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A Note from the Dean...

Greetings students, faculty, staff, and community friends. I hope everyone is experiencing a dynamic start to the New Year and the Spring semester. Our Spotlight Committee has some exciting events planned, including Dr. Sharon Heise from the Institute for Human and Machine Cognition on February 25th and a one-act play murder mystery on March 18th.

UWF Emerald Coast is pleased to be partnering with the Economic Development Council and the Okaloosa County School Board in the development and launch of the EDC Innovation Center to cultivate and strengthen the development of technology-based start-up companies in the Okaloosa County area. The Innovation Center is a business incubator, which is a business support process that accelerates the successful development of start-up and fledgling companies by providing entrepreneurs with an array of specific resources and services. An incubator program provides client companies with business support services and resources tailored to assist young firms in establishing their product and customer base.

The Economic Development Council's Innovation Center is Okaloosa County's first business incubator targeted for technology-based entrepreneurs to include such areas as technology transfer, electrical engineering, renewable energy, aerospace engineering, health sciences, information technology, industrial-systems engineering, computer engineering, and defense contractors. For more information about this project, see: <http://www.florida-edc.org/businessincubator.htm>

I would like to invite everyone interested to join us in the grand opening of the Innovation center on February 4, 2010 from 3:00 – 5:00pm at the W. E. Combs campus on Love Joy Road. If you would be interested in attending, please RSVP to Caroline by phone at 850-362-6467 or by email: caroline@florida-edc.org.

Best of luck to you in your endeavors this year.

John F. Azzaretto
Vice Provost and Dean
UWF Emerald Coast



Spring 2010 Graduation Days

It is now time to RSVP for commencement and order your cap and gown for the UWF SPRING 2010 graduation ceremony. You can RSVP at the Commencement web site located at: <http://uwf.edu/commencement/index.cfm>

The Emerald Coast UWF Bookstore will host "Graduation Days" Thursday, March 4, 2010 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm in the UWF Emerald Coast Student Center in Building 2 on the Fort Walton Beach Campus.

UWF Spring graduates can pre-order cap and gowns for Spring commencement. Cap and gowns will be available for pre-sale until March 11, 2010 in person or via the website.

A representative from Herff Jones will be available from Noon to 5:00 pm with samples of graduation announcements and UWF College rings. Packages for cap and gowns with invitations will be on sale for that day only.

ECAB will provide subs and drinks from **11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** in the UWF Emerald Coast student center.

If students are unable to attend in person, cap and gown, announcement and college ring ordering may be done online at <http://www.herffjones.com/college/>.

Contact Cynthia at 863-0760 for more information.

From the Armory...

TSgt (Ret) Richard I. Mays served 20 years on active duty in the United States Air Force before retiring and moving to the Florida Panhandle in 2003. He is a father of three and started his pursuit of a bachelor's degree as a student at Okaloosa Walton College in January of 2004. Richard transferred to the University of West Florida in January 2007 to complete his 4-year degree. In May 2009, Richard received a B.S. in Interdisciplinary, IT – Digital Enterprise from UWF. After his recent graduation, he took some time off from his studies to spend more time with his young children, and soon thereafter, he yearned for more learning. Richard recently applied to take the Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator (MCSA) Security+ Certificate Course through UWF which he plans to start next month. Upon completing this certificate program, Richard hopes on seeking employment in the local area using the skills he learned while a student at UWF.

Bookstore Hours Have Changed

The EC Bookstore is sad to announce that, beginning **February 1st**, the Bookstore hours will be reduced to **10am to 5pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays**. Students are encouraged to call, 863-0760, with any questions or needs and leave messages on the answering machine, which will be checked several times a day. We will also be getting our own Emerald Coast Bookstore website where orders can be placed for textbooks, gifts, clothing and supplies. When ordering from this website on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday students will receive free shipping to their homes.

We hope everyone has a terrific semester!

UWF Emerald Coast on TV

Dr. Jack Azzaretto the Emerald Coast's Vice-Provost and Dean now has a monthly TV show called *Explore University of West Florida Emerald Coast* on channel 6 through Cox Media. The guest for our first show was UWF President Dr. Judy Bense. Upcoming guests will include Dr. Jane S. Halonen, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; Dr. Leonard Ter Haar, Director of the School of Science and Engineering; Steve Riggs, a 1976 UWF alumnus and currently serving on the UWF Foundation Board of Directors; and Andrea Archer, a current UWF student pursuing her Business Administration in Management degree and an Emerald Coast Student Government Association Senator.

