

Excellence in Student Engagement At UWF

UWF Board of Trustees Meeting

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Student Accomplishments Compiled from December, 2008 – February 2009

College of Business

In ISM 4113 (Business Systems Design), MIS students are required to work in groups on a significant project. Three seniors; **Krystle Escarfullet, Cristina Jantzen, and Shari Tucker**, developed a mobile tax system with usability features. Subsequently, they submitted an article to the **South West Decision Sciences Institute conference** at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma (February 25 -27, 2009). This article has been accepted for presentation at the conference. The bigger achievement is that this article has been selected to receive the **'Best Undergraduate paper award'** at this conference. The work reported in this article describes the concept of utilizing mobile devices to carry out the task of filing income tax returns with the Internal Revenue Service. As such the model described in the article puts this work at the cutting edge of applications for mobile computing in e-Government.

College of Arts and Sciences

Two students, **Charlyne Kruschke** (Junior, Environmental Studies) and **Julianne Rosset** (Junior, Environmental Studies), were recently awarded the one-time-only **Matthew Boattini Award**. Matt Boattini, BS, Environmental Studies, 2005, died in Hawaii as the result of an accident in a mountain stream. This scholarship was for students to carry on in his spirit.

In January, three Environmental Studies majors; **Michael Somerville** (Junior), **Cara Armbrust** (Sophomore), and **Cole Gross** (Junior), were awarded \$800 **Environmental Steward scholarships** by the local Coastal Plains chapter of the Air and Waste Management Association.

In January, alumna and adjunct instructor **Chasidy Hobbs** (BS, 2003; MS, 2007) took over as **host of the local WUWF television program "It's Not Easy Being Green"**. The previous host **Shawn Henning**, was also an alumna of the Environmental Science program.

Senior **Calli Kovel** (Communication Arts) has been announced as the new **co-host of Pensacola Sports Association's "Inside Sports" television show**. The show airs live bi-weekly, and discusses local, regional, and national sports news. Kovel is also currently an intern with Pensacola's WEAR Channel 3 news station. She also works on campus with the University newspaper, Nautilus News.

In December the students in Communication Arts' **Leadership Communication** course learned that the casino night they organized for the **Escambia and Santa Rosa Special Olympics raised \$5,323**.

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The students also **revamped the volunteers handbook** and helped **create two internships for Special Olympics**.

Three Communication Arts students competed nationally for internships and won. They include: **Nicole Bagley** (Senior) at Country Music Television in Nashville; **Keith Quinones** (Senior) at ABCs "The View" in New York City and **Jasmine Romaine** (Senior) at Swanson Communications in Washington DC.

Students in the spring PR Campaigns course are working with the **Wildlife Sanctuary of Northwest Florida** to design an awareness campaign for that nonprofit organization.

In December and January, several UWF debate and forensics team members won tournament titles. They include:

- **Colossia Butts** (Senior): Tournament Champion-Information Speaking (Gainesville State College Invitational)
- **Colossia Butts** (Senior): Tournament Champion-Persuasive Speaking (Gainesville State College Invitational)
- **Alison Anderson** (Senior & President of UWF Forensics): Tournament Champion-Poetry Interpretation (Eastern Michigan University Invitational)
- **Andrya Crossland** (Sophomore & Vice President of UWF Forensics): Tournament Champion-Rhetorical Criticism (Eastern Michigan University Invitational)
- **Daniel Brown** (Senior): Tournament Champion-Extemporaneous Speaking (UWF MARKS Invitational)

Senior Fine Arts major **Molly Bo Bowen** held her **Exit Show entitled "Material Memory"** December 4-14, 2008 in the UWF Art Gallery. Painting landscapes from memory, her new series is based on real perceptual experiences and remembered places.

Senior Fine Arts majors **Marzia Prendergast** and **John Ransom** held a **Student Show entitled "Emulsification Exhibition #2 Featuring Hamlet (The Worst of Hamlet)"** in the UWF Gallery 88 on December 11-19, 2008. Their show featured a 13-piece photography collection via real film; the subject is "Hamlet," posed and played out by themselves and other actors.

Nichollette Floyd, Clinical Laboratory Sciences senior, was awarded a **\$2,500 scholarship** from **Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics**. Criteria for the award included academic achievement, professional goals, leadership and community activities. Nikki is currently doing her clinical internship at Baptist Hospital in Pensacola.

Several School of Allied Health and Life Sciences students were **co-authors on papers** presented at the recent **SE Branch of American Society of Microbiologists** meeting in Jacksonville, Fl. Biology graduate students **Kristen Hellein** and **Elizabeth Kennedy** were also co-authors on the poster

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submitted by USF. **The papers were: Human Polyomaviruses as Indicators of Human Fecal Contamination in Recreational Waters** – with UWF student contributors **Kristen Hellein** (grad student), **Kathleen Porter** (senior) , and **Eric Tauchman** (grad student). **Bacteroides spp. and Methanobrevibacter smithii as Indicators of Human Fecal Contamination in Recreational Waters** with UWF student contributors **Elizabeth Kennedy** (grad student) and **Crystal Spencer** (Senior). **Validation and Field Testing of Microbial Source Tracking Methods in the Gulf of Mexico** with UWF graduate student contributors **Abidemi Ajidahun, Kristen Hellein, and Elizabeth Kennedy.**

Student Affairs

University of West Florida's Department of **Recreation and Sports Services** received the **2008 NASPA (National Association of Student Personnel Administrators) Excellence Award** for their **Culture of Learning Initiative**. This initiative focused on the intentional development and implementation of Student Learning Outcomes in conjunction with Recreational programming and student employment.

