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What's Going On In January?

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

Students Need to Activate Their UWF Debit Cards

UWF has partnered with Higher One in launching its new Debit Card service for registered degree seeking students. Beginning January 2008, financial aid disbursements and other student refunds will be managed through Higher One. UWF Debit Cards were mailed out over the Thanksgiving holidays. Students should activate their cards upon receipt and select their refund delivery preference. **UWF will not be able to disburse funds to students who have not activated their UWF Debit Card.** Parents and students are encouraged to browse frequently asked questions at <http://uwf.edu/stuacct/UWFwhatschanging.pdf> and visit Higher One at <http://www.uwfdebitcard.com> for information on benefits, card activation and refund delivery options.

Attention New and Returning Students:

The UWF Emerald Coast staff would like to express a warm welcome to all the new and returning students taking courses at UWF Emerald Coast locations spring semester 2008. The Emerald Coast campuses are working to provide programs and services to all students in the Emerald Coast service area and the first step in that process is to accurately identify Emerald Coast students by their primary campus location.

Current students should log into Argus, go to their "My Info" Tab and scroll down to 'Primary Campus' and make sure their campus location is correct. As part of the primary campus promotion, students that bring a print-out to a UWF Emerald Coast office that shows their primary campus as an EC location will receive a jot pad as a free gift. Check your status today and drop by an Emerald Coast office to receive your free gift while quantities last.

Students may change their primary campus at any time via Argus and choosing a campus location listing does not restrict a student's ability to take classes at ANY campus location. UWF Emerald Coast uses the primary campus listing to efficiently target communications to our students. If you have any questions about the primary campus location promotion please call (850)863-6569.

Attention all Faculty and Staff

You are invited to the Spring 2008 Faculty/Staff Meeting on Wednesday, January 16. The meeting will be held in the Cyber Lounge (Building 3) on the W.E. Combs Campus from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. and refreshments will be served. Please join us for information and updates about the University of West Florida Emerald Coast and receive your 2008 Emerald Coast Directory. For more information, contact Joanna Soria at 863-6583 or at jsoria@uwf.edu.

Spring Hours for Fitness Center

The fitness center located on the Joint OWC/UWF Campus in Fort Walton Beach will have slightly different hours beginning January 7. 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.

Applications for employment are being accepted. To apply, go to www.uwf.edu/recreation, click on "employment" and then complete and submit an online application.

Any questions can be directed to Jennifer Johnson at 850-474-2814 or jjohnson@uwf.edu

OWC Niceville Parking Regulations

Parking is available to all faculty and staff displaying a current and valid UWF faculty/staff parking permit. The employee permit authorizes parking in yellow-lined, reserved spaces. Blue-lined spaces are reserved for the handicapped, and white-lined spaces are for students. If you receive a ticket at the OWC/Niceville Campus and have met all parking guidelines please contact Chelsea Wong, Fiscal Specialist at the UWF/OWC Joint Campus to request an appeal form. For additional information, Contact Chelsea Wong (863-6568; cwong@uwf.edu).

From the Library

The Emerald Coast Library Director is available to all faculty members to teach library research skills in specific subject areas. Please call or email Lois Gilmer at 863-6577 or lgilmer@uwf.edu to reserve a specific date/time. She will also be teaching a series of basic library orientation sessions to which faculty may send students, or students may come on their own during the following schedule (Choose one date/time):

Monday, January 28, 10-11 a.m.

Tuesday, January 29, 10-11 a.m.

Wednesday, January 30, 3-4 p.m.

Thursday, January 31, 3-4 p.m.

Request an Ambassador . . .

Do you need the Ambassadors to help you host a UWF special event or give a campus tour? Requests should be submitted at least two weeks in advance of your event. Please contact Latrece Gulley, 850-863-6569 or lgulley@uwf.edu

Blood Drive A Success!!!

The Extended Campus Activity Board helped sponsor the Northwest Florida Blood Drive on November 27, 2007. There were 26 potential donors, of which 20 were able to give the "gift of life." With this, 60 lives were helped with the sponsorship of our blood drive. Thanks to all the students, faculty and staff that donated blood to help make the blood drive a success!

The Northwest Florida Blood Center depends entirely on the volunteers to donate blood. In order to meet the patient needs in the community, they need over 175 people to donate blood daily. Every 3 seconds someone needs blood.

We plan to sponsor another blood drive in the spring, please consider giving blood to help save a life!

Special Events

UWF Students Place Second In Chevrolet College Marketing Challenge

University of West Florida Emerald Coast students placed second and were awarded \$1,500 in the "Chevy College Marketing Challenge" held December 12 and 13 in Detroit, Michigan. The UWF team was one of five finalist teams that competed to develop an integrated marketing communications plan about Chevrolet's fuel saving technologies to reach 18 to 30 year-old buyers. Composed of students from the "Integrated Marketing" communications course, the team included Rafael Gomez, LeighAnn Kinkead, Andrea McMahon, Okeye Mitchell and Kristen Parden.



