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What's Going On In February?

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

Campus Announcements

Faculty and Staff News!

Please join us in welcoming Ms. Terri Reshard (treshard1@uwf.edu, 863-6585) as the new Assistant Director of Emerald Coast Student Affairs. Terri will plan, direct, and coordinate the activities of Emerald Coast Student Services to implement academic and non-academic programs, resources, and support for all UWF Emerald Coast students. Although new to this position, Terri has been with the UWF Small Business Development Center for many years and is known and respected throughout the Emerald Coast region.

Please stop by and welcome Terri! FWB Campus, Building 2, Room 211.

Ruby Jackson and Joanna Soria have been named to the Making Way for Excellence Communication Team and will represent Emerald Coast locations.

Student Financial Aid for 2008-2009

Students should be reminded to apply early for financial aid for the 2008-09 school year. Apply on line by visiting www.uwf.edu/finaid. The Financial Aid Office staff is available to assist you, as you advise your students who are also financial aid recipients. Students who receive federal, state, or institutional assistance must continue to make satisfactory academic progress toward their degree in order to remain eligible for assistance. Students with the last names beginning with A – D should contact Candace Davis at cdavis3@uwf.edu. Students with last names beginning the letter E- K should contact LaTonya Wesley at lwesley@uwf.edu. Students with the last names beginning with L –Q should contact Jennifer Staplin @ jstaplin@uwf.edu. Students with the last names beginning with the letter R-Z should contact Brittany Mixon at bmixon@uwf.edu.

The Cashier's Office has New Hours

Monday: 8:00 – 12:00 and 1:00 - 5:00

Tuesday: 9:00 – 1:00 and 2:00 – 6:30

Wednesday: 8:00 – 12:00 and 1:00 - 5:00

Thursday: 8:00 – 12:00 and 1:00 - 5:00

Friday: 8:00 – 12:00 and 1:00 – 4:30

*On Tuesday February 5th our hours will be 10:00 to 6:30

Scholarship Opportunities

The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada has many scholarship opportunities available to both undergraduate and graduate students preparing for careers in state and local government finance. The deadline to apply is February 29th. For more information about these scholarships and others please contact Andrea Rymer at 863-6569.

Spring Hours for Fitness Center

The following are the spring hours for the fitness center located on the Joint OWC/UWF Campus in Fort Walton Beach. The facility has state-of-the art equipment, locker rooms, showers, and exercise rooms.

Hours for the Spring semester:

Monday – Friday, 6:00 am-9:00 am

Monday – Thursday, 6:30 pm-9:30 pm

Friday, 5:00 pm-9:30 pm

Saturday, 10:00 am-4:00 pm

Sunday, 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

Only UWF students, faculty, and staff are allowed to use the fitness center free with a valid nautilus card. UWF Alumni may also use the fitness center for \$25/semester. Any questions can be directed to Jennifer Johnson at 850-474-2814 or jjohnson@uwf.edu

Extended Campus Activity Board News

UWF's Emerald Coast ECAB is excited to report that the Welcome Back BBQ held on the FWB campus Tuesday, January 15 was a HUGE success. Approximately 100 students, staff, and faculty attended the event and enjoyed grilled burgers and fellowship among their UWF peers.

ECAB will be sponsoring an upcoming Health Fair & Blood Drive on Tuesday, February 5, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm in the Student Center (FWB Campus, Building 2) for all students, staff, and faculty. Several members from the FWB Medical Center will be on hand to provide free blood pressure screening, body fat indexing, and a nutritionist to discuss proper nutrition and guidelines. There will also be massage therapists available for FREE massages.

The Northwest Florida Blood Center will be on campus that day looking for blood donors to help save a life and providing T-shirts to those who do give blood.

FREE food will be provided to everyone attending and a chance to win a door prize to those students with proper UWF I.D. For more information please contact Andrea Rymer at 863-6569.

The Emerald Coast Student Psychological Association

is hosting the annual event called Parent University. The event is hosted by ECSPA, and connects students to community members via multiple workshops offered by university professors and community clinicians over a two-day period. These workshops focus on appropriate development and others issues individuals encounter in caring for children.

Parent University 2008 is scheduled for Friday, March 21, and Saturday, March 22 at the UWF-OWC Joint Campus Auditorium in Fort Walton Beach. Parent-U committee sign-up is Tuesday, February 26th at 12:00 and 4:00, Building 7, Room 704 (Fort Walton Beach Campus). All UWF and OWC students are welcome. Participation in this event offers students a unique opportunity to gain practical knowledge outside the classroom, build their academic resume, experience volunteerism, and network with top community members as well as contribute to the overall success of the event.

