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What’s Going On In February?

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

ATTENTION UWF SPRING 2009 GRADUATES

The Emerald Coast UWF Bookstore will host “Graduation Day” on Thursday, February 19 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 2009 graduates can pre-order cap and gowns for Spring commencement. Packages for cap and gowns with invitations will be on sale for that day only. A representative from Herff Jones will be available from noon to 5:00 pm with samples of graduation announcements and UWF College rings.

ECAB will provide subs and drinks from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm in the UWF Emerald Coast student center.

If students are unable to attend in person, cap and gown, announcements, and college rings may be ordered online at <http://www.herffjones.com/college/>

Contact Cynthia Spiller at 863-0760 or 1017mgr@fhcg.follett.com for more information.

Students may also attend “Graduation Days” in Pensacola February 17–18 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm in the UWF Pensacola Bookstore in the University Commons.

Newsletter Make-Over: Naming Competition

The Emerald Coast newsletter is undergoing some changes...and with the new look we need a new name! January 28-February 20, students may vote for the new name of the Emerald Coast newsletter.

Vote for one of the following:

Emerald Coast Post
UWF Beachside Bulletin
Emerald Tide

Vote online:

<http://www.uwf.edu/emeraldcoast/news/index.shtml>
Or look for entry boxes at your Emerald Coast campus.



New Laptops at Library: Thanks to the SGA, the Emerald Coast Library has three brand new laptops with wireless connectivity available for 4-hour checkout! Call 863-6578 for more information.

Library Research Classes: Come sharpen your research skills! Learn how to find articles, books and other resources for the papers you have to write this semester. Special attention is given to locating quality materials available online. Four classes are scheduled at the Emerald Coast Library:

February 10: 6:30-7:30 pm, EC Library, Room 824
February 11: 3:00-4:00 pm, EC Library, Room 824
February 18: 6:30-7:30 pm, EC Library, Room 824
February 21: 3:00-4:00 pm, EC Library, Room 824

Look for additional classes to be offered soon at the Combs Campus!

The Extended Campus Activity Board will be hosting a blood drive Tuesday, February 17 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm for all students. The Northwest Florida Bloodmobile will be on the FWB Campus, behind Building 3 and pizza will be served from noon to 2:00 pm. Northwest Florida Blood Center will be giving out a

FREE movie pass and T-shirt are given to those who donate blood. Everyone welcome!

Also, ECAB is accepting applications for new members. If interested in learning more please contact Kristin Soto at khw3@students.uwf.edu or Andrea Rymer at 863-6569.

Emerald Coast Student Government Association

hopes you are having a great semester. Hopefully you had a chance to visit us at the Welcome Week Activities last month. If not, other activities are scheduled throughout the semester. We will be at the REEF campus on 16 February to participate in Engineering Week. There will be food and giveaways available for UWF students.



Senate President Wigston and Governor Rogers at the ECAB Fall Festival

SGA elections are coming in March. Any student interested in participating in SGA is encouraged to contact the EC Senate President at ajw18@students.uwf.edu or the EC Governor at ecgovernor@uwf.edu. You can also contact us with issues or suggestions that affect the Emerald Coast campuses. **The first ten e-mails sent with a suggestion or comment will receive a \$5 gift card from Starbucks or Tropical Smoothie.** Have a great semester. Get involved!!!

The Teacher Education Club will be meeting with Okaloosa County Principals February 23 at 5:30pm at the Combs Campus. The principals will discuss their processes of interviewing and hiring for opening positions at their individual schools. Previous meetings have also had the principals give out pointers of what, or what not, to add to your resume. The floor will be open to your questions and inquiries of becoming part of the educational system of Okaloosa County.

The meetings are free for anyone to attend, and there will be food and drinks available. If you have questions

you may contact the club President, Sumalee Turner, sit1@students.uwf.edu

The Emerald Coast Criminal Justice Student Organization (CJSO) has new officers!

