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A Note from the Dean...

Greetings students, faculty, staff, and community friends. As the 2010 year winds down, be sure to maintain focus on your studies for these last weeks of classes. Finishing your final exams with a top grade is a wonderful way to end the semester and the year!

Now is the time to prepare for the Spring semester. Registration for Spring 2011 is currently underway, so be sure to visit our academic advisers for any assistance you may need. I encourage you to arrange your schedule prior to the Winter Break to be sure to get the courses you require for your degree plan. The new semester will be here before you know it, with classes beginning on January 5th, 2011.

Be sure to watch Explore University of West Florida Emerald Coast on Cox Channel 6 every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 3:00 p.m.; and Sundays at 8:30 a.m. This month's show features Community Outreach Coordinator Ester Molder and Academic Advisor Latrece Gulley, as we discuss UWF admissions and community outreach.

To view current or past episodes online, please visit <http://uwf.edu/emeraldcoast/explore/index.cfm>.

The close of another semester means we will say goodbye to a new group of graduates before they embark on the next phase of their journey. The Fall Commencement Ceremony will be held on Saturday, December 11, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. at the Pensacola Civic Center. Congratulations to all our graduating seniors and graduate students, you have worked hard towards this great accomplishment!

A very happy and safe holiday season to all.
Best of luck to you in your endeavors!

John F. Azzaretto
Vice Provost and Dean
UWF Emerald Coast



Registration for Spring 2011

Open Registration for all degree-seeking students runs through December 5, 2010. Regular Registration for non-degree and all other students runs December 6, 2010 to January 4, 2011. Representatives are available at all Emerald Coast locations to assist students with a variety of services, including general advising and registration. Appointments preferred but walk-ins are welcome.

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Walk-ins: 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m, first and third Tuesday of every month; however advising can be arranged for any day or time with advanced notice.

New Transfer Student Orientation

There will be a New Student Orientation for newly admitted Emerald Coast transfer students on the Fort Walton Beach Campus, Bldg. 1, room 126, on Tuesday, January 4, 2011 at 5:30 p.m.

Information will be provided on the following topics: Counseling & Wellness, Library Services, Student Services, Test Proctoring, Student Disability Resource Center, Student Clubs & Organizations, Career Services. The Bookstore and Cashier office will be open for you to purchase books, schools supplies, parking passes and your Nautilus ID card. Workshops will be presented on Library research and IT Services (ARGUS, and E-Learning, Computer Facilities). You will also have the opportunity to "Meet Your Faculty."

Door prizes and refreshments will be provided. RSVP today if you plan to attend the orientation and if you would like to attend the workshops. Contact Sherry DelCastillo at sdelcastillo@uwf.edu or call [850\) 314-6910](tel:8503146910) for more information.

Bookstore Hours

The UWF Emerald Coast Bookstore will be open Monday through Thursday 10:00 am to 5:00 p.m. and Friday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. starting December 1, 2010 and ending December 15, 2010. The bookstore will be open Monday through Wednesday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. the week of December 19, 2010 through December 25, 2010 and will be closed the week of December 26, 2010 through January 1, 2011.

◆Cap & Gown pick-up for Fall Graduation begins on November 29, 2010 and will continue until December 10, 2010. Remember that the final day for rental check-ins is also Friday, December 10, 2010.

◆Financial Aid for the Spring 2011 semester is available for use in the bookstore starting Monday, December 6, 2010.

If assistance is needed on either Thursdays or Fridays, please contact the University of West Florida Main Campus Bookstore at [850\) 474-2150](tel:8504742150).



UWF Emerald Coast Students

As we near the end of the Fall 2010 Semester, please take a moment to ensure that you have indicated “Emerald Coast” as the Campus Location in your Argus account. Why? Because the “Emerald Coast” location code is used:

... for scholarships designated for UWF Emerald Coast students; if your name is not in the selection pool, you cannot be considered.

... to determine which students receive newsletters, email notification, invitations, and other communication regarding graduation activities, free events, and gifts designated for UWF Emerald Coast students.

... to allocate student activity fees for Student Government and Activity Board events at UWF Emerald Coast locations.