You can watch *Explore University of West Florida Emerald Coast* on Cox Channel 6 every Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 3:00pm; and also on Mondays at 8:00pm, Saturdays at 5:30pm, and Sundays at 8:30am. Each show will then be available in Cox On-Demand one to two weeks after airing and will be available in On-Demand for up to 90 days. Simply tune to Channel 1, Choose Free Zone, Cox 2 and 6 Local and Education Shows. This show can also be seen in its entirety at www.uwf.edu/emeraldcoast/news/explore.cfm, and past shows will be available in our on-line archives at www.uwf.edu/emeraldcoast/news/index.cfm.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

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Career Planning Appointments

Career Planning appointments available in Destin on February 25, 9am to noon at the Destin Chamber office. Are you having trouble deciding on a career or major? Do you need help putting together a resume? Are you looking for an internship, volunteer opportunity, or job? UWF Career Services is here for you. Appointments are available in Fort Walton Beach, Monday-Friday. To make an appointment for either location contact Ester Molder, 850-863-6575.

Upcoming Spring Career Events

Volunteer Fair: February 10, 11am-3pm, Commons Great Hall (Pensacola Campus)

SAVE THE DATE for 'Tech Night' Career Fair: March 16
Employers with technology-related internship, co-op and employment opportunities will be present at the 5th annual Tech Night, March 16, 2:00-4:00 pm at the REEF. Open to all UWF students and alumni. Students and alumni should upload their resume to JasonQuest in order for them to be viewed by employers.

For more information regarding any of these events, please contact Ester Molder at 850-863-6575 or emolder@uwf.edu.

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FOR CAREER APPOINTMENTS CALL 850-863-6575
FOR COUNSELING APPOINTMENTS CALL 1-866-258-4378 EXT. 2420**

SBDC Workshops in February

SBA Loans: February 5th

Learn about the SBA's loan programs for starting and expanding businesses. Topics to be discussed include eligibility, criteria and participating resources. To reserve your seat, please call the SBDC at 833-9400 by Feb. 4th.

10:00am – 12:00pm in Bldg 1, Room 126. FWB Campus. Fee is **\$20.00**

Starting a Business: February 11th

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, please call the SBDC at 833-9400 by Feb 10th.

3:00pm – 6:00pm Bldg. 1, Room 126, FWB Campus. Fee is **\$35.00**

Write The Ultimate Business Plan in Two Parts: February 12th & 19th

This workshop will be essential for both new and expanding businesses. Computer software now makes writing a business plan routine. Your instructor will lead you through a step-by-step process of developing financial projections and organizing your business plan. "Ultimate Business Planner" software is included in the registration fee. To reserve your seat, please call the SBDC at 833-9400 by Feb. 11th.

10:00am – 12:00pm Bldg. 1, Room 126, FWB Campus. Fee is **\$99.00** for workshop & software.

Business By The Numbers Workshop in Two Parts: February 23rd & 25th

The UWF Small Business Development Center is offering a workshop in 2 sessions. Attend both sessions and learn the basics of controlling your business with effective reporting and record keeping. Stay on top of what is important in your business for recording and managing your revenue and expenses, cash flows, profitability and taxes.

Manage your business better by knowing the numbers! To reserve your seat, please call the SBDC at 833-9400 by Feb 22nd. 3:00pm–6:00pm Bldg. 1, Room 126, FWB Campus. The fee is **\$45.00** and includes all materials.

Basic SBDC workshops are free to UWF staff and currently enrolled students. For more information, contact the UWF Small Business Development Center at 850-833-9400.

Spotlight Presents...

A focus on Engineering fields in February. Dr. Sharon Heise from the Institute of Human & Machine Cognition (IHMC) will be speaking at the REEF campus on February 25th. IHMC is one of the "nation's premier research organizations" that investigates and builds "technological systems aimed at amplifying and extending human cognitive and perceptual capacities."

For more information about this event, please contact Debbie Cluff at 850-678-3727 or dcluff@uwf.edu.