Pictured L to R: Okeye Mitchell, Kristen Parden, LeighAnn Kinkead, Susan Shaw, Andrea McMahon and Rafael Gomez.

The students and their faculty sponsor, Susan Shaw, were flown, all expenses paid to Detroit, Mich. to present their marketing plan to top executives from Chevrolet, Campbell-Ewald (Chevrolet's advertising agency) and McGinn MS&L (Chevrolet's public relations firm). Students presented a variety of ideas for the campaign including mocked-up Web sites, suggestions for viral marketing techniques through online sharing sites, as well as suggestions for partnerships with other corporations. The teams competed for a chance to have their material become part of an integrated Chevrolet campaign, as well as for prize money and potential internships with Chevrolet, Campbell-Ewald or McGinn MS&L.

The finalist teams were selected from submissions of undergraduate and graduate students from colleges and universities across the country. The UWF team competed against four other schools that included students from Fairfield University, King's College,

University of North Carolina, Greensboro and Drexel University.

For more information, contact Susan Shaw at (850) 863-6582 or e-mail sshaw@uwf.edu.

Small Business Development Center Workshops

Starting a Business—Wednesday, January 8, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, FWB Campus, Bldg. 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.

Recordkeeping in Small Business—January 10, 15, and 17, 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm, FWB Campus, Bldg.1, Room 126. Fee is \$45. Attendees will learn how to keep records, develop financial statements, create asset depreciation schedules and gain a better understanding of tax records.

Brown Bag Lunch and Learn: New Insurance Realities—Friday, January 18, noon to 1:00 pm at the SBDC office, 922 Mar Walt Drive, Suite 203. Free.

Florida DOR Sales Tax Workshop—Tuesday, January 22, 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm, FWB Campus, Bldg. 1, Room 156. Free. Traci Mitchell from the Florida Department of Revenue taxpayer education group will cover sales and use tax, tangible tax, unemployment tax and frequently asked questions.

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

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: January 19-February 23; 9:00am-4:00pm, Saturdays \$499 AND 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>

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 link online at www.wuwf.org

Mike Anderson Named 2007 Mayor of the Year

The Florida League of Cities announced Mike Anderson as the Mayor of the Year of its Florida League of Cities, Cities of Excellence Awards program. The presentation was held November 9, 2007 during a lunch ceremony at the Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport Hotel. The award recognized the outstanding commitment and public outreach of the mayor. The Florida Cities of Excellence Awards program honors municipal leaders and municipalities throughout the state for devoted commitment to public service and their ongoing efforts to improve the quality of life in their cities.

“Florida cities are a wonderful place to live,” said Frank Ortis, Florida League of Cities President and Mayor of Pembroke Pines, “the finalists in this category provide an enhanced quality of life for every citizen because of their hard work and commitment to their communities”.



**City of Fort Walton Beach
Mayor Mike Anderson**

Winners were selected by the League’s Executive Committee and chosen for initiative in developing innovative programs and exemplary leadership. All winners received a “MUNI” award and will be featured in the League’s magazine, Quality Cities.

“The accomplishments of each nominee were amazing,” said Mike Anderson, “these public servants work very hard every day and I am honored to be considered amongst them”.

During his acceptance remarks the mayor thanked members of the community, council and staff for their efforts in making Fort Walton Beach such a great place to live. He also thanked his wife, Linda, for her steadfast support during his time as Mayor of the City of Fort Walton Beach.

The Center for Lifelong Learning will begin its new semester in January with many new and returning classes for adult fun in learning. Registration will be held on Friday, January 11th at 9:00 am for returning students and 1:00 pm for new students in the auditorium (Building 8) at the UWF Emerald Coast Fort Walton Beach campus. Students may take up to four classes for \$40 per semester. Wide ranges of classes are offered including: Computer, Art and Painting, Exercise, History, Dance, Self-Awareness, Photography, Digital Imaging, Science, Quilting, Antiques, Politics, Beading and Paper Arts, Languages and many more.

For more information call 850-863-6548 or visit <http://CLL-FWB.org>

Okaloosa County Litter Challenge 2008

Okaloosa County will start the New Year with a general roadway and park clean up on January 12, from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. The primary goal of Litter Challenge 2008 is to energize the volunteers in the community who already maintain the roadways, recruit new volunteer organizations, assign new road clean-up projects and overall clean up the county roadways, as well as the neighborhood parks all over the county, from north to

south. We also want to educate our citizens and instill pride in keeping our county clean for today and in the future. It isn’t a new challenge or an old challenge – it is Litter Challenge 2008! We are requesting your support as a volunteer, as a supporter, as a promoter and as a good citizen.

