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A Note from the Dean...

Greetings students, faculty, staff, and community friends. We are half way through the Spring semester, and it's mid-term time. This can be a challenging and stressful time, so please be advised of our services available by the University of West Florida Counseling and Wellness Services. Counseling services is the place for students to go if they are experiencing personal, vocational or academic problems. They can help with the stress associated with school and life. For an appointment you can contact Maryjo Hardin at 1-866-258-4378 Ext. 2420, at the FWB Campus.

The Summer semester is quickly approaching. The Summer course schedule will be available to review on March 5th, 2010. This can be a great way to earn your summer credit hours or get a jump start on your degree program, while enjoying summer fun and activities with family and friends.

You can now access Explore University of West Florida Emerald Coast, a Cox Communication Public Service Program, directly from the homepage of the UWF Emerald Coast website. This month's featured guests will be your Emerald Coast Student Government Association representatives: Governor Melissa Oaks and Senate President Victoria Judkins.

Have a most enjoyable and safe Spring vacation whether you decide to enjoy the sun, sand, and beautiful beaches right here along the Emerald Coast or travel to another destination.

Best of luck to you in your endeavors this year.

John F. Azzaretto
Vice Provost and Dean
UWF Emerald Coast



Summer and Fall Class Registration Dates

Summer and Fall Advance Registration starts this month for currently enrolled degree seeking students by current classification.

Summer Advance Registration: 3/22 - 3/28/10
Graduate Students: 3/22/10
Seniors: 3/23/10
Juniors: 3/24/10
Sophomores: 3/25/10
Freshmen: 3/26/10
Open Registration: 3/29 - 4/18/10
Regular Registration (non-degree and all other):
4/19 - 5/9/10

Fall Advance Registration: 3/29 - 4/4/10
Graduate Students: 3/29/10
Seniors: 3/30/10
Juniors: 3/31/10
Sophomores: 4/1/10
Freshmen: 4/2/10
Open Registration: 04/05 - 8/1/10
Regular Registration (non-degree and all other):
8/2 - 8/22/10

Spring 2010 Graduation Days

It is now time to RSVP for commencement and order your cap and gown for the UWF Spring 2010 graduation ceremony. You can RSVP at the Commencement web site located at: <http://uwf.edu/commencement/index.cfm>

The Emerald Coast UWF Bookstore will host "Graduation Days" Thursday, March 4, 2010 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 graduates can pre-order cap and gowns for Spring commencement. Cap and gowns will be available for pre-sale until March 11, 2010 in person or via the website.

A representative from Herff Jones will be available from Noon to 5:00 pm with samples of graduation announcements and UWF College rings. Packages for cap and gowns with invitations will be on sale for that day only.

ECAB will provide subs and drinks from 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. in the UWF Emerald Coast student center. If students are unable to attend in person, cap and gown, announcement and college ring ordering may be done online at <http://www.herffjones.com/college/>. Contact Cynthia at 863-0760 for more information.

A Note from joyce gillie gossom

Dr. gossom will begin spending the day on the Combs campus the 2nd and 4th Tuesday starting in March. She will be available for students, faculty, staff, and community in the Cyber Lounge from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 or 5:30 p.m. each time.

Emerald Coast SGA Elections

It's that time again!! Elections are soon approaching and Emerald Coast Student Government Association is looking for new students with a fresh perspective to assist in making UWF Emerald Coast even better. Emerald Coast SGA is an organization created for students by the students. Some of the responsibilities include creating a budget and then deciding how to expend the funds; taking suggestions/grievances from students and working with administration to come up with a solution. Some of the benefits of joining:

- Build Leadership Skills
- Enhance and strengthen Interpersonal Skills
- Impact Change on the Campus and the Community
- Build your résumé and gain professional experience working with other like-minded students.

