor/Exhibitor Marketplace, opened to the general public and include a health fair, arts and crafts, and information from both the private and public sector.

The site of the Okaloosa County Leadership Summit is the Emerald Coast Conference Center, 1250 Miracle Strip Parkway SE, Fort Walton Beach, Florida.

Registration Information:

	ADULTS	YOUTH
Early Registration*	\$60.00	\$30.00
Late Registration*	\$75.00	\$35.00
On Site Registration*	\$85.00	\$50.00
Leadership Luncheon	\$25.00	\$20.00

*Fee includes continental breakfast, summit materials, and Leadership Power Luncheon.
 Pre-Registration deadline is May 18, 2007.
 Pre-registration forms must be postmarked on or before May 18, 2007 and mail to: NAACP, P.O. Box 58, FWB, FL 32549. Check or Money Order must accompany the form. Make checks payable to: NAACP.

Spring Panhandle Job Fair 2007

26 April 2007
 10 am to 3 pm (CST)



Northwest Florida Fairgrounds
 1958 Lewis Turner Blvd. Ft Walton Beach, FL 32547

This job fair will have employers from across the U.S. with jobs in numerous fields including:

- Mechanical
- Engineering
- Technical
- Law Enforcement
- Medical
- Aerospace
- Clerical
- Sales
- Telecommunications
- Information Technology
- Hospitality
- and Many More

Sponsored by Florida Employer Advisory Council in conjunction with Jobs Plus, your local base Transition Assistance Programs, Fort Walton Chamber of Commerce, Escarosa Career Center, Society for Human Resource Management - Emerald Coast Chapter, University of West Florida, and Northwest Florida Daily News.



www.panhandlejobfair.com

UWF Presents Annual Alumni Awards

The University of West Florida National Alumni Association named its 2007 alumni award winners during its Alumni Jazz Brunch held March 31 during Festival on the Green. The awards are given each year in recognition of those who work to help and promote the university, the alumni association and the more than 55,000 Argo alumni. This year's award recipients are as follows:

Distinguished Alumnus – James Ely; Mort O'Sullivan, III; Stephen Riggs, III; and David Miln Smith.

This award is presented to UWF alumni for significant achievements in his or her chosen field of interest or profession.

Ely obtained his bachelor's and master's degrees in marketing from UWF. For the last 18 years, Ely has led Florida's Turnpike Enterprise as the chief executive officer. He is now serving as president of the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association, headquartered in Washington, D.C.

O'Sullivan obtained his bachelor's degree from UWF in 1973 and opened his own accounting firm in 1977, which has become one of the largest and most respected accounting firms in Northwest Florida. O'Sullivan is the managing partner of O'Sullivan Creel, LLP, the second largest Florida-based accounting firm in the state.

Riggs received his bachelor's degree in 1976 from UWF. With 22 years of experience in public accounting and consulting services, Riggs is vice-chairman of Carr, Riggs and Ingram, the 38th largest accounting firm in the country, with 13 offices located in Florida, Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi.

Honorary Alumnus – Richard Berg and Bob Kimball

This award is presented to individuals for significant contributions to UWF in the areas of administration, academics, student relations or university advancement. These may be in the areas of teaching, community service, volunteer leadership, financial support or other such areas that have a direct impact on UWF and a positive influence on UWF National Alumni Association.

Berg joined UWF in July 1988 as director of Athletics, inheriting a young but competitive athletic program. Under his leadership, the program has grown from nine sports teams and a budget of just under \$500,000 to a total of 14 teams and a budget of more than \$3 million. Berg championed the transition of UWF from NAIA to the NCAA and led the university to the Division II powerhouse it has become. Nationally competitive across the board, UWF Athletics boasts four national championships under his leadership.

Kimball has devoted 20 years of his professional career to teaching and mentoring UWF students. He has been recognized for his insightful and innovative teaching and is known for demanding nothing short of excellence from his students. In 2006, Kimball made a \$1 million commitment to a scholarship he endowed years before.

Friend of the University – Father John Licari

This award is presented for contributions to UWF resulting in the creation of goodwill, increased visibility/recognition and overall growth of the university.

Licari has provided leadership and outreach to UWF students and is known for being open minded and

compassionate to all he encounters. Licari received his bachelor's degree from UWF in 1996.

Chambered Nautilus Award of Merit – Marny Gilluly

This award is presented for significant contributions, sustained leadership and service to UWF in the areas of academics, administration, student relations or university advancement. Significant contributions may include that of time, money, professional leadership and expertise, or other areas having a direct and positive influence on the university. The recipient may be an alumnus or a non-alumnus, and one individual may receive this award per year.

Gilluly is a 1971 graduate of UWF. Over the years, her financial contributions have enabled UWF Honors students to study in Italy, Ireland, Honduras, Australia, Cuba, Mexico and England. Gilluly has not only been financially generous with the university, she is also very giving of her time, serving as a member of the University Foundation Board of Directors since 1998. She has served as chair of the Investment Committee and currently serves as the president of the Foundation. She has been a member of the UWF Board of Trustees since 2003.

For more information on the UWF National Alumni Association and its programs and services, contact K.C. Etheredge, director of Alumni Relations, at (850) 474-2766.

The School of Allied Health and Life Sciences

announces its Summer 2007 courses to support outreach to the entire Emerald Coast area. Courses available completely online. Additional courses in traditional format at the UWF Emerald Coast campus. Supported programs include the Certificate in Medical Informatics, Certificate in Public Health-Environmental Health, Master of Public Health, and the Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences (Allied Health and Health Care Ethics tracks). For additional information on course schedules and online registration, please visit:

<http://uwf.edu/sahls/faq/>

The Center for Lifelong Learning, a nonprofit organization, is currently in its planning stage for the fall 2007 semester at the UWF-Emerald Coast Fort Walton Beach campus. An all-volunteer school, CLL offerings cover the spectrum from computers to art to science, with such classes as *Genealogy*, *Immigration Issues*, *Civil War History*, *International Travel*, *Classical Music*, *Ancient Greece and Rome*, as well as classes in language, exercise, religion, dance, cooking and bridge. There will be more than 70 classes and special events from which to choose. A \$40 registration fee entitles students to take as many as four classes, plus \$10 for each additional class over four. Semesters are eight

weeks in duration and begin each January and September.

Every Friday at noon special events are offered in the campus auditorium. Students are invited to bring their lunches and learn from a variety of programs.

Registration for the September semester is scheduled in the campus auditorium on Friday, September 7, 2007. For more information—and to have your name placed on the mailing list—call the CLL office at 850-863-6548 or visit their web site at <http://CLL-FWB.org>

2007-2008 Continuing Education Workshops and Short Courses in The School of Allied Health and Life Sciences announced. Co-sponsors include Aerotech Technical Institute, UWF Nursing Program, American Society of Safety Engineers, and the Indoor Air Quality Training Institute.

Current dates include:

- Returning to Nursing (May 25-Aug 15, 2007/Registration ends: March 30, 2007)
- OSHA Construction Industry 10-hr Course (July 2007)
- IAQA Certified Indoor Environmentalist (CIE)/Supervisor (September 17-19, 2007)
- IAQA Certified Microbial Remediator (CMR)/Supervisor (September 17-19, 2007)
- Mold Awareness Workshop (September 20, 2007, 12-4pm)
- OSHA General Industry 10-hr Course (January 2008)

For additional information visit:

<http://uwf.edu/sahls/workshops/>

Let Us Hear From You!

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