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What's Going On In December?

Visit the [Emerald Coast Calendar](http://www.uwf.edu/emeraldcoast/calendar) to find out what events are taking place. You may use this link <http://www.uwf.edu/emeraldcoast/calendar> or log onto the website www.uwf.edu/EmeraldCoast and choose the **Emerald Coast Calendar** link. If you have events that should be posted, please let us know (emolder@uwf.edu).

Campus Announcements

University Closed for Winter Break

The University will be closed for Winter Break December 24 thru January 2. The Emerald Coast Bookstore and Cashier's Office will be open Saturday, January 3, for your convenience; all other university offices will reopen Monday, January 5. Spring semester courses begin Monday, January 5. Happy Holidays!

UWF Top Military Friendly University

The University of West Florida was selected as one of the **Top Military Friendly Colleges and Universities Honorees** for 2008 by *Military Advanced Education*.

An article was published in both the print and online November/December, 2008 editions of *Military Advanced Education*.

Welcome New Emerald Coast Staff Member

Please join us in welcoming Maryjo Hardin as the new counselor for the Emerald Coast! Maryjo will be offering free mental health counseling to UWF students. Her office is located on the Fort Walton Beach Campus, Building 3, Room 304, and she may be contacted at 866-258-4378 ext. 2420 or mhardin@uwf.edu. Office hours are 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Fall Master's Binding Form Deadline

Final thesis and binding form due to Library: **December 12**

Emerald Coast Bookstore

Attention graduating students: if you did not pre-order your cap and gown you can purchase them along with honor cords and other graduation paraphernalia starting on December 1.

Of note: the bookstore will be open from 9:00 am-4:00 pm on Saturday January 3, 2009 to make sure students can take advantage of the first day of Financial Aid Charging. Please bring a picture ID.

For more information contact Cynthia Spiller, 850-863-0760, 1017mgr@fhcg.follett.com

Emerald Coast Cashier's Office

Due to Spring 2009 classes beginning immediately after the winter break, the FWB Cashier's Office will host extended hours the Saturday prior and the first week of class for your convenience:

Saturday, January 3 rd	10:00am-3:00pm
Mon, Wed, Thurs	8:00am-6:00pm
Tuesday, January 6 th	8:00am-8:00pm (for New Student Orientation)
Friday, January 9 th	8:00am-5:00pm

Please note that there will also be a slight change to the **regular** FWB Cashier's Office Hours for the Spring 2009 semester:

Mon, Wed, Thurs	8:00am-5:00pm
Tuesday	8:00am-6:00pm
Friday	8:00am-4:00pm

Please contact Kimberly Hellyer at 850-863-6565 with any questions you may have.

The Emerald Coast Library has added four more computers for student use in the AV Media Lab (Room 813).

Come check out some paperbacks or a good novel or two for your holiday reading! There is a great selection!

Budget constraints are limiting book purchases this year. However, the library can still obtain needed materials through Interlibrary Loan. Please notify Paul Williford (williford@uwf.edu or 850-863-6577) if you want assistance obtaining the resources you need.

Commencement Ceremonies

The Fall 2008 undergraduate and graduate commencement ceremonies will be held December 13 at 9:00 am (undergraduate) and 2:30 pm (graduate), in the Pensacola Civic Center. Please visit the commencement website (<http://uwf.edu/commencement/>) to RSVP and

for further information. If you haven't already done so, please be sure to complete an Application for Graduation (<http://uwf.edu/registrar/graduapp.pdf>) as soon as possible.

2009 Scholarships for Military Children Program

If your mother or father is active duty, reserve/guard, or retired military personnel or you are the survivor of a deceased member, and you have a military dependent I.D. card you can apply! You must be planning to attend a college or university on a full-time basis for the Fall 2009 term. Visit www.militaryscholar.org for more information. Applications are due February 18, 2009.

Career Planning Appointments

Appointments are available to discuss your career plans and provide information and feedback regarding the job search process, resume/cover letter preparation, and internship/co-op/employment opportunities.

Appointments are available at the Combs Campus Monday thru Thursday, 9:00am to 6:00pm. Call 850-833-3743 for an appointment.

International Education & Programs Office at Combs

Rita Crider, Director of International Student Office in the Office of Diversity and International Education and Programs, is glad to talk to students and faculty interested in learning more about what UWF has to offer through its study-abroad program. Rita is available at the Combs Campus (Building 3, room 3009) every other Thursday.

International students located on the Emerald Coast, with questions regarding immigration rules and regulations pertaining to F-1 and J-1 immigration status or who are interested in studying at UWF or at its Intensive English Program (IEP) are welcome to make an appointment with Rita Crider by e-mail at rcrider@uwf.edu or call 850-474-2386.

Summer Study-Abroad Programs to Japan, Spain, Brazil, and other countries. The US Department of State is offering scholarships for summer programs to learn critical languages including Arabic and Chinese. Visit <http://www.uwf.edu/intered/studyabroad/> for more information or contact Sara Brake 850-474-2479 or by e-mail at sbrake@uwf.edu.

2009 Summer Language Institutes--sponsored by the US State Department, Bureau of Cultural and Educational Affairs and the Council of American Overseas. Interested students should contact the UWF

Office of Diversity and International Education and Programs, 850-474-2479.

Special Events

Small Business Development Center Workshops

Starting a Business—December 2, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, FWB Campus, Building 1, Room 126. Fee is \$35. This is a general workshop covering many aspects of starting a business including legal structures, taxation, financing and insurance.

Understanding Sales Tax –December 5, Noon-1:00 pm at the SBDC office located at 922 Mar Walt Drive, Suite 203 – Free. Florida DOR representative will be on hand to answer questions about Florida sales tax.

SBDC programs are free to currently enrolled UWF students and UWF employees. For details, or to register, call the University of West Florida Small Business Development Center 850-833-9400.

In Our Community

WUWF Performance in Niceville, February 21

Tickets are on sale now for the *Kitka* performance to be held on February 21, 2009, 7:30 p.m. at the Mattie Kelly Arts Center. The all female choral group *Kitka* will perform eastern European music, both up-beat and haunting, in the excellent acoustics of the venue.

Tickets can be purchased by calling the box office 1-888-838-ARTS (2787) or online through a link at <http://uwf.org/events/events.shtml>

De Luna Shipwreck Lecture: Ceramics at Emanuel Point II

Scott Sorset, UWF Maritime Archaeology Graduate Student, will discuss Emmanuel Point II, the 16th century Spanish shipwreck in Pensacola Bay. The Lecture will be held at the Indian Temple Mound Museum in Fort Walton Beach, Saturday December 13 at 1:00pm. For further information please call at 850.833.9595 or visit www.fwb.org/museum

Let Us Hear From You!

We are interested in your feedback. Send to emolder@uwf.edu or call 850-833-3743.