ECSPA membership is open to all for a \$5.00 lifetime membership fee. Members receive an ECSPA lapel pin that they may wear at graduation showing their affiliation with ECSPA.

UWF Libraries Launch Weblog - University Libraries has launched a new library Weblog, "Books and Bytes," at <http://librarydigitalservices.uwf.edu/library>. The Weblog is available from the library home Web page and features brief articles and announcements on new library services, books, databases, electronic resources and library events. The Weblog is open to comment and feedback from the wider university community, faculty, students and staff. Faculty are also invited to send in brief announcements regarding new book publications to Ray Uzwyshyn at ruzwyshyn@uwf.edu. To learn more about Weblogs, Web 2.0 and the library Weblog, visit <http://uwf.edu/ruzwyshyn/weblogpresentation.ppt>.

Request a Student Ambassador . . .

Do you need a student ambassador to help you host a UWF special event or give a campus tour? Student ambassadors are available to host club and organization events, provide tours of any Emerald Coast location, and more. Requests should be submitted at least two weeks in advance of your event. Please contact Latrece Gulley or Ruby Jackson (850-863-6569) for your request.

Criminal Justice Student Organization News

In the fall, the Criminal Justice Student Organization (CJSO) was involved in a number of activities. In September they celebrated UWF's 40th anniversary by setting up a table and sharing information of what the organization is all about and held a pizza party

Our Blood Donors have Heart

FOOD **PRIZES**

Become a Blood Donor Today
UWF Health Fair &
Blood Drive sponsored by ECAB

Tuesday, February 5th
10 am - 2 pm

Health Fair in Student Center & Look for the Bloodmobile!
Blood donors will receive a t-shirt and help save lives!

All Donors
Must Show
Picture ID

Northwest Florida Blood Center
405 NE Racestrack Road
FWB, FL 32547
850-862-4216 www.nfbcblood.org

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membership drive, with a lot of new members signing up. They purchased CJSO t-shirts for members and a table cover with the UWF CJSO emblem for future functions. Members volunteered their services for the Jaycee's Haunted House in October. Items for military troops were collected and packed 42 boxes!! Items included personal hygiene products, magazines, puzzle books, stationary, snacks, and other goodies. Finally, they participated in the FWB Christmas parade in December. There are a number of activities planned for spring, including the American Cancer Society Relay for Life in March at Shalimar Elementary School and Criminal Justice Career Fair in April at the Fort Walton Beach Campus. They will also be creating a CJSO web site during over the next few months.

Support Relay for Life

The UWF Emerald Coast Criminal Justice Student Organization (CJSO) will be participating in its third Relay for Life this year. They will be joining the Shalimar Relay on March 28th and 29th. Last year the CJSO raised over \$500 in support of the American Cancer Society.

Relay for Life is an overnight event that brings our community together to help support the American Cancer Society and its lifesaving mission to eliminate cancer as a major health problem. The Society works hard every day to prevent cancer and save lives by supporting groundbreaking research, affecting public policies that protect us from cancer, and educating people on how to prevent or detect cancer early. The Society helps people with cancer right here in our own community. And our efforts at Relay for Life can help the American Cancer Society keep working toward a cancer-free future.

We are inviting you to show your support in the ongoing fight against cancer by joining us for this year's event. For more information, contact Dr. Kathy Johnson at kjohnson@uwf.edu or visit the team page for UWF-Criminal Justice:

http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RelayForLifeFloridaDivision?team_id=202628&pg=team&fr_id=9670&et=eQsSvl3cmoJclnLg9cG8Eg..&s_tafid=128523

Career Coaching and Interdisciplinary Studies

Current Niceville students are invited to visit the UWF table February 13, 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in Building K, OWC campus, Niceville. Visit the table for career coaching and/or information about UWF's Interdisciplinary Studies program. For more information contact Nita Bryant, nbryant@uwf.edu, 729-4933 or Ester Molder, emolder@uwf.edu, 833-3743.

Military Corner

Military Spouse Career Advancement Account (CAA)

On November 14, 2007, the U.S. Departments of Defense and Labor announced plans to jointly provide military spouses with opportunities to pursue portable careers in high-demand, high-growth occupations. This three-year initiative is being offered at eighteen sites in 8 states with large military populations. Eglin, AFB and Hurlburt Field have been selected as two of the eighteen installations initially identified to participate in this new program.

