

GREAT FUTURES

A NEWSLETTER FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS WHO GENEROUSLY SUPPORT UWF

Studers Give \$2.25 Million to Support Maritime Museum

Quint and Rishy Studer have gifted \$2.25 million to support the Vice Admiral John H. Fetterman State of Florida Maritime Museum and Research Center. The gift to the UWF Foundation will be submitted for a dollar-for-dollar match through the state of Florida's Alec P. Courtelis program for university facilities, translating into \$4.5 million in support for the design and construction of the museum. The charitable gift is the largest from living donors in the university's 40-year history.

"Rishy and I believe in Northwest Florida," said Quint Studer. "The region has a proud past, and working together, we can create a better tomorrow. Vice Admiral Fetterman set an example that we can all learn from and follow. He worked to help others through his distinguished military career and through the work he did after leaving active duty. His tireless efforts kept the Navy base in Pensacola, employing thousands and built the reputation of the Naval Air Museum, which educates millions. And, his effort to secure the sinking of the USS 'Oriskany' in Pensacola Bay created educational opportunities and jobs for our area. His final vision was for a great community maritime waterfront park, with open water access to all,

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UWF held a press conference Feb. 4, 2008 to announce the Studer's gift. From left to right: John Cavanaugh, Nancy Fetterman, Rishy and Quint Studer.

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Message from the President of UWF



John C. Cavanaugh

Dear UWF Alumni and Friends,

The UWF community is enjoying a wonderful spring season of new beginnings and growth. In this issue of *Great Futures*, you will read about the power of charitable giving and the difference it makes in the lives of UWF students.

UWF has been fortunate to receive generous gifts from alumni and friends who support the university's educational mission. More than \$1 million dollars in scholarships was awarded to 1,066 UWF students for the 2007-08 academic year. Gifts and pledges toward the *Creating Great Futures* Campaign total more than \$33 million. Indeed, your support is making a difference!

As you read in the cover story, Quint and Rishy Studer have generously provided support for the Maritime Museum, which will be owned and operated by UWF. The Johnson Scholarship Foundation has pledged \$700,000 to the UWF Foundation as a challenge in support of need-based scholarships. This challenge gift provides a unique way to support hundreds of future UWF students giving them a chance to obtain a university education that otherwise might not be possible for them. I encourage all of UWF's alumni and friends to help us meet this challenge by providing charitable support for need-based scholarships over the next five years.

UWF is not a legacy school—UWF offers real opportunities to students of modest means that would not have the chance to attend college without scholarship support. Higher education provides individual opportunity and serves as a foundation for the future of our region. Together, we can create great futures for our students, who will go on to create great futures for all of us. Thank you for your continued support.

John C. Cavanaugh, President
University of West Florida

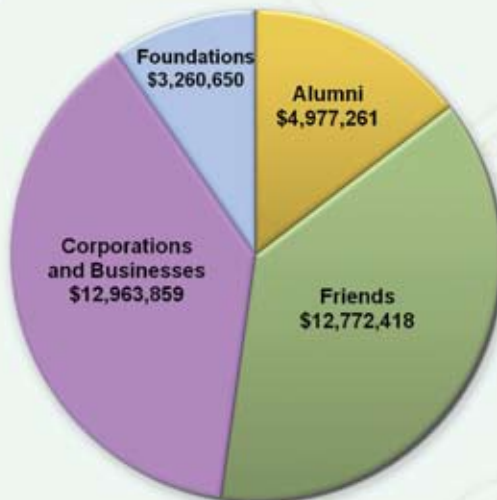


CREATING GREAT FUTURES CAMPAIGN PROGRESS REPORT

As the university's largest ever fundraising effort, the *Creating Great Futures* Campaign seeks to enhance educational opportunities and programs for UWF students, respond to educational needs of Northwest Florida and build key partnerships with the constituencies UWF serves.

UWF looks to its dedicated alumni, friends and future supporters to assist the university in providing access and opportunity to current and future generations of students.

GIFTS BY CONSTITUENT TYPE: July 1, 2004 – April 18, 2008 Campaign Total: \$33,974,188



MAJOR CAMPAIGN SUPPORT AND IMPACT TO DATE

- **43** – Gift commitments of \$100,000 or greater
- **6** – Gift commitments of \$1 million or greater
- **31** – New endowment funds in UWF Foundation
- **\$7.2 million** in anticipated state matching funds

Pairing up to Create Great Futures

UWF Foundation Hosts Third Annual Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon



Suzanne Lewis (above), superintendent of Yellowstone National Park, was the featured speaker for the luncheon. Lewis earned her bachelor's degree (Magna Cum Laude) in American History, in 1978, from UWF.

