

GREAT FUTURES

A NEWSLETTER FOR ALUMNI AND FRIENDS WHO GENEROUSLY SUPPORT UWF

Lamar, Switzer and Reilly Families Make a Big Splash!

\$1 Million Gift to Name Aquarium Exhibit in Maritime Museum

Members of the Lamar, Switzer and Reilly families have committed \$1 million to name the Charles W. Lamar Sr. Ocean Aquarium Exhibit at the Vice Admiral John H. Fetterman State of Florida Maritime Museum and Research Center. The gift to the UWF Foundation will be submitted for dollar-for-dollar match by the state of Florida's Alec P. Courtelis program for university facilities, translating into \$2 million in support of the museum.

Deeply connected to Pensacola, the families believe in the importance of sharing Florida's heritage. "Although I live in Baton Rouge, my family has been in Pensacola for more than 100 years. I think the Maritime Museum and the Community Maritime Park will be a great way for residents and visitors alike to rediscover Pensacola's waterfront," said Charles W. Lamar III.

The Ocean Aquarium, a three-story, 135-gallon sea water tank featuring a 16th-century shipwreck, will be a focal point of the museum. It will support educational programs in the marine sciences and underwater archaeology and promote the need to preserve underwater resources.

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Members of the Lamar, Switzer and Reilly families
at the press conference held at Palafox Pier

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**Message
from the
president
of UWF**



John C. Cavanaugh

Dear UWF Alumni and Friends,

I hope you are enjoying a happy and healthy new year. At UWF, 2008 has already proven to be a great year – one full of exciting news and great potential. I am delighted to share with you the great progress of the *Creating Great Futures* Campaign. You may recall that the campaign total from the last *Great Futures* newsletter was \$22.4 million. Gifts and pledges to date now total \$31.1 million, thanks to incredibly supportive UWF friends and alumni. The commitment and generosity of those who deeply care about the university and the power of education never ceases to amaze me.

In this issue, you will read about the Lamar, Switzer and Reilly families, who have made a \$1 million gift commitment to name the Ocean Aquarium Exhibit in the Vice Admiral John H. Fetterman State of Florida Maritime Museum and Research Center. You'll also read about the B.E.S.T. Demonstration House that will be constructed on UWF's main campus using sustainable "green" building products and technologies. No state funding will be provided to build the house; therefore, we will be relying on contributions and in-kind partnerships.

The Maritime Museum, the B.E.S.T. Demonstration House and the many other programs we are developing will provide opportunities for students to learn and grow. A quality education is priceless. Thank you for believing in UWF's educational mission and for supporting faculty, students and staff who pursue this mission with a high level of commitment every day.

John C. Cavanaugh, President
University of West Florida

CREATING GREAT FUTURES CAMPAIGN PROGRESS UPDATE

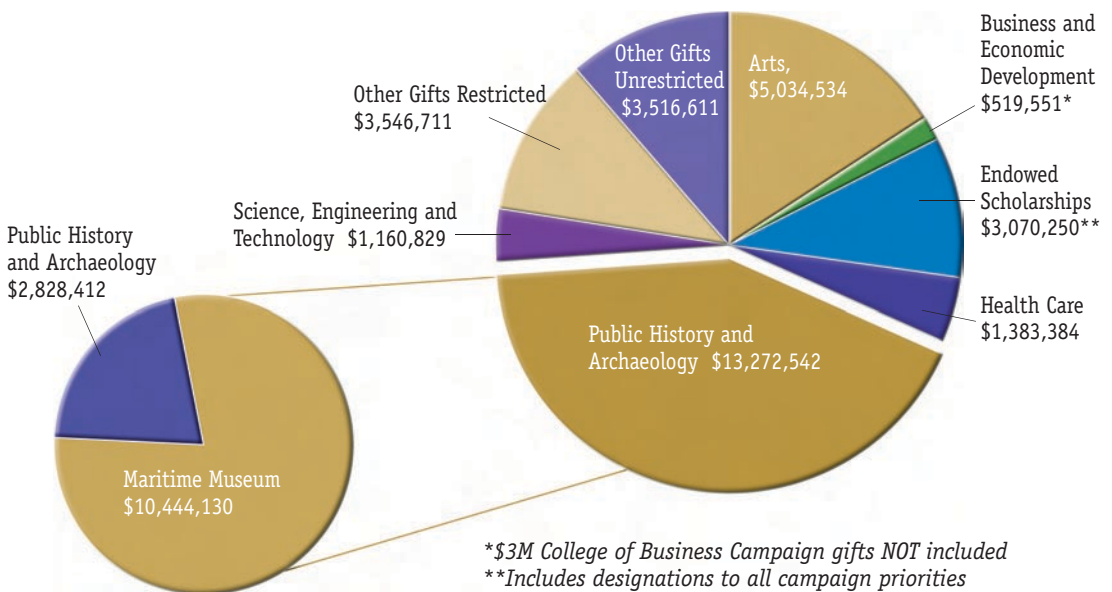


MAJOR CAMPAIGN SUPPORT AND IMPACT TO DATE	
40	Gift commitments of \$100,000 or greater
6	Gift commitments of \$1 million or greater
28	New endowment funds in UWF Foundation
\$6.2	Million in anticipated state matching funds