The DoD and DoL have jointly approved \$35.2 million over a three-year period for the CAA initiative which will provide financial resources to help spouses develop their career goals. The CAA initiative is intended to help spouses overcome financial barriers and make it possible for eligible candidates to receive a total of \$6,000 over a two-year period. This money can be used to pay for expenses directly related to postsecondary education and training, including tuition, books, necessary equipment, and credentialing and licensing fees in nationally identified high-growth, portable career fields such as **education, health care, information technology, construction trades and financial services.**

Eligible participants are military spouses with sponsors in pay grades E1-E5 and O1-O3 who have completed some college, or who have obtained a high school diploma or GED. As of January 2008, almost 300 spouses were certified as eligible at both Eglin, AFB and Hurlburt Field and over 150 vouchers had been issued.

Additional information can be obtained online at www.MilSpouse.org or by visiting the Eglin, AFB or Hurlburt Field installation Education Center and/or Family Support Center.

Military History Lecture February 28

Dr. Derek Zumbro will speak at the UWF Emerald Coast FWB Campus Auditorium, February 28 at 5:30 pm. Dr. Zumbro is the Military History Coordinator at the University of West Florida and author of *Battle of the Ruhr: The German Army's Final Defeat in the West* and *In Deadly Combat: A German Soldier's Memoir of the Eastern Front*. He is a former Navy SEAL officer and served numerous tours of duty in the Middle East, Europe, and Central America. He attended the University of Heidelberg during the course of his doctoral program and received his Ph.D. at Louisiana State University. Dr. Zumbro will speak on Germany and the vanishing generation of WWII veterans. This event is free and open to the public.

Special Events

WUWF Presents The Capitol Steps in Concert at the Mattie Kelly Arts Center, Okaloosa Walton College, Niceville; Saturday, February 16, 7:30 p.m. The social and political satire of the Capitol Steps will have plenty of fodder in the height of the primary season. Join your fellow citizens for a laugh at the humorous side of democracy as the election season gears up. Tickets are available at 850.729.600 or online at www.wuwf.org

4th Annual Conflict Resolution Management Forum

The University of West Florida, Office of Informal Dispute Resolution in partnership with The Housing And Residence Life Office on the main campus will be hosting its 4th Annual Conflict Resolution Management Forum February 4 and 5. Special speaker and presenter will be Jerry Bagnell, University of North Carolina Wilmington. In addition to Mr. Bagnell, presenters will include UWF faculty and staff as well as local community professionals who will discuss various topics. For more information contact Sylvia Patterson at spatterson@uwf.edu or (850) 473-7469.

Small Business Development Center Workshops

Starting a Business—Tuesday, February 5, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, FWB Campus, Building 1, Room 126. Fee is \$25. This is a general workshop covering many aspects of starting a business including legal structures, taxation, financing and insurance.

Setting Up Your Business—Thursday, February 7, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm, FWB Campus, Building 1, Room 126. Fee is \$25. This workshop is a practical discussion of setting up your business and getting ready for your first day. Topics include setting up your record keeping, what to do at the first organizational meeting, content of company by-laws, internal controls and tax reporting requirements for the first year.

Quickbooks (Basic)—Wednesday, February 27, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm, FWB Campus, Building 1, Room 126. Fee is \$40. 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.

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

Academic Advising in Crestview

Latrece Gulley, UWF Academic Advisor, will be in the Crestview Area Chamber office on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. She will be happy to set up an appointment to discuss your degree program and offer information on how to achieve your professional goals.

To get started on your dream, please call Latrece at 850-863-6569 or email at lgulley@uwf.edu.

Nominations Sought for Alumni Awards

Nominations for the 2008 Alumni Awards Program are now open. The UWF National Alumni Association's Annual Awards and Recognition Program honors those who make a difference to the National Alumni Association, the university and/or their respective communities. Those eligible for nomination include alumni, friends, faculty and staff of the university. Nominations must be postmarked no later than February 22. For an online nomination form and criteria, visit <http://uwf.edu/alumni/index.cfm>

Call to Exhibit: Festival on the Green Fine Arts Show

UWF has issued a call to exhibitors for the Festival on the Green Fine Arts Show, which will take place April 4 and 5 on the UWF Pensacola Campus. The Festival on the Green Fine Arts Show is a juried fine-arts and fine crafts show with space for 40 to 50 artists. Judging will begin April 4 at 10:00 am. Cash prizes totaling \$1,700 will be awarded. Entry categories include ceramics, photography, drawings, jewelry, printmaking, mixed media, fiber/wood/leather, glass, sculpture, oil/acrylic and watercolor. Applications for the Festival on the Green Fine Arts Show are available online at <http://uwf.edu/festival/exhibit.cfm>.