The University of West Florida Foundation hosted its third annual scholarship appreciation luncheon "Pairing up to Create Great Futures" April 3 to recognize and thank UWF donors who established scholarships within the UWF Foundation. Student scholarship recipients



T.T. Wentworth Jr. Scholarship donor contact Lynne Robertson and recipient Vickie Lindsey.

attended and were paired with their respective donors. More than \$1 million dollars in scholarships was awarded to 1,066 UWF students for the 2007-08 academic year.

"The Scholarship Appreciation Luncheon reminds all of us of the impact of charitable giving on the University of West Florida," said UWF Vice President for University Advancement Dean Van Galen. "This year's event is special because it falls during UWF's 40 Year Anniversary. Over that time, charitable gifts have played an important role. Today, the endowment of the UWF Foundation stands at \$65 million."

The UWF Foundation is a direct support organization for UWF and was organized and incorporated in 1965 as a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation for the purpose of encouraging, managing and administering private resources to support the mission and priorities of UWF. All gifts and pledges made to the UWF Foundation from July 1, 2004 until Dec. 31, 2010 count toward the *Creating Great Futures* Campaign, the university's largest ever fundraising campaign. To date, more than \$33 million has been raised.

To learn more about the campaign, visit uwf.edu/greatfutures or email greatfutures@uwf.edu.

Johnson Scholarship Foundation Challenges UWF Alumni and Friends to Support Need-Based Scholarships

Hundreds of UWF students will benefit from the generosity of the Theodore R. and Vivian M. Johnson Scholarship Foundation and the support it seeks to generate from UWF alumni and friends. The Foundation recently pledged \$700,000, over five years, as a two-part challenge to support need-based scholarships at UWF.

In the first part of its challenge to UWF, the Johnson Scholarship Foundation is challenging the university to raise \$1 million for need-based scholarship endowments over the next five years. Upon the successful completion of the UWF challenge, the Johnson Scholarship Foundation will gift \$600,000 to UWF which, with state match, would establish a \$1.02 million Johnson Scholarship Foundation endowment within the UWF Foundation. When combined, the anticipated gifts and state match will provide approximately \$2.5 million in new need-based endowed scholarships. These funds will annually support more than 100 students in financial need, helping them to obtain a higher education.

In the second part of its challenge gift to UWF, the Johnson Scholarship Foundation has pledged \$100,000 over five years to challenge others to support the First Generation Scholarship at UWF. Gifts to the First Generation Scholarship are also currently matched 100 percent by the State of Florida First Generation Matching Grant program.

Terry and Susie Conner are the first individuals to respond to the challenge. The Conners recently gifted \$100,000 to establish a new need-based scholarship endowment in the UWF Foundation. In addition to counting toward the \$1 million challenge goal; their gift will be eligible for a \$50,000 match from the State of Florida Major Gifts Matching Program. Terry Conner graduated from UWF in 1973 and he most recently served on the UWF *Creating Great Futures* Campaign steering committee.

The Johnson Scholarship Foundation is a private foundation based in West Palm Beach. The mission of the foundation is to assist disadvantaged people to obtain education, believing that education can empower disadvantaged people to improve their economic circumstances and quality of life.

For more information, contact Martha Lee Blodgett, director of development, at (850) 474-2712 or mblodget@uwf.edu.



University Advancement Vice President Dean Van Galen, Malcolm Macleod, Terry Conner and John Cavanaugh (left to right).

“By helping UWF to raise money for permanent scholarship endowments, we are sowing seeds for the education of future generations of students in financial need,” said Malcolm Macleod, chief executive officer of the Johnson Scholarship Foundation. “This education will empower them to obtain better jobs, to become more independent and to enjoy a better quality of life. Education of future generations will also move us towards a more just and productive society.”

Creating Great Futures for UWF Students

Thousands of students have received an extraordinary education at UWF and many of these students attribute a part of their success to the generosity of individuals who believed in the power of education. To exemplify this impact, the *Great Futures* newsletter will feature a UWF student in each issue who has experienced the benefits of private giving. Each featured student will be correlated to a featured campaign priority.

Can't wait until the next issue or missed the last one? Visit uwf.edu/greatfutures to learn more about Aimee, Daniel and Christina.



Nick Laracuate has always been interested in the past. A self-described military brat who grew-up in Germany, he was immersed in history as a child. His family spent their weekends exploring German castles and historic ruins. This early exposure to history evolved into a passion for archaeology soon after Laracuate began his undergraduate studies at Tulane University. Earning his bachelor's degree from Tulane, Laracuate then enrolled in the University of West Florida's nationally recognized Archaeology Program.