There are many positions to be filled including President, Governor, and a representative from each Emerald Coast campus. Filing has begun and closes March 24. Click the link below (the positions located on the link are for the Pensacola campus) for more information or contact Terri Reshard at treshard1@uwf.edu, Melissa Oakes at ecgovernor@uwf.edu, or Victoria Judkins at vjj2@students.uwf.edu. Take a stand, make a difference and join the Emerald Coast Student Government Association!

http://uwf.edu/sga/FINAL_Complete_Election_Packet.pdf



Alpha Sigma Lambda Honors Society

The Alpha Sigma Lambda Honors Society will grant seven scholarships for the 2010-2011 academic year, 4 \$1200 and 3 \$1500 scholarships. All awards granted for the 2010-2011 academic year are to assist with undergraduate expenses for students enrolled during that time. To be eligible for consideration students must:

- Be currently attending undergraduate classes at UWF.
- Have completed at least 30 semester hours at UWF, do not include accepted transfer credits.
- Have a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.2

You must be currently attending classes at UWF but do not have to be an inducted members of the chapter. Student should complete the student packet, secure a letter of recommendation from a faculty member, request an official transcript be sent to UWF Emerald Coast Dean, Dr. John Azzaretto and give the completed packet to the UWF Emerald Coast Dean for verification and mailing. The completed application packet must be in by April 1, 2010.

If you would like a scholarship application packet, contact Terri Reshard at 863-6585 or email treshard1@uwf.edu.

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FOR COUNSELING APPOINTMENTS CALL 1-866-258-4378 EXT. 2420**

Upcoming Spring Career Events

UWF 'TECH NIGHT' CAREER FAIR: MARCH 16

Employers with technology-related internship, co-op and employment opportunities will be present at the 5th annual Tech Night, March 16, 2:00-4:00pm 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. For more information contact Ester Molder, 833-3743, emolder@uwf.edu

'READY TO WORK' INFORMATION SESSIONS:

MARCH 17 & 18

The Workforce Development Board of Okaloosa and Walton Counties and UWF have joined together to promote the Florida Ready to Work Program, a career readiness credentialing program that is sponsored and funded by the State of Florida. Information sessions will be held on March 17 from 5:00- 6:00 PM at the UWF Combs Campus (building 3, room 3011), March 18 from 12:00- 1:00 PM at the REEF Campus (room 119) and from 5:00 – 6:00 PM at the Fort Walton Beach Campus (building 7, room 701). Testing will be on April 12 at the Fort Walton Beach Campus at 9:00 AM.

For detailed information on the Florida Ready to Work Program or to RSVP for the testing, please visit www.jobspusonestop.com or contact Ester Molder at 850-863-6575.

SPRING CAREER FAIR: MARCH 23

All majors are invited to the UWF Spring Career Fair, March 23, 1:00-5:00pm at the Pensacola Campus Conference Center. Be sure to dress professionally, bring your student id card and copies of your resume. To view attending employers, log-in to JasonQuest. Open to all UWF students and alumni.

INTERNSHIP INFORMATION SESSION: MARCH 31

UWF Career Services will host an Internship Information Session 31 March from 11am to noon in Building 251, room 111 (502 West D Avenue) Right now is the perfect time to start looking for a summer internship! All interested students are invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served. Pre-registration is required before 26 March. Please pre-register by calling Career Services at (850) 863-6575. For more information, email Career Services at emolder@uwf.edu

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD: APRIL 3

You are invited to participate in a Habitat for Humanity Build on Saturday, April 3. This build is open to any student, faculty or staff member who would like to participate. The build will take place in Fort Walton Beach from 8:00am to 2:00pm (lunch will be provided). You will need to have your own transportation or find a way to carpool with other participants. UWF will not be able to provide transportation. Space is limited to the first 15 people, so RSVP soon! Anyone interested in participating is asked to RSVP to Ester Molder by March 19th (850-863-6575 or emolder@uwf.edu) with your name, mobile phone number and email address.

SAVE THE DATE: Panhandle Job Fair, April 15, 10:00am-3:00pm, NW Florida Fairgrounds (FWB)

SBDC Workshops in March

QuickBooks Basics - March 3rd

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. To reserve your seat, please call the SBDC at 833-9400 by Mar. 2nd. 9:00 am-12:00pm Crestview Chamber of Commerce, 1447 Commerce Drive, Crestview, Florida. Fee is **\$50.00**

Starting a Business - March 10

This workshop will review business planning areas such as financing, selecting a business legal structure, identifying your market, recordkeeping and identifying risks that can challenge success. To reserve your seat, please call the SBDC at 833-9400 by Mar 9th. 3:00 pm-6:00pm NWF/UWF FWB Campus, Bldg. 1, Room 126 Fort Walton Beach. Fee is **\$35.00**

Be Ready for Business on Day One - March 19

Attend this workshop to learn important details about organizing your business beyond that covered in our basic "Starting a Business" workshop. Learn how to organize your business by-laws and agreements, hold required organizational meetings, work with advisors, manage human resources and set up records.

