

**University of West Florida
Student Accomplishments
Board of Trustees Meeting
September 7, 2007**

Student Leadership Awards

Corey Young - Campus Activity Board Outstanding Executive Leadership Award

Marc Stone & Rachael Masek - Award of Merit at the Fourth Annual PCom Creative Web Design competition
Pensacola Young Professionals Internship Program

Internship Pensacola 2007

Internship Pensacola is a collaborative program between the Pensacola Young Professionals, the University of West Florida, and the Pensacola Bay Area Chamber of Commerce. The initiative began as a program to attract young talent to Pensacola and enhance the quality of internships in the Pensacola area. In the inaugural year over 50 students applied to the program. Sixteen students were accepted into the program and worked for the following organizations.

- **Sean Rayner** and **Caroline Longe** - Southern Company (Gulf Power)
- **Cathy Hsieh, Brooke Hardy, and Krista Schnoor** - The Studer Group
- **Anita Stewart** - O'Sullivan Creel
- **Adam Godfrey** - CTS America
- **Kyle Poyer** - T-Gill Fuels
- **Sigrun Weyers** - IHMC
- **Carmelita Harbeson** - Beck Properties
- **Joshua Joiner** - McBride Construction
- **Whitney Vaughan** - Escambia County Public Information Office
- **Katie Hagensick** and **Harrison Holzhauer** - Avalex Technologies
- **Rex Cason** - Silver Bullet Technology
- **Andrew Pack** - Pensacola Bay Area Chamber of Commerce

Of all the students who participated, seven were offered full-time employment. The interns participated in their full-time internship and a for-credit professional development seminar that was team taught by a group of instructors... Eileen Perrigo - Department of Communications, Nathan Ford - UWF Career Services, Ed Ranelli - College of Business, and Susan Harrell - Criminal Justice and Legal Studies. The seminar consisted of topics focused on leadership, career transition, communication, and personal development.

College of Arts and Sciences

Communication Arts:

Cindy Lee Williamson, a junior at the University of West Florida, majoring in journalism and political science, has been chosen as one of twelve students from across the U.S. to serve on the Pearson Student Advisory Board for a one-year term. The first meeting of the advisory board was held in Boston June 18-20 where students participated in a summit meeting with senior executives of Pearson's publishing companies.

James Worsham, University of West Florida Department of Art student, senior, is one of only four students from the Florida university system chosen to participate in the 18th Annual University Student Exhibition at the Atlantic Center for the Arts (ACA) in New Smyrna Beach. The exhibition has provided outstanding state university students an opportunity to exhibit in a professional gallery space since 1989. The exhibit will run from June 30 through Oct. 6

We have *15 students interning in and around the Pensacola area this semester*. One of our students is in Chicago at an advertising agency.

| <u>Student</u> | <u>Major</u> | <u>Placement</u> |
|-------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Nathan Ault | PR | Naval Education & Training Command |
| Luis Bernardi | Telecomm. | WEAR-TV3 |
| Jessica Bousquet | PR | Cox Communications |
| Fernanda Burgel | Adv. | Lapiz Agency, Chicago |
| Jessica Caldwell | Org. Comm. | Chick-fil-A (Manager Trainee) |
| Alec Drozdowski | PR | Society of Toxicology and Chemistry |
| James Edwards | Adv. | Birdwell Photography & Multimedia |
| Kinder Epperson | PR | Children's Chorus |
| John Gazoo | PR | Quietwater Beach Entertainment, Inc. |
| Kate Kellen | PR | UWF Marketing Communication |
| Andrea Lively | PR | E. W. Bullock Assoc. |
| Lacey McLaughlin | Print Journalism | Pensacola News Journal |
| Amanda Newell | PR | Cox Media |
| Lin Small | Telecomm. | WUWF |
| Caroline Trantham | PR | "Get Carded" Campaign |

Electrical and Computer Engineering:

The **UWF Electrical and Computer Engineering Unmanned Aircraft Team** recently competed in the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International (AUVSI) student competition. More than 20 colleges and universities competed. UWF's airplane scored ninth place in flight, 12th in presentation and 10th for the journal. The team was awarded \$750 plus a \$500 entry fee paid for next year's competition. The judges also named the UWF team the best looking team in the competition.

College of Professional Studies

Professional and Community Leadership:

Timothy (Tim) Doyle, BA Criminal Justice, is a new deputy with the Escambia County Sheriff's Office. Tim completed an internship with their narcotics unit during his senior year at UWF.