Save the Date!

On Saturday 19 April 2008, the Pace Symposium will sponsor an Earth Day Film Festival in the Auditorium on the UWF Emerald Coast, FWB Campus. 10:00 am *A Far Off Place*, Reese Witherspoon and Ethan Randall. 12:30 pm *March of the Penguins*, Narrated by Morgan Freeman. 3:00 pm *Never Cry Wolf*, Charles Martin Smith and Brian Dennehy. 5:30 pm *Sacred Planet*, Narrated by Robert Redford. 7:00 pm *An Inconvenient Truth*, Al Gore. This event is free and open to the public. Discussion sessions will follow each screening. For more information, contact UWF Emerald Coast 850-863-6565.

UWF Information Technology (IT) Academy

Course Offerings: January 2008-May 2008

The University of West Florida's IT Academy provides high demand certification opportunities. The coursework aids career changers as well as existing IT professionals looking to advance their careers.

- **CCNA Certification:** 10-week, 80-hour online course; starts monthly; tuition \$1,995
- **Linux+/LPI Level One Certification Training:** 25-week, 300-hour online course; starts monthly; tuition \$2,895; Loaner laptops available
- **Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator MCSA:** 16-week, 270-hour certification course; offered online or in-class (Ft Walton Beach and Pensacola); 12 academic credits per semester; tuition \$4,500; Loaner laptops available
- **Web Database Developer:** 19-week, 200-hour online course; starts monthly; tuition \$3,895; Loaner laptops available
- **Microsoft Certified Database Administrator (MCDBA):** 25-week, 460-hour online course; starts monthly; tuition \$4,500; Loaner laptops available
- **Forensic Computer Examiner:** 15-week, 150-hour online course; starts monthly; tuition \$4,695; Loaner laptops available
- **ASP.net:** 25-week, 300-hour online course; starts monthly; tuition \$3,995; Loaner laptops available

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

Personal Training Certification Offered in FWB

Come join this fun field and be a part of what ABC NEWS.com states is the 4th hottest job in the US at a national average of \$25 an hour. Get the training you need to become a CERTIFIED PERSONAL TRAINER. This challenging course is taught over a 5-week period for better retention and skill competency. The National Exam is held on the 6th week. Fifteen hours of "hands on" practical training prepares you to work with clients one on one. Also, fifteen hours of lectures include anatomy, exercise physiology, nutrition, health screening, etc. Proof of CPR and a 20-hour internship will prepare you to work successfully in the fitness field. Offered: April 5-May 10; 9:00am-4:00pm; Saturdays, \$499

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

Volunteer for Fort Walton Beach Oyster Gardening!

The City of Fort Walton Beach received a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to create an oyster reef at Sound Park as well as start an Oyster Gardening program. Building oyster reefs and oyster gardening are practiced heavily along the East Coast and Gulf States of the US. Oysters are the building blocks of one of the most important communities in the water and provide benefits to the environment.

Oyster gardening is growing oysters in specialized cages in the Choctawhatchee Bay and surrounding waters.

What is required to be a volunteer?

- Attend spring workshop (**April 26, 2008**)
- Weekly monitoring & maintenance of growing oysters
- Waterfront homes or businesses
- Homes with docks are preferred, but not required

If you are interested in volunteering please contact the Program Manager:
Joy Brown, (850) 833-9616, jbrown@fwb.org

Did You Know . . .

Summer 2008 Study Abroad Opportunities

The Office of Diversity and International Education and Programs announces opportunities for Summer Study Abroad. Summer experiences offer a chance to study for a shorter term and for less money than traditional semester-long programs. Students have the opportunity to earn UWF credit while studying in another country and experiencing a new culture. Applicants for Study Abroad Programs must have a minimum 2.5 GPA (some programs require a higher GPA). Information about UWF Summer Study Abroad options is available online at <http://uwf.edu/intered/studyabroad/>.

School of Allied Health and Life Sciences

Workshops/Continuing Education - Register Now!

Upcoming 2008 Workshops:

2/4-7: IAQA Certified Indoor Environmentalist (CIE)/ Supervisor, co-sponsored with IAQTI
2/4-6: IAQA Certified Microbial Remediator (CMR)/ Supervisor, co-sponsored with IAQTI
2/8, 8am-12noon: Mold Awareness

For more information: <http://uwf.edu/sahls/workshops/> or contact Dr. Melanie Sutton at msutton@uwf.edu or (850) 474-2650.

Let Us Hear From You!

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