For more information, call 850-651-7115. Look for Clean County on our web site at www.co.okaloosa.fl.us, for this and more information on how to keep our beaches, waterways and roadways clean.

Did You Know . . .

Combs Campus is Now Wireless!

Staying connected to the Internet has become easier to do at the Combs Campus. The campus is now set-up for wireless Internet connection. There is no more waiting for computers in the Cyber Lounge to access the Internet. Bring in your laptops and get connected from the parking lots to the classrooms, because the wireless connection is available campus-wide. Please contact Robert Gaines (Building 3, Room 3001A) at 833-4025 or rgaines@uwf.edu for wireless set-up instructions

School of Allied Health and Life Sciences

Workshops/Continuing Education - Register Now!

Upcoming 2008 Workshops:

- 1/14, 8:00am-5:00pm: Principles of Machine Guarding, co-sponsored with ASSE
- 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.

Congratulations Fall 2007 Graduates!

The University of West Florida has announced the names of area residents who completed degree requirements during the fall semester of 2007. Graduates were recognized at the UWF fall commencement ceremonies December 15. Listed below are graduates from Okaloosa County:

Crestview

Associate of Arts Degrees: Lula Coleman, Kiesha Evans, Sean Hadley, Leslie Henderson, Francesco Sinopoli

Bachelor’s Degrees: Nicholas Barlotta, Coleman Batson, Erica Bolton, Rachael Bridges, Amy Carlson, Melissa Didonato, Amanda Feole, Jennifer Fox, Allyson Graham,

Michelle Herczeg-Allbrook, Sarah King, D'arcie Lennard, Jennifer Lisi, Tamara Luthy, Jennifer Melvin, Vicki Ortiz, Angela Perez, Leah Petrey, Melanie Radford, Jennifer Ramos, Elizabeth Sanders, Kursten Sirmans, Kimberly Spaulding, Candance Stephens, Christine Vickers, Jerod Wilson

Master's Degrees: Amelia Albano, Rosa Coleman, Kelly Knight, Madeeha Mir, Neslihan Suhi

Specialist's Degree: William Brown

Destin

Bachelor's Degrees: Chelsea Cowan, Boren Grelling, James Holzhauer, Rosemary Smith, Stephanie Summey

Master's Degrees: Carlie Carson, Wendy Wheeler

Eglin Air Force Base

Bachelor's Degree: Mindy Hodgell

Master's Degree: Joshua Herren

Fort Walton Beach

Bachelor's Degrees: Lindy Abbott, Danielle Altman, Audrey Attardo, Katina Billue, Clasina Cox, Nanetta Dougherty, Michael Edwards, Elizabeth Eubanks, Rafael Gomez, Crystal Goodhall, Sam Hill, Kathie Johnson, Michael Knight, Rachel Kuhn, Steven Mangum, Megan Meer, Nicole Muckridge, Carrie Nowka, Carol Pirpiliu, Nicole Reed, Galen Rosser, Kenneth Smalewich, Joanna Soria, Bevin Stinebrickner, Renata Tasker, Natasha Taylor, Johanna Tillman, Heidi Warriner, Jenna Webb, Nancy Wess

Master's Degrees: Kathleen Armstrong, William Barnes, Kevin Hoy, Stacey Jennings, Jennifer Martin, Tiffany Robinson, Keisha Thomas

Specialist's Degree: Eugenia Webb

Hurlburt Field

Bachelor's Degree: Ledarrin Smith

Mary Esther

Bachelor's Degrees: Shannon Cathey, Jennifer Fought, Edward Smith, Candace Woodward, Audra Yow

Master's Degree: Cameron Venuti

Specialist's Degree: Milta Green

Niceville

Associate of Arts Degree: Adriana Dean

Bachelor's Degrees: John Bruckelmeyer, Kara Chamberlain, Kristina Clancy, Robert Clary, Jason Conrad, Seifallah Cristobal, John Crowe, Nathan Decker, Shaun Herr, Angela Johnson, Diana Jones,

Leighann Kinkead, Aaron Kurtz, Travis Peek, Aleecia Rushing, Michell Schindeler

Master's Degrees: Connie Hall, Andres Hernandez, Elizabeth Medlock, Lori Miller, Dana Putz

Shalimar

Bachelor's Degrees: Alan Crayon, Allison Hale, Nicole Merritt, Kelly Richard, James Soong, Alisha Tucker

Master's Degrees: Duane Eliason, Kim Phillips

Valparaiso

Bachelor's Degrees: Heather Benny, Suzanne Reyenga

Master's Degree: Della Mcguire

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