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Graduate Student Association

Want a voice on issues affecting graduate students at the University of West Florida? Consider joining the Graduate Student Association. The mission of the Graduate Student Association is threefold:

- (1) to promote communication and cooperation between graduate students and the Student Government Association, their respective Colleges, the University, and other organizations;
- (2) to identify and promote the issues and concerns affecting graduate students related to quality student services, professional and scholarly development, recruitment and retention, and other issues and concerns that may arise; and
- (3) to represent the professional, intellectual and academic concerns of the graduate students to the various governing and policy-making bodies of the University.

Membership is open to all currently enrolled graduate students with annual dues of \$20. All students that pay the annual dues are considered voting members. Several social events will be held during the spring semester.

To read more about the Graduate Student Association, please visit: <http://uwf.edu/graduate/gsa.shtml> or visit the organization on Facebook at UWF_GSA



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Edward Ball Nature Trail

The University of West Florida's 1,600-acre campus has been designated as a nature preserve for many years. Named the Edward Ball Wildlife Sanctuary, you can enjoy walking along a half-mile boardwalk that winds through a hardwood swamp above Thompson's Bayou. This trail is a favorite destination for viewing plants and is home to mammals, birds, fish and reptiles, including an occasional American alligator.



In addition to the Edward Ball Nature Trail, there are several other areas of campus where students can see indigenous plant and animal life. Central campus is bisected by Magnolia Row and Cannon Lawn and on the north is Riverview which overlooks the Escambia Bay estuary. South of University Drive is the Baars- Firestone Wildlife Sanctuary where a wilderness trail winds through sandhill, hammock and wetlands. For a brochure on a self-guided nature walk, please visit: <http://uwf.edu/envhs/facilitiesmgt/tour.pdf>.

Source: UWF Office of Environmental Health and Safety

MBA Notes

- Spring Commencement is May 2nd at 2:30pm in the Pensacola Civic Center.
- Graduation Applications for Summer 2009 graduates are due as soon as possible.
- Be sure that you check ARGUS for withdrawal deadlines, grades and fee payment dates.
- Spring break is scheduled for March 9-13, 2009.

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MBA Student Wins National Title

Ashley Weaver, an MBA student at UWF, is a member of the national championship winning women's flag football team, Next 2 None.

The championship was played at Pan-American Stadium in New Orleans, Louisiana from December 28-31, 2008. Next 2 None displayed a dominating performance in the championship game winning by a score of 39-0 over Sam Houston State.

In addition to the national championship, the Next 2 None football team traveled all over the Southeast, United States to compete in regional tournaments. The team also won the on-campus championship at UWF back in October.



Ashley began the UWF MBA Program in the Fall 2008 semester. She completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Alabama with a Bachelor of Science in Health

MBA Alumni Accomplishments

- Daniel Vicario (MBA '06) is a Senior Program Manager for Rockwell Collins. Rockwell Collins designs the products that provide all the movies and data to the in-flight entertainment systems on many of the world's largest airlines, including American Airlines, British Airways, and Qantas.
- Jennifer Pfitscher (MBA '05, CPA) is employed with IBM as a Loan Model Project Lead in their Somers, New York office. She has recently worked with UWF's Career Services Office to initiate an internship program between UWF and IBM.

Congratulations Spring 2009 Graduates!

Meagan Bocsi
Johnny Branch
Branson Bywaters
Matthew Callan
Linda Culliton
Louann Defreitas
Irina Dmitrieva
Leah Dugan
Anna Erdy
Michael Graham

Stephan Hatfield
Jeremy Homan
Kevin Hoy
Rafael Lisboa
Alexander Muniz Martinez
Preston Murphy
Steven Pepper
Joshua Stewart
Mario Vergara
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