GIFTS BY CAMPAIGN PRIORITY

CAMPAIGN TOTAL: \$31,504,412

July 1, 2004 – January 10, 2008



B.E.S.T. DEMONSTRATION HOUSE

When ground was broken on Sept. 28, 2007 for the B.E.S.T. Demonstration House, a sign was unveiled that read “The University of West Florida is building green.” The sign indicates what lies ahead. The B.E.S.T. House, a new facility being built on UWF’s main campus, is designed to meet the U.S. Green Building Council’s Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design (LEED) program “silver” certification. The house will serve as an educational tool and resource for Northwest Florida, and will showcase green building, energy efficiency and windstorm mitigation.

Located on the northeastern edge of campus, the B.E.S.T. House will be built by Philip Russell Homebuilders. The Evans Architectural Group, from Orlando, has developed the conceptual design and Spencer Maxwell Bullock Architects of Pensacola will complete the architectural construction documents. The home will take between 14 and 16 months to complete.

“The economic implications of sustainable, durable housing and resources continue to dominate the dialogue about quality of life in the Northwest Florida region,” said Karen Rasmussen, chair of the Engineering and Computer Technology Department. “Through this initiative, UWF, with supporting business partners, will become leaders in the sustainability discussion, facilitating a wide-ranging set of opportunities that focus on improving the community, construction-related industries and life in the region. The home will demonstrate that homeowners can act in an environmentally responsible manner without sacrificing comfort and security.”

B.E.S.T. stands for Build, Educate, Sustain and Technology. The B.E.S.T. House will feature energy-efficient, sustainable design techniques available to the median homebuilder and buyer of today. UWF students, students at regional partner institutions, construction-related professionals and community members will have the opportunity to explore construction-related issues through out the house.

For additional information about the B.E.S.T. House and to view a complete listing of partners, please visit the B.E.S.T. web site at uwf.edu/besthouse or call the UWF Department of Building Construction at (850) 857-6390. For more information about making a contribution, please contact Gretchen VanValkenburg, associate director of development, at (850) 474-2875 or email gvanvalkenburg@uwf.edu.

BEING BUILT ON THE UWF CAMPUS



B.E.S.T. House north view above, and aerial view below.



The B.E.S.T. House will sponsor tours, field trips and demonstrations throughout the building process (and beyond) to showcase practices and procedures. It is the intent of UWF to ensure that no state funding will be used to construct the B.E.S.T. House; therefore, it will be constructed with 100 percent donated funds and in-kind gift partnerships. Evergreen Demonstration Home Corporation has partnered with UWF to assist with fundraising efforts.

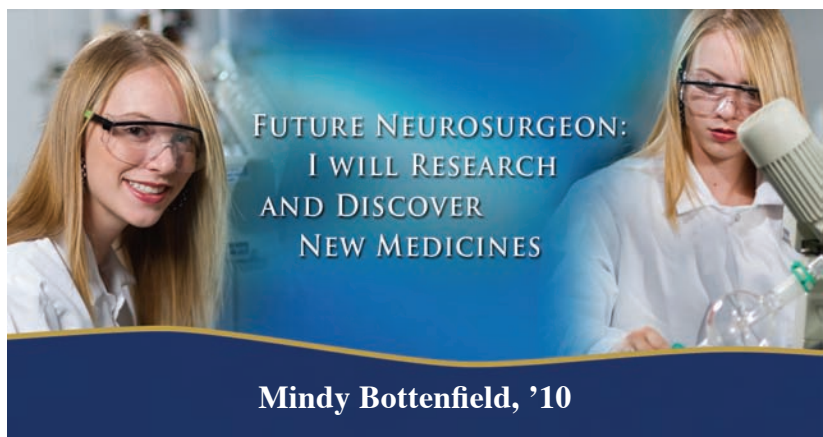
Constructed using sustainable “green” building products and technologies, the 3,300-square-foot, three-bedroom home will feature:

- Passive solar collectors
- Greywater and rainwater catchment systems
- Advanced insulation systems
- Geothermal heat pump
- Whole house ventilation
- Energy efficient appliances and lighting
- Natural lighting
- Daylighting and sustainable building products

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 Nick, Aimee, Daniel, Christina and Katerina.



Some people just know what they want from a young age. Mindy Bottenfield, sophomore majoring in chemistry at the University of West Florida, knew that she wanted to become a doctor when she was just four years old. Determined to make her childhood dream a reality, Bottenfield graduated from high school a year early with her associate's degree from Okaloosa-Walton College and then enrolled at UWF.

"I became interested in neurosurgery when I was in middle school," said Bottenfield. "I am fascinated by the nervous system; without it, the whole body would fail. I want to help fix the dysfunctions within that system, like Alzheimer's Disease."