Currently a third-year archaeology graduate student at UWF, Laracuate has gained valuable hands-on experience through the university's archaeology field schools. Last summer, he served as the director of the terrestrial archaeology summer field schools, which involved excavations in downtown Pensacola and Georgia. His duties included managing the archaeological sites, supervising crew members and ensuring the project's success from beginning to end.

Contagious—that's the only way to describe Laracuate's enthusiasm for his chosen field of study. But, without the support of private giving, he might never have been able to pursue his dream of becoming an archaeologist. With the financial support he receives in the form of assistantships, Laracuate is able to obtain valuable experience in archaeological research, excavation and laboratory work without needing to get a part-time job on the side.

"I am the first person in my family to go to college, and my parents don't have the funds to assist me with paying for my studies. I've been in school for almost seven years now and every one of those years has been made possible by financial aid," said Laracuate.

On the verge of realizing a great future, Laracuate will graduate with his master's degree from UWF in 2008. He then plans to continue his education by earning his doctorate in anthropology at the University of Kentucky. He will teach his final UWF field school this summer before moving on. Ultimately, Nick hopes to establish a career practicing archaeology in the Southeastern United States.

UWF is Creating Great Futures—Want to help? Visit uwf.edu/greatfutures. For more information on the UWF Archaeology program, visit uwf.edu/archaeology.

Featured Priorities:

PUBLIC HISTORY AND ARCHAEOLOGY



Funding Priorities:

- Scholarship and internship support for public history graduate students who will live in Historic Pensacola Village, the first “living-learning laboratory” of its kind in America
- Endowed chair and scholarship fund in archaeology to ensure continuity and growth of the program beyond the retirement of the Archaeology Institute’s founder, Dr. Judy Bense
- Funding for the Vice Admiral John H. Fetterman State of Florida Maritime Museum and Research Center
- Restoration and reconstruction of the 1825 Barkley House and gardens resulting in a premier special event facility with historic value and regional importance

Impact of Support...by 2010:

- UWF public history graduate students will be living in, learning from and taking care of the properties in Historic Pensacola Village.
- The Archaeology Program will be poised to attract a nationally known, community-focused professor and department chair to lead the program following the retirement of the current director and chair.
- The Vice Admiral John H. Fetterman State of Florida Maritime Museum and Research Center will be promoting tourism and intense public interest in maritime studies and will provide space to select UWF academic programs.

UWF public history students utilize Historic Pensacola Village as their classroom.

UWF’s archaeology program provides undergraduate and graduate students and the public with unparalleled opportunities to participate in the studying and unearthing of one of the most historic regions in the Americas. In 2005, the state of Florida established the state-wide Florida Public Archaeology Network operated through UWF and headquartered in historic downtown Pensacola. Also, UWF offers the only program in public history in the Florida-Gulf Coast region.

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VICE ADMIRAL JOHN H. FETTERMAN STATE OF
FLORIDA MARITIME MUSEUM AND RESEARCH
CENTER, NORTH VIEW.

CONCEPTUAL RENDERING BY DOUG MUND

STUDERS GIVE \$2.25 MILLION, continued from front page.

so that residents and visitors could learn, earn and play. This vision included the creation of a world-class maritime museum. Vice Admiral Fetterman was a difference-maker. He was committed to improving our area resident's quality of life. It is a commitment Rishy and I share. We are grateful, through the Grace of God, that we have the means to be part of the solution in making Northwest Florida better."

As part of the Vince Whibbs Sr. Community Maritime Park, the Vice Admiral John H. Fetterman State of Florida Maritime Museum and Research Center will be dedicated to the continued education, preservation and research of Florida's cultural and natural maritime resources. The museum will be owned and operated by UWF, having strong connections to the university's academic programs such as underwater archaeology, environmental science, marine biology and maritime history. The museum will include a state-of-the-art interactive theatre, education center and hands-on exhibits on topics such as hurricanes, coastal and marine ecosystems, ships and tugboats, navigation and shipbuilding.

"On behalf of the University of West Florida and our entire community, I want to express thanks to Quint and Rishy Studer for their extraordinarily generous investment in education and in the future of Pensacola," said UWF President John Cavanaugh. "From the thousands of visitors who travel to Pensacola, to our K-12 students who will enhance their understanding of history, culture and science at the museum, to the UWF students who engage in the hands-on learning opportunities the museum will offer...the Studers will impact the lives of so many through their generosity."

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