... to inform you about Emerald Coast Student Government initiatives and officer decisions at UWF Emerald Coast locations.

Unless you have indicated the “Emerald Coast” location code in your Argus account, we will not be able to communicate any of this important (and beneficial) information to you. Please update today, using your Argus account, or contact any UWF Emerald Coast advisor or campus coordinator for assistance. Latrece Gulley - Advisor and Crestview Office, lgulley@uwf.edu; Sherry DelCastillo - Advisor, sdelcastillo@uwf.edu; Tom Schwingle - FWB Campus, tschwingle@uwf.edu; Dr. Tessie Bradford - Combs Campus, tbradford@uwf.edu; Dr. Tom Gilbar - REEF Campus, tgilbar@uwf.edu; Allan Gold - Hurlburt Field, agold@uwf.edu; Deborah Cluff - Eglin AFB, dcluff@uwf.edu

Cashier's Office Hours

Effective Monday, December 13, 2010, the cashier operating hours will be as follows:

- ◆Monday through Thursday: 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
- ◆Friday: 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

UWF Emerald Coast Scholarships

The Administration, Faculty, and Staff of UWF Emerald Coast and members of the Center for Lifelong Learning would like to encourage student engagement and support UWF Emerald Coast working adult students. We also realize that, due to family and work obligations, not all UWF Emerald Coast students have the flexibility in their schedule to be involved. Funds contributed from the Center for Lifelong Learning will provide \$1000 semester scholarships for current UWF Emerald Coast majors who are involved in any recognized UWF Emerald Coast student organization. Another semester scholarship of \$500 will be provided for UWF Emerald Coast students who are not able to be involved with student organizations, but are majoring in programs offered at UWF Emerald Coast. Either scholarship will be renewable for an additional semester as long as the student remains eligible according to established criteria. Scholarship applications are now being accepted, and you are encouraged to apply by Friday, December 10, 2010 using the application found by clicking the following link “Scholarships”

Volunteers Needed for Lego League Tournament

The First Lego League Qualifying Tournament will be held on Saturday, December 11, 2010 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the UWF/NWFSC Campus in Fort Walton Beach. This is a robotics competition for middle school teams from Okaloosa County. Up to 16 teams will compete; three teams will be selected to advance to regional competition in Orlando in March.

We are in need of volunteers to serve as judges, referees, timers and scorekeeper. Training will be provided prior to the tournament via telecom or online resources. If interested please send name, email address, and phone number to Ester Molder at emolder@uwf.edu. Please note if you have a preferred volunteer role (i.e. judge, referee, timer, scorekeeper). For more information contact Ester Molder at (850) 863-6575.

Student Clubs and Organizations

THINK LEADERSHIP! Do you want to cultivate your career, motivate and mentor others, and enrich your academics at UWF? Then, join an Emerald Coast Student Organization today. To learn more, contact a student leader, the Student Activities Office at (850) 863-6585, or send an email to treshard1@uwf.edu.

SBDC Workshops

STARTING A BUSINESS - Dec. 2

This workshop will review business planning areas such as financing, selecting a business legal structure, identifying your market, recordkeeping and identifying risks that can challenge success. To reserve your seat, limited seating, please call the SBDC at (850) 833-9400 by December 1, 2010.

922 Mar Walt Drive, Suite 203, Fort Walton Beach
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. The fee is **\$35.00**.

QUICKBOOKS BASICS - Dec. 2

See how QuickBooks financial software helps you take control of your business finances. Find out which QuickBooks product is right for you before you buy. See an overview of how QuickBooks simplifies tasks such as payroll, sales tax, job estimating, and job costing. To reserve your seat, call (850) 833-9400 by December 1, 2010.

UWF/NWFSC FWB Campus, Bldg. 1, Room 126, Fort Walton Beach. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The fee is **\$50.00**.

QUICKBOOKS & FEDERAL CONTRACTING - Dec. 9

Learn the basics to setup your company's books using QuickBooks for DCAA compliance. Learn how to use QuickBooks to monitor your company's financial position and the status of jobs. To reserve your seat, please call the SBDC at (850) 833-9400 by December 8, 2010.