Mindy will be the first in her family to graduate from college. She would not be able to attend school without the help of scholarships, though.

"I have received a few scholarships; not as many as I had hoped I would get though," said Bottenfield. "Unfortunately, my family is one of those where we make enough money that we don't qualify for financial aid but not enough to pay for all of the college expenses. I don't think I would be able to be a full-time student if I didn't have the scholarships that I have now."

Once she graduates from UWF, Bottenfield plans to attend medical school to specialize in neurosurgery. She also has a desire to learn Chinese and Swahili along the way. Her ultimate goal is to work in a hospital and serve on medical mission trips using her language and medical skills to assist missionaries.

Helping others is second-nature to Bottenfield. When not hitting the books, she is helping others in need. She has aided Hurricane Katrina victims, worked with her church's youth program and attended mission trips. Bottenfield is also a certified, deep-water lifeguard.

UWF is Creating Great Futures— Want to Help? Visit uwf.edu/greatfutures. For more information on the UWF Chemistry program, visit uwf.edu/chemistry.

Featured Priority: SCIENCE, ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

Science, engineering and technology fields are critical to building and maintaining a strong economy in Northwest Florida. Growth in high-tech industries, especially those related to the defense industry, creates an urgent need for college graduates with a specialty in science and engineering.

FUNDING PRIORITIES:

- Scholarship and internship support for students majoring in science, engineering and technology fields.
- Scholarship funding to Okaloosa County district graduates as a part of the Combs School UWF/Okaloosa County School District Partnership.
- Funding for state-of-the-art equipment for science and engineering teaching and research laboratories in the new Science and Technology Building and elsewhere on the Pensacola and Fort Walton Beach campuses.

IMPACT OF SUPPORT...BY 2010:

- Increased scholarship and internship opportunities in UWF's premier hands-on engineering and technology programs are strongly integrated with regional workforce needs.
- Area high school engineering programs are further developed, expanded and modeled after the Choctaw High School program.
- Further developing their leadership and innovation skills, UWF students are competing and excelling in state-of-the-art capstone projects and student academic competition.
- Faculty support and undergraduate student research opportunities are enhanced.
- Students are studying and learning in a new Science and Technology Building with state-of-the-art labs that focus on integrated learning.
- Degree programs in engineering technology with tracks in construction, electrical, information and manufacturing are offered in the classroom and through distance learning to assist in meeting the needs of the Northwest Florida region and beyond.



Richard Castellano, '08

Beginning in the spring of 2009, UWF will begin granting electrical and computer engineering degrees. To meet future needs, UWF will construct a \$32-million Science and Technology Building on the Pensacola campus by fall 2009 that will house computer science, computer information science, electrical engineering, computer engineering, mathematics and statistics, physics and software engineering.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The University of West Florida invites you to participate in the following events:

House of Bernarda Alba—Feb. 21, 22, 23, 28 and 29 and Mar. 1 at 8 p.m. and Feb. 24 and March 2 at 2:30 p.m. in the Center for Fine and Performing Arts Studio Theatre, Building 82.

Festival on the Green—April 4 & 5 – UWF Main Campus
Fine arts, crafts, children's festival and live entertainment.
The event is free and open to the public.



Kathleen T. and Philip B. Phillips, M.D. Jazz Piano Competition—April 5, 7:30 p.m., in the Center for Fine and Performing Arts Mainstage Theatre, Building 82. The University of West Florida Department of Music will showcase student musicians from across the United States. The performance is the final round of the competition, with finalists competing for cash prizes totaling \$10,000. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Center for Fine and Performing Arts at (850) 474-2541 or email at cfpa@uwf.edu.



Guys and Dolls—April 10, 11, 12, 18 and 19 at 8 p.m. and April 13 and 20 at 2:30 p.m. in the Center for Fine and Performing Arts Mainstage Theatre, Building 82.

Lamar, Switzer and Reilly Families, continued from front page.

"The University of West Florida is a leading Florida educator in environmental sciences, underwater archaeology and Gulf Coast history," said Charlie Switzer, a great-grandson of C.W. Lamar Sr. "I believe the Maritime Museum in downtown Pensacola will further that leadership by providing an interactive, hands-on learning experience for area students from first grade to graduate studies. Not only will this museum and research center enhance the quality of education in Pensacola, it also will enhance the greater business community giving Northwest Floridians another great reason to spend time in historic downtown Pensacola."

Founded as the Pensacola Advertising Company in 1902, C.W. Lamar Sr. and his descendants built the Lamar Advertising Company from a small sign company on the Gulf Coast into one of the largest providers of outdoor advertising in the nation.

A true family gift, Charlie Lamar and the Switzer brothers enlisted the participation of many generations of the Lamar family. Grandchildren of Charles Lamar Sr. contributed as well as great-grandchildren Kevin Reilly Jr., Sean Reilly, Anna Cullinan and the Lamar Advertising Company.