To reserve your seat, please call the SBDC at 833-9400 by Mar 18th. 10:00am-12:00 pm NWF/UWF FWB Campus, Bldg. 1, Room 126 Fort Walton Beach. The fee is **\$20.00**

"Plan To Profit"– A software solution for Marketing Plans - March 23rd

Survive the downturn by attending this hands-on workshop! Learn to use a leading software tool to create your own beginning plan. Workshop fee includes Marketing Plan Pro software and also the book, "Duct Tape Marketing", by John Jantsch. Plan today for tomorrow's success! Advance enrollment required. To reserve your seat, please call the SBDC at 833-9400 by Mar 22th. Seating limit to first 10 to register. Call 850-833-9400 to register. Fee is **\$139** (includes software and book, retail value \$179.50)

The Fort Walton Beach Small Business Development Center is pleased to announce it has a new Web Site. Here new and prospective business owners can pre-register for our many different workshops and seminars that take place throughout each month. All workshops and seminars can be seen that take place during the current quarter. New workshops are added every quarter. The new Web Site can be accessed at <http://www.uwf.edu/fwbsbdc/index.cfm>.

Emerald Coast Clubs Meet & Greet Event

Student Club Leaders will provide information on how to join an Emerald Coast club.

Tuesday, March 17th, 4:00pm to 6:00pm at the FWB Campus Student Center, Building 2. Anyone interested in becoming a Student Leader may come ask questions and pick up an application. Dr. John Azzaretto, EC Dean and Vice Provost will be presenting a talk on Excellence. Light refreshments provided by SGA. For more information, contact the Student Activities Office at 850-863-6585, or Terri Reshard at treshard1@uwf.edu.

Spotlight Series Presents...

“Top O’ the Murder to You” performed by Act4Murder on March 18, 2010 at 7 pm in the Auditorium, Building 8. This is a murder-mystery event that will be audience-interactive and fun for the entire family!

For more information, please contact Deborah Cluff at 850-678-3727 or dcluff@uwf.edu.

Recruiting Quarterly Update

Spring 2010 Recruiting activities have increased with a continuous outcome of potential students.

Wednesday, January 27th - UWF Emerald Coast recruiting committee members met to discuss expectations and plans for the academic year.

Wednesday, February 10th - Transfer recruitment information booth at NWFSC from 10-1pm in K-mall. UWF representatives Lindsay Lurton and Bernita Bryant were available to answer questions and help with the admissions application process.

Wednesday, February 24th - Multi-Chamber and Business Networking Expo held on Okaloosa Island at the Emerald Coast Conference Center 4-7pm. This event provided exposure to the UWF campuses and face to face representatives to answer direct questions. Representatives from UWF included, Dr. Jack Azzaretto, Bernita Bryant, Susan Shaw, Ester Molder and Lindsay Lurton.

Wednesday, March 17th - A Career and Job Fair will be held at NWFSC campus in Niceville from 10-2pm. UWF-EC will have a booth with degree program information and will have representatives to provide prospective students information about UWF.

Saturday, March 27th - ABWA-2010 Women History Expo will be held at the Santa Rosa Mall from 10-4pm.

Prospective student contact information obtained from the aforementioned events will be emailed to the appropriate academic department.

I look forward to more UWF Emerald Coast recruiting events in the upcoming months! Please contact Bernita Bryant, Recruiting Coordinator at (850) 833-3968 or bbryant@uwf.edu for any upcoming event announcements and further information.

Emerald Coast Teacher Education Club News

The Teacher Education Club members will be volunteering with Habitat for Humanity on Saturday, March 20, 2010. If you would like to join us in this event, contact the Student Activities Center at 863-6585.