Eneami Bestman-President
Nancy Rapsawatdi-Vice-President
Mark Wilson-Treasurer
Dawn Ward-Secretary

If you are interested in learning more about and/or joining CJSO, we are hosting a recruiting meeting (FREE LUNCH) on Wednesday, February 4. The meeting will begin at 12:30 pm and will be held in room 368 on the Fort Walton Beach campus.

Elections will be held at the end of the spring semester to select officers for next year. This is a great opportunity for you to take a leadership role in this dynamic organization!

You may contact any of the officers above at ECCJSO@uwf.edu for additional information.

Graduate Student Scholarly and Creative Activity Grants

- Graduate students in good standing may now submit applications for independent projects, conference travel or research required for degree completion. Grants of up to \$1,000 may be given. Guidelines and application forms are available on the SCAC Web page at

<https://nautical.uwf.edu/org/disporg.cfm?orgunitid=CREATE>.

The application deadline is February 13 by 5 p.m. For more information, contact Research and Sponsored Programs at Ext. 6378, e-mail scac@uwf.edu or visit Building 11, Room 113 in Pensacola.

Spring 2009 Dissertation Submission Deadline

Deadline to submit dissertations to the COPS Ed.D. Program Office for initial screening: **February 6**

Spring 2009 Thesis and Dissertation Workshops

Thursday, February 5, 4:00-5:00 pm

Friday, February 6, 1:00-2:00 pm

Workshops held at the Pensacola Campus, Building 77, room 121. Please RSVP by email (hrichard@uwf.edu) or phone (850-473-7717).

Web Page File Extension Changes

Exciting changes are coming soon! All Emerald Coast web page extensions will change by March 6. The.shtml extension will be changed to .cfm (Example: <http://www.uwf.edu/emeraldcoast/degreeprograms/index>

.cfm instead of <http://www.uwf.edu/emeraldcoast/degreeprograms/index.shtml>). Please change your favorites and bookmarks to reflect this change. If you have problems concerning this change please contact rgaines@uwf.edu.

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.

Student Summer Hire Program

The Eglin AFB Civilian Personnel Office is accepting applications for summer hire positions. The summer hire positions that will be available are Clerical and General Laborer. To apply, you may pick up an application from Career Services (Combs Campus, Bldg. 13, room 1308) or the UWF Academic Support Center (FWB Campus, Bldg. 2, room 201).

Applications will be accepted at Eglin AFB from 26 January to 13 February, between the hours of 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, Monday thru Friday. Applications mailed in MUST BE postmarked by 13 February. Applicants eligible for the program must enrolled at least part-time in college. For more information contact Angie Beal at 850-882-3967 or Sherry Akers at 850-882-6258.

Counseling Services is the place on campus for students to go if they are experiencing personal, vocational, or academic problems. Counseling Services can help you with..... *Depression *Anxiety *Grief * Sexual Concerns * Alcohol/Drug issues *Suicidal Thoughts *Past or Present Abuse or Harassment * Conflicts with your partner, friends for family *Vocational/Academic Concerns *Stress. Educational information is also available. Services are available on the Fort Walton Beach Campus. For information call toll free 1-866-258-4378, Ext. 2420.

Hurlburt Field Information Technology Fair

The University of West Florida and Troy University will host an Information Technology (IT) Fair at the Hurlburt Field Education Center, room J on March 4, from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm. Presentations will be made at 11:30 am and 12:00 pm by representatives from the University of West Florida's IT Academy, Troy University and Stetson University highlighting their Microsoft Certification programs and other IT programs. The University of West Florida's IT Academy will be offering a classroom instructed Microsoft Certification course in the spring at the W.E. Combs Campus beginning March 16. Interested students at Hurlburt Field or Eglin AFB are

encouraged to attend the IT Fair. For additional information or questions, please contact the UWF Hurlburt Field office at 850-884-2723 or Eglin AFB at 850-678-3727.

Special Events

Small Business Development Center Workshops

Starting a Business—February 10, 6:00 to 9:00 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.

Business by the Numbers: Recordkeeping in Small Business

—February 17, 19 and 24 from 6:00 to 8:30 pm, FWB Campus, Building 1, Room 126. Fee is \$55. In this three night workshop, attendees will learn how to keep records, develop financial statements, create asset depreciation schedules and gain a better understanding of tax records.