The University of West Florida's **Counseling and Wellness Services "You Have Choices"** program was featured in the **NCAA Best of Choices Alcohol Education 1998-2008** publication. The UWF program is one of ten programs nationally to be featured in this publication highlighting model alcohol education programs from the past decade.

The University of West Florida athletic department held **Girls Sports Day** in conjunction with local **Girl Scout troops** for the first time in six years on January 31, 2009. Overall, **520 girl scouts** between the ages of 5 and 18 attended the event that promoted girls participating in sports at the UWF Field House and surrounding areas outdoors.

Ryan Davis and **April Moore** (Graduate Students, CSPA) presented "**The Fred Factor, a look at how to provide outstanding customer service to your patrons**" at the **2009 NIRSA Region II Student Lead-On**, January 30, 2009, at the University of Illinois.

Sara Sheets(Graduate Student, HLES), **Missy Pritzl** (Graduate Student, CSPA), **Alex Colley** (Graduate Student, MBA), **Jenni Brian** and **Jennifer Johnson** (Ed.D. Students) have been accepted to present "**The Donut Budget: Marketing Strategies Without a Dedicated Budget**" at the **NIRSA National Conference**. This presentation has been selected to be **highlighted on the NIRSA website**.

Sara Sheets (Graduate Student, HLES), and **Beth Godwin** (Senior, Comm. Arts), received their **ACE Personal Trainer certifications**.

Carla McKeag (Graduate Student, HLES) and **Travis Huffman** (Graduate Student, HLES), received the **American Council on Sports Medicine (ACSM) Health & Fitness Instructor certification**.

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Sara Sheets (Graduate Student, HLES), **Carla McKeag** (Graduate Student, HLES), Christine Gerges (Senior, HLES) and Jennifer Johnson (Ed.D Student) completed the **Vega Marathon** in December. This was the first marathon for Sara and Christine.

The University of West Florida **Residential Advisors** won the **Spirit Cup Award** for overall spirit at the **Florida Resident Assistant Seminar** in January, 2009. The resident assistant staff is developing a steering committee to bid to host the seminar at UWF in either 2010 or 2011.

The **National Panhellenic Council, Inc.** of the University of West Florida **received its charter** on January 26, 2009.

Athletics

UWF Women's Basketball player **Amy Drake** (Junior) was named the Gulf South Conference **Player of the Week for the week of January 21, 2009**. UWF Women's Basketball player **Jessica Young** (Junior) was named the Gulf South Conference **Player of the Week for the week of January 28, 2009**. UWF Women's Basketball player **Tiffany Williams** (Junior) was named the Gulf South Conference **Player of the Week for the week of February 4, 2009**.

The **UWF Women's Soccer Team** received a **proclamation from the University of West Florida Faculty Senate** recognizing the team's outstanding 2008 season. The Argonauts finished the year as the NCAA national runner-up. The proclamation recognized the West Florida women's soccer team for its numerous team and individual accomplishments, including All-America selections **Marcela Franco, Shameka Gordon, Shaneka Gordon, and Courtney Jones**. It also honored the team for its **academic performance**, as the student-athletes **combined for a 3.346 GPA** during the Fall 2008 academic term.

UWF Soccer Coach Joe Bartlinski was named [National Soccer Coaches Association of America National Coach of the Year](#), NSCAA South Region Coach of the Year, and Gulf South Conference Coach of the Year for 2008. **UWF Volleyball Coach Melissa Wolter** was named **Gulf South Conference East Division Coach of the Year for 2008**.

The University of West Florida placed **seven student-athletes** on the **Gulf South Conference 2008 Fall All-Academic teams**. The UWF women's soccer team led the way with four selections, while men's cross country, men's soccer, and volleyball each had one honoree. **Sheka Codner** (Grad. Student, MSA) and **Courtney Jones** (Senior, Nursing) of the Women's Soccer team each earned their second selection to the GSC All-Academic Team. First time selections include midfielder **Marcela Franco** (Senior, Business Admin.) and defender **Kaley Morris** (Junior, Biology). All-GSC first team selection **Rafael Segal** (Junior, International Studies) represented the Men's soccer team. Sophomore **Andrew Maedel** (Junior, Business Admin.) earned the selection for the men's cross country team. Senior **Jerica Carter** (Senior, Elementary Ed.) of the UWF Volleyball Team rounds out her four year career at West Florida with a GSC All-Academic Team selection.