Author and Guest Speaker, Catherine Mann, is coming to Emerald Coast on Monday, March 22, 2010. This exciting event will start at 4:15 pm at the W.E. Combs Campus location. Snacks will be provided and everyone is welcome. To learn more about these events, contact Karen Ott or Terri Reshard at 863-6585.

Democratic Women’s Club Scholarship

The Democratic Women’s Club is pleased to offer a \$1000 scholarship to a returning woman student as the Club recognizes the important role of education in our democracy as well as support needed for women who are pursuing college-level education after being out of high school for a time. Scholarship criteria and applications will be posted around Emerald Coast Campuses.

If you need additional information, Please contact Duskey Mallory at 897.5246 or 1000 Bay Drive #506, Niceville, FL 32578 or duskeymallory@cox.net

Military Spouses Funding Available

Additional scholarships through the CAA program are available for eligible active-duty military spouses. Eligible spouses may qualify for up to \$6,000 towards their education. Eligibility depends on (1) the active-duty member is stationed on Eglin AFB or Hurlburt Field, (2) active-duty member has at least one year remaining in the military, and (3) the spouse will be attending classes in approved training areas.

For more information, please contact the Eglin AFB CAA Counselor: Melissa King, 882-1446 or Hurlburt Field CAA Counselor, Jose Moblev, 884-1533.



PUL Visits W.E. Combs Campus

On Wednesday, February 17, 2010, I witnessed greatness. Students from Pryor Middle School, known as the Pretty Unique Ladies (PUL), visited the Combs Campus to learn more about higher education.

The morning began with a very warm welcome and motivational discussion led by Dr. Joyce Gossom. The message of hope and encouragement was so powerful. After touring the Combs Campus, the PUL participated in a panel discussion. The panel was comprised of UWF Emerald Coast staff and student listed below:

- Bernita Bryant
- Sherry DelCastillo
- Latrece Gulley
- Tiffany Merrell
- Ester Molder
- Terri Reshard



The panel provided academic advice as well as their own educational/personal testimonies to the girls. The PUL took advantage of the expertise of panel members by asking lots of questions about scholarships, financial aid, athletics and campus life.

The day ended with a demonstration of the distance learning classroom. A special and inspirational presentation was made by LaKisha Green, Director of AWOL Theatre and Performing Arts program (www.awolinc.org) from Savannah, Georgia.

Last semester, during my first visit with the group, they seemed very shy and quiet. Yesterday, they exuded confidence and enthusiasm. Several phenomenal women in the community have mentored and spoken with this group each week. Their visit to Combs was no different. My colleagues allowed their light of knowledge and experience to shine on our special guests. Additionally, I learned that my colleagues were also some pretty unique ladies themselves. The absolute best part of the day was hearing back from everyone who participated and seeing how this event had a huge impact on each person. Marian Wright Edelman, president and founder of the Children's Defense Fund (www.childrensdefense.org), said it best: "Service is what life is all about." - Dr. Tessie Bradford

A special thanks to the SGA for donating UWF Emerald Coast giveaways for this event.

UWF EC Teacher Education attends IRA

University of West Florida Emerald Coast Teacher Education students, along with Dr. Jennifer Bailey, UWF Faculty, attended the 24th Southeast IRA Regional Conference in New Orleans during the 2009 Fall Semester. The conference was an excellent opportunity for educators and pre-service teachers to network with colleagues, browse educational exhibits highlighting new publications and resources, and attend sessions on important topics in literacy.

Many outstanding speakers and education experts were in attendance, including Richard Allington, Dorothy Strickland, Jerry Johns, Jim Grant, Kathryn Au, Patricia Edwards, Marsha Lewis, Jane Feber, and Regie Routman. The conference also boasted many children's book authors, illustrators, storytellers, and poets. Dr. Bailey said that the SGA team at Emerald Coast really made this event a reality. The conference was an excellent opportunity for our students to gain professional development experience. Many thanks go to UWF SGA for sending these students to this conference.



Teacher Education Club members, Joan Dermody, Therese Sweeney, and Karen Ott at the 2009 Southeast IRA Regional Conference

Let Us Hear from You!

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