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What's Going On In January?

Visit the **Emerald Coast 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 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 2009. 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 the campus location is correct. Students may change the 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 please call (850)863-6569.

Newsletter Make-Over: Naming Competition

The Emerald Coast newsletter is undergoing some changes...and with the new look we need a new name! January 5 -23, students may submit suggestions to re-

name the Emerald Coast newsletter. Enter a suggestion for your chance to win fabulous gift cards!

Look for entry boxes at your Emerald Coast campus or email Kim Hellyer (khellyer@uwf.edu) with your name, contact information, and newsletter name suggestion.

Emerald Coast Newsletter Website

We listened to your suggestions and have created a newsletter website! Here you can see the headlines of articles and 'read more' of the specific information that interests you. A printer-friendly version is also available at the website. Enjoy!

Check it out:

<http://www.uwf.edu/emeraldcoast/news/newsletter.s.html>

Emerald Coast Bookstore

Receive a 25% off coupon on any clothing or gift item with the purchase of a text book during rush.

The Bookstore Rush Hours (January 5-9):

Mon-Thurs	8:00 to 6:00
Friday	8:00 to 5:00

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

Emerald Coast Cashier's Office

Cashier Spring Rush Week Hours (January 5-9)

M, T, W, Th	8:00am-6:00pm
Friday	8:00am-5:00pm

Cashier Spring Semester Hours

M, W, Th	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 Student Government Association wants to welcome you to the Spring semester. Look for our Welcome Back activities on all the Emerald Coast campuses in the upcoming weeks.

In other news, SGA is formulating their next budget and needs your help! Let SGA know about your funding ideas such as food on campus, entertainment, improvements to the Student Activity Center, new vending machines, new microwave, improved gym accessibility, etc. E-mail your suggestions to ecgovernor@uwf.edu. The first five suggestions from UWF students will receive a \$5 gift card from Starbucks!

Look for more giveaways in the February newsletter. Please visit our website at <http://www.uwf.edu/emeraldcoast/studentorg/ecsga.shtml> to learn more about your SGA.

Thanks go to all of you who contributed to the Item Drive collection for the Waterfront Rescue Mission in December conducted in conjunction with the Northwest Florida State College SGA.

The AA to BA Interdisciplinary Studies program in Niceville has been relocated to W.E. Combs campus in Fort Walton Beach (Building 1, room 1003). Please contact Nita Bryant at her new office location for program information at 850-833-3968 or email bbryant@uwf.edu.

Building Numbers at W.E. Combs Campus are listed a little differently. While the actual building numbers did not change, the code for each building has a new look. Each building is now listed as a four-digit code beginning with the number "9" (i.e. 9001, 9002, 9003, etc.). The "9" listed in front of each number represents the state's location code for the entire Combs Campus. The last three numbers represent the actual building number on campus. For example, building 9003 (9 – 003) is building 3 on the Combs Campus.

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.

Fort Walton Beach campus visit:

January 28, 3:30pm-5:30pm, Building 4, room 468.

REEF campus visit:

January 29, 2:00pm-4:00pm, room 119.

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

Free Mental Health Counseling is available for UWF students at the Fort Walton Beach Campus. Make an appointment with Maryjo Hardin, 866-258-4378 ext. 2420 or mhardin@uwf.edu. Office hours are 8:00 am to 5:00 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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.

The Emerald Coast Criminal Justice Student Organization

held its end of the semester appreciation dinner on December 11 at the Boathouse Landing Restaurant in Valparaiso. Members in attendance include John Fillingane, Laura Gainey, Nancy Rapsawatdi, Dawn Ward, Sarah Amato, and Tabitha Lewis, outgoing President of the organization. A special thanks to all active members!



Pictured above (left to right): Tabitha Lewis, Sarah Amato, Dawn Ward, and Nancy Rapsawatdi

The CJSO collected donations to purchase 10 phone cards for troops that will be sent overseas and distributed to service members.

Special Events

Small Business Development Center Workshops

Starting a Business—January 8, 6:00 pm 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.

Simply Organized Spaces – January 16, 12:00 to 1:00 pm, SBDC Office at 922 Mar Walt Drive, Suite 203. Free. Learn to effectively organize office and home spaces.

Write the Ultimate Business Plan – January 30, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm, FWB Campus, Building 1, Room 126. Fee is \$99.00 (includes software). Instructor will lead you through a step-by-step process of developing financial projections and organizing your business plan.

Basics of Selling on eBay – January 31, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, FWB Campus, Building 1, Room 126. Fee is \$60.00 (includes book). Learn the essentials of selling on eBay from a professional Education Specialist (trained by eBay).

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.



Construction Opportunity Seminar

This seminar will show local small construction related businesses how to take advantage of large Federal construction projects planned for the Eglin area over the next several years. Come and learn how to get registered

to do business with the government, how to find contract opportunities and contacts, and more.

The seminar will be held January 29, 8:15am to 1:00pm at the REEF (1350 N Poquito Road, Shalimar). Pre-registration is required to attend. Contact Tom Frost to pre-register: 850-833-7587 x218, tfrost@jobsplus02.com

The seminar is sponsored by the JobsPlus Workforce Development Board, UWF/PTAC, UWF SBDC, EDC, BIA, NFSC, and the US Department of Labor.

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/FifthAnnualIDRForumFlyer.pdf>

For more information contact: Billie Martz, bmartz@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 <https://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.

The Florida Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

(VR) would like to get the word out to the community that they are actively seeking referrals of disabled individuals to apply for Vocational Rehabilitation services. Work Force Development Regions 01 and 02 are currently accepting referrals from individuals who are disabled and who may require Vocational Rehabilitation services to become employed, return to work or in some cases retain their present employment.

VR is a State/Federally funded program that provides employment services to eligible individuals whose disability interferes with their ability to become employed. Services are tailored to the needs of each individual with the outcome of achieving an employment goal. Interested individuals can call 850-833-9114 with questions.

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>

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 is readying for an exciting new semester with a variety of opportunities for learning. Classes are adult –oriented ranging from History, Computers, Art, Self-Observation, Exercise, Photography, Finances and many more. Registration will be held at the UWF Fort Walton Beach campus auditorium on Friday, January 9. Classes begin the following week.

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 8:00pm at the W.E. Combs Campus in Fort Walton Beach.

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

Online Certificate in Medical Informatics

Spring 2009 courses include Electronic Clinical Record Systems and Introduction to Bioinformatics. Available at undergraduate and graduate levels. Information: <http://uwf.edu/sahls/certificate-informatics/>

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.