UWF/NWFSC FWB Campus, Bldg. 1, Room 126, Fort Walton Beach. 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The fee is **\$50.00**.

Fun with the Center for Lifelong Learning

Registration for the next semester takes place in the UWF/NWFSC campus auditorium on January 14, 2011, with new students signing up at 1 PM. Late registration will be held in Building 1 on the UWF/NWFSC campus from January 17, 2011 through January 19, 2011, between 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Open to ALL adult ages, students can register for up to four classes for a fee of only \$40; additional classes are \$10 each. Classes convene between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. for eight successive weeks beginning January 20, 2011.

The Center for Lifelong Learning is an all-volunteer school serving the adult population of the Greater Fort Walton Beach area. Most of their classes convene on the UWF/NWFSC Fort Walton Beach campus and Troy University on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays for eight-week semesters each year in September and January.

The Center offers more than 70 eight week non-credit courses and special events in a wide variety of subjects: Personal Investing, Self-Improvement, Current Events, Religion, Conversational Italian and German, Creative Writing, Financial Planning, Genealogy, and much, much more. Also offered are such recreational subjects as Gardening, Bird Watching, Art, Tap Dancing, and Exercising. For the computer buffs, there are Beginner Computer classes, classes for Internet users, and one called PhotoGraphics.

As an affiliate of the Elderhostel Institute Network program since 1993, CLL currently serves hundreds from our community who are seeking further education and activity. There are no tests or grades, just the fun of learning something new. For more information, and to receive a catalog, call the CLL office at (850) 863-6548 or go to their web site, CLL-FWB.org, to view the full catalog of classes.

ECAB Sponsored Holiday Retreat

Ahhh...the smell of turkey in the air – on campus! The



Holiday Retreat filled the UWF Fort Walton Beach campus Student Center with activity on November 20, 2010. The indoor-like carnival had games for the young and old, prize giveaways, turkey with all the trimmings, two massage therapists, and outdoor activities for children including a bouncy house and Giggles the Clown. This fantastic event was free, thanks to sponsor club the Extended Campus Activity Board (ECAB).

The family-friendly event was a hit, with Deborah Johnson, a UWF student, sharing "My twins and I had a really enjoyable time at the Holiday Retreat. The catered food was absolutely delicious; all of the games were fun; and, the prizes were awesome!" There were many prizes to be won, including homemade cakes donated by the Center for Lifelong Learning (CLL). UWF students were big winners with items such as webcams, USB flash drives, and more. With all the music, food, fun and relaxation, it truly felt like a bonus holiday, especially with Thanksgiving only a few days away. Many thanks go to everyone who worked so diligently to make the Holiday Retreat a success. Huge thanks go to the UWF Emerald Coast Student Government Association for providing the funding for this event. All in all, it was a fantastic event!

your ArgoNet username and password, and then find ECAB under "Organizations." Alternatively, you may contact either ECAB President Robert Newstrand at rln9@students.uwf.edu or (850) 376-5492, or ECAB Advisor Dr. Tessie Bradford at tbradford@uwf.edu or (850) 833-3226.

UWF Shares an Excitement for Science

The University of West Florida's academic community took their love for science on the road this semester with the Science Showcase. A total of six schools benefited from this engaging program, most recently Antioch Elementary in Crestview, Florida. The program has been an outstanding success, with the students being able to participate in experiments and presentations, as well as engage with UWF professors who are passionate about their fields. As one student at Antioch Elementary shared with his teacher, "...this day is the best day out of the whole year!"

Happy Holidays from UWF Emerald Coast

On behalf of all UWF Emerald Coast Campuses, we wish all our readers a Happy Holiday season and our students a relaxing Winter Break! All campus offices will be closed beginning December 24, 2010 through January 2, 2011. We will re-open on January 3, 2011. During this time, you will still be able to manage your information and registration for Spring semester through your ARGUS account. We will see you in 2011!



If you would like to join this student organization, you can join via ArgoPulse at uwf.collegiatelink.net using