



The EMERALD COAST POST

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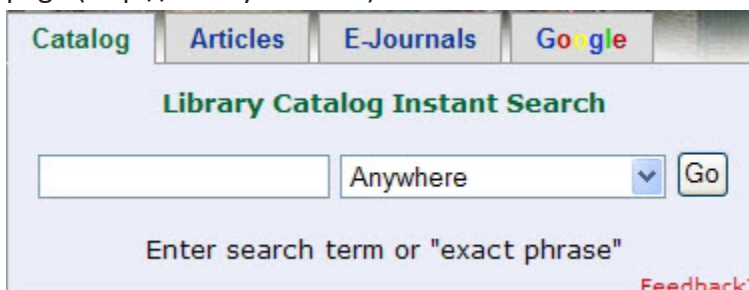
The Emerald Coast newsletter has a new look and new name! You've cast your votes and the new name is.... The Emerald Coast Post. Congratulations to student Tiffany Merrell who came up with the the name!

Visit the newsletter website: <http://www.uwf.edu/emeraldcoast/news/newsletter.shtml>

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. Enjoy!

Emerald Coast Library

Check out the new "Instant Search" feature on the UWF Libraries web page (<http://library.uwf.edu>).



You can quickly search the library catalog, select appropriate databases to search for journal articles, find online journals and more!

Extended Campus Activity Board

"Semesta Distressa" event at the UF/UWF REEF Campus on Wednesday, March 25 from 11:00 am to 2:00 pm. All UWF students are welcome to attend. Lenny's will provide sub sandwiches, prizes will be given away, neck/shoulder massages, and many fun games to help relieve mid-term stress!!

For more information, please contact Andrea Rymer at 850-863-6569.

Student Government Association

Need More Volunteer Hours? The SGA Recycling Program needs volunteers to perform one hour of volunteer service every other week. Recycling benefits the environment while volunteering gives back to the community. Contact Melissa Oakes for more information, mmo2@students.uwf.edu.

SGA elections are in March. Filing for election began February 23rd and continues through March 25th. The elections will be held March 31st and April 1st. SGA is looking for representatives with initiative and a willingness to help improve the university.

For more information, contact ecgovernor@uwf.edu or ajw18@students.uwf.edu or call Latrece Gulley, 850-863-6569.

Spring 2009 Thesis Deadline

Deadline to submit theses to the Office of Graduate Studies for initial screening: March 6

Scholarships for Military Personnel

The Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) Educational Foundation is an independent non-profit tax-exempt public charity dedicated to providing educational incentives, opportunities and assistance for people engaged in information management, communications, and intelligence efforts, and fostering excellence in education particularly in the "hard science" disciplines. AFCEA's chapters also provide scholarships, grants and tuition assistance for aspiring engineers, technicians, programmers, military personnel and government officials. Scholarships require students to have some connection to the U.S. Armed Forces, either as an active-duty, veteran, spouse or dependent. Interested individuals should submit applications no sooner than one-month prior to the posted scholarship deadline date.

For more information visit www.afcea.org/education/scholarships/military/

Counseling Services

Counseling Services can help with.....*Depression *Anxiety *Grief * Sexual Concerns * Alcohol/Drug issues *Suicidal Thoughts *Past or Present Abuse or Harassment * Conflicts with your partner, friends or family *Vocational/Academic Concerns *Stress. Educational information is also available. Services are available on the Fort Walton Beach Campus.

For more information call toll free 1-866-258-4378, Ext. 2420.

Student Leadership Institute Information Sessions

The Student Leadership Institute (SLI) is an elite training institute designed to coach our student members in leadership, communication, and community responsiveness. Students will have the opportunity to participate in workshops, lectures, programs and events designed to develop their leadership skills.

The SLI Board of Directors are hosting an information session to cover the objectives and mission of the institute and provide an opportunity for input and suggestions from the students. There will also be a raffle for prizes; but winners must be present to win!

Please join us:

- March 18 at 6:00 pm at the FWB Campus Student Center (building 2); or
- March 20 at Noon at the Combs Campus Cyber Lounge.

For more information call 850-863-6569 or email lgulley@uwf.edu

Web Page File Extension Changes

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.

For more information please contact Kristin Wookey at khw3@students.uwf.edu

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 more information, contact the UWF Hurlburt Field office at 850-884-2723 or Eglin AFB at 850-678-3727.

'Tech Night' Career Fair: March 18

Employers with technology-related internship, co-op and employment opportunities will be present at the 4th annual Tech Night, March 18, 3:30-5:30 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. An 'Tech Night Prep Session' will be offered March 5 from 1:00-2:00pm at the REEF to prepare attendees for the event.

For more information contact Ester Molder, 833-3743, emolder@uwf.edu

Criminal Justice Career Fair: March 25

The School of Justice Studies and Social work along with the Emerald Coast Criminal Justice Student Organization is hosting its annual Criminal Justice Career Fair on Wednesday, March 25, 2009 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Fort Walton Beach Campus (building 1, room 126). Over 50 criminal justice agencies have been invited to attend. This includes local, county, state, and federal agencies. This event is free and open to the public.

For more information email eccjs@uwf.edu.

Upcoming Spring Career Events

Mock Interview Day: April 2

Practice interviewing with professionals from a variety of career fields. Don't miss this opportunity to refine your interviewing skills!

9:00 am-6:00 pm, FWB Campus (building 4, room 452)
Pre-register for an interview slot in JasonQuest (www.myinterfase.com/uwf/student/)

How to be a Financial Super-Hero: April 8

Prepare for your future, create a spending plan, learn about community resources and opportunities!

Noon-1:00, FWB Campus (building 3, room 368).
Doors will open at 11:30. Free lunch will be provided.
Please RSVP to emolder@uwf.edu

For more information, please contact Ester Molder at 850.833-3743 or emolder@uwf.edu.

SBDC Workshops

Starting a Business—March 6, 1:00 to 4:00 pm, Crestview Chamber of Commerce. Fee is \$35. This is a general workshop covering many aspects of starting a business including legal structures, taxation, financing and insurance.

Florida DOR Sales Tax—March 16, 6:00 to 8:30 pm, FWB Campus, Building 1, Room 126. 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 for UWF students and employees. For more information call the UWF Small Business Development Center 850-833-9400.

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>.

Let Us Hear from You!

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