Center for Lifelong Learning

The Center for Lifelong Learning has just begun their winter semester, but late registrations are always welcome! There are more than 70 classes, clubs, and special events to choose from, and you can take up to four classes for only \$40. (The clubs and special events are free.) All classes are held in the daytime at Troy University on Thursdays and the UWF Emerald Coast campus on Fridays and Saturdays. Classes such as cooking, bridge, yoga, and one financial class are held at other locations in the area.

To learn more about CLL -- and to view the classes -- please go to our web site CLL-FWB.org, or call the UWF Emerald Coast office at 863-6548. To register for classes, please come to our office, Room 461, in Bldg 4.

Student Activities Announcement

Want something posted to the Marquee System? Submit your Power Point slide in .ppt file format to Terri Reshard via email at treshard1@uwf.edu. With questions or for more information, contact Terri via email or by phone 850-863-6585.

Let Us Hear from You!

We are interested in your feedback. Send comments and article submissions to emeraldcoast@uwf.edu or call 850-863-6565.

If you know anyone interested in receiving the the Emerald Coast Post newsletter, have them go to <http://www.uwf.edu/emeraldcoast/news/subscribe.cfm>. There they can submit a small form to be added to our next monthly edition.

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Crestview, Florida 32539

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General Academic Advising and Student Registration
Appointments and Walk-ins Available
1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month from 8:30 am - 5 pm



FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
BERNITA BRYANT, UWF-EC RECRUITING COORDINATOR

CRESTVIEW OFFICE: 850-682-3212
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UWF IT ACADEMY

P.E. Exam for Civil and Structural Engineers

Prepare for the breadth and depth of the new P.E. Exam format by registered professionals in class or online from the comfort of your own home

- Enhance your knowledge and skills needed to pass the P.E. Exam; and
- Increase your earning potential.

Benefit from the expertise of the **Florida International University PE** faculty as they present focused lectures and offer preparation strategies. Course manuals including lecture notes and solved problems will be distributed on the first day of classes.

Course format and subjects:

- Ten sessions in ten weeks designed to provide the structural preparation you need to pass the P.E. exam
- Problems modeled after exam questions
- Efficient solution methods for maximizing your test time
- **On-line** and **in-class** courses available in UWF Distance Learning Labs connected to PE Faculty at FIU.

PE Civil Engineering Topics:

- Environmental
- Soils & Foundations
- Construction Engineering
- Structures
- Transportation
- Water Resources

PE Structural Engineering Topics:

- Structural Analysis
- Reinforced Concrete Design
- Pre-stressed Concrete Design
- Reinforced Masonry Design
- Structural Steel Design
- Design of Bridges
- Timber Design
- Seismic Design
- Foundation & Retaining Structures



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Registration

Complete a registration form and fax it to **850-474-2134** or email it to Nicole@UWF.edu

STUDENT INFORMATION

LAST NAME: _____

FIRST NAME: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____@_____

DAYTIME PHONE: (____)_____-_____

CELL PHONE: (____)_____-_____

CITY: _____ ST: _____

ZIP: _____

Select a location and a course

Location: Fort Walton Beach

Location: Pensacola

Civil or Structural

Civil or Structural PE

- Start date: **02/06/10** End date: **04/10/10**
- **10 sessions meet on Saturdays between 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM**

Discounts for participants (Registration and payment deadline is 3 business days before class):

- **If 3-7 individuals take the class, then tuition for all students is \$1,400.00**
- **If 8-14 individuals take the class, then tuition for all students is \$1,260.00**
- **If 15 or more individuals take the class, then tuition for all students is \$1,137.50**

Indicate how you plan to make payment (an enrollment specialist will contact you for payment)

Credit Card Cash Check Company PO Student Loan

Please fax form to:

University of West Florida, Continuing Education, 11000 University Parkway, Pensacola, FL 32514
Learner Support Center: Phone 1-850-473-7468; **fax: 1-850-474-2134**; or call toll free 1-888-529-1823
Email: cde@uwf.edu

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**INSTITUTE FOR HUMAN AND
MACHINE COGNITION**

presented by:

Dr. Sharon Heise

Thursday, February 25, 2010 @ 1 pm

REEF Campus

1350 North Poquito Road, Shalimar 32579

Room 118 (Limited Seating Available)

For more information, please contact Deborah Cluff @ 850.678.3727