SBA Loans—February 6, 10:00 to 11:30 am, FWB Campus, Building 1, Free. This workshop will review eligibility requirements and advantages of using SBA loan programs for funding of assets, working capital and special purpose loans.

Managing Employees in an Uncertain Market

—February 27, noon to 1:00 pm at the SBDC office, 922 Mar Walt Drive, Suite 203. Free. Limited Seating (pre-registration is required). Presented by Lane Rees, HR Solutions

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.

The 5th Annual Conflict Resolution Management Forum

will be held at the University of West Florida Conference Center February 4 & 5. The theme of this year's forum is *Resolving Disputes...Minimizing Conflict*. This event is presented by the Office for Informal Dispute Resolution in partnership with the Housing and Residence Life Office. Please click on the link below to view the informational "Save the Date" flyer. More detailed information will be available closer to the forum. <http://uwf.edu/oidr/FifthAnnualDRForumFlyer.pdf>

For more information contact Catherine Powell, 850-473-7469, cspowell@uwf.edu

In Our Community

Mentor Project – Mentor a Fellow Argo

Do you remember what it was like as an undergraduate; wishing you could talk to someone who was already in

your career-field of interest to find out what the real world was really like? If so perhaps you would like to become a mentor for current UWF students. All it takes is a few minutes to fill out a registration form at <http://www.myinterfase.com/uwf/mentor/>.

You decide your level of involvement, whether it is email, informational interviews, hosting job shadows, speaking to organizations or more. Mentoring is a fulfilling way to give back to your alma mater and it costs you nothing but a little time. Please feel free to contact Patrice Friant Assistant Director of Experiential Education at pfriant@uwf.edu or at 850.474.2254.

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://wuwf.org/events/events.shtml>

UWF Festival on the Green set for April 3-4 on the UWF Main Campus. Events will include an alumni jazz brunch and awards celebration, three stages, a dog sports exhibition, a children's festival, library book sale, a fine arts show, a university showcase, a crafts fair, a classic cars show and festival food.

Festival on the Green is a two-day event that welcomes the Northwest Florida and South Alabama community to the UWF campus. Last year, the festival attracted approximately 21,000 visitors.

For more information, contact Jeff Comeau, festival director, at (850) 474-2610 or jcomeau@uwf.edu.

Education Opportunities

The Center for Lifelong Learning has begun its January session and is still accepting late registrations in room 461 at the FWB campus. Classes are geared for fun learning for adults with over 70 classes offered this session in locations throughout FWB, including UWF, Troy University, the Unity Church, Covenant Community Church and others.

To receive more information or a catalog of classes call 850-863-6548 or go to the website at www.cll-fwb.org

Introductory Japanese Begins February 17

This 10 week course introduces modern and spoken Japanese, and is designed for those with no knowledge of the language. Its focus is the initial development of

basic communication skills in Japanese and a familiarization with the Japanese culture and writing system. Classes will be held Tuesdays from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at the W.E. Combs Campus in Fort Walton Beach.

For more information call 850-474-2914 or visit <http://ContinuingEd.uwf.edu/>

UWF to Offer IT Certification Courses

In an effort to ensure all Department of Defense (DOD) contract employees meet the certification requirements for information technology (IT) professionals, UWF will now offer open registration for its IT Academy.

Certifications offered by UWF's IT Academy include Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator (MCSA), Cisco CCNA, and the Forensic Computer Examiner.

The IT Academy online courses start monthly. Instructor-led courses begin **March 16** in Fort Walton Beach. Certification can be obtained in **12** weeks and can ladder into a degree.

Tuition assistance for military personnel and financial aid are available.

For more information, call 1-800-710-3233 or visit <http://uwf.edu/ITAcademy>.

Energy Camp for Middle School Students

The first 'Get Into Energy' summer camp will be offered at UWF this summer. This camp will be for middle school students and will be based on the hands-on National Energy Education Development (NEED) curriculum. For more information, visit:

http://uwf.edu/exploreamps/energy_sci.cfm

Let Us Hear From You!

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