Cherie Chrisco, Pensacola High School Science Teacher and adjunct for UWF, was awarded Teacher of the Year 2007 Pensacola High School. Cherie also has many other accomplishments including, Top 5 Teacher of the Year for Escambia County, Teacher of the Year 2006 Air Force Association Hurlburt Field, and Chapter Master Teacher of the year 2003 for National Teacher's Training Institute, WSRE affiliate. She is still a Master Teacher for NTTI at WSRE. She has also been recognized as an Outstanding Volunteer at Roy Hyatt Center and Lipscomb Elementary. In addition, Cherie was awarded Zero Gravity Flight by Florida Science Research Institute, completed educational experiments for NASA.

Emerald Coast Accomplishments

Dawn Beyer is an Emerald Coast Criminal Justice graduate and currently working on a Master's Degree in Special Education at UWF. An article about Dawn's battle against drinking and driving titled "A Mother's Fight to Save Lives" was published on the front page of the Northwest Florida Daily News.

Student Affairs

Athletics:

Bo Williams - baseball player who just finished his senior season here with our baseball team, and is now playing with the Pelicans, and is currently on a 12 game hitting streak.

Matthew Galloway - won the 90th Florida State Amateur Championship shooting a tournament total of 4-under par 280 at the Innisbrook Resort and Golf Club in Palm Harbor on June 21-24.

Ren Sutton – recently visited Belo Horizonte, a city in southern Brazil. Ren went with a ministry called Campus Outreach for a cross cultural project. They spent two months getting to know the culture, the country, its people, and meeting students the local Brazilian university.

College Bowl:

Grant Hutchinson was selected to an all-star team (top five players) and **Charles Allen** was ranked in the top ten Association of College Unions International (ACUI) regional College Bowl players in the spring 2007 tournament.

Phi Eta Sigma:

The national honor society recently inducted 53 freshmen.

Recreation:

Tiffany Vollmer, Facility Supervisor and Lifeguard, was accepted to Florida State University Medical School.

Pete Isaac, Facilities Operations GA, was hired as the Greek Affairs / Risk Management Coordinator for Texas State University.

William Abbott, President of the Sailing Club, was awarded with the Sport Club Student Leader of the Year Award at the UWF Student Leadership Banquet.

Lifeguard, **Kendra Loucks**, completed a half-iron marathon in Orlando on May 19th – 1.25 mile swim, a 56 mile bike, and a 13.1 mile run.

Welcome Week and Beyond

Beach Bash – this event held in the University Commons brought *500 students* together to mix and mingle. Free food, a band, and non-alcoholic cocktails were provided.

Cultural Explosion – co-sponsored by the Office of Diversity and International Education and Programs, this program featured an educational PowerPoint presentation, international cuisine, and music/dance in the Commons Auditorium. *600 students and staff members attended* the event.

Grand Re-Opening: Counseling and Career Services – The staff of Counseling & Wellness Services and Career Services held a Fiesta to celebrate the remodeling / re-opening of their offices. Students were introduced to the many services available to them through these offices. Over *200 students* received Stress Kits and had the opportunity to register in JasonQuest.

Hypnotist sponsored by Housing and Residence Life – *430 students attended*.

Ice Cream Social / Student Services Expo – a number of faculty, staff, and administrators greeted students and served them cake and ice cream during Welcome Week's annual Ice Cream Social. Over *550 students attended* the event. The students also visited with representatives from various University departments/Programs who lined the Commons Corridor with tables displaying information about the numerous services available to students.

Late Night with Recreation – the event is intended to introduce students to the various activities and resources that are available to them through Recreation and Sport Services. A total of *1, 435 new and returning students attended* the event which offered opportunities for students to participate in areas such as the Climbing Wall, Open Recreation, Group Fitness, Aquatics, and Sports Clubs.

ARGO Camp

ARGO Camp is a retreat for new freshmen just about to start their collegiate journey at the University of West Florida. August 20-22 we took a group of 40 new students to Marianna, Florida for this retreat. During the

three days we focused on the history and culture of UWF and team building exercises to help to form friendships among the new students.

One participant wrote to Dr. Ford about her experience:

“My name is Rebecca Sullivan and I just wanted to send you a quick email telling you how much I enjoyed Argo Camp. Argo Camp was one of the best things I have ever done for myself. Not only did I grow as a person when I came back I felt that I was one step ahead of all of my peers; I knew people, lots of people, I was informed, and I was already settled in my room so I was ready for school to start. I am very grateful that I had this experience I defiantly think I benefited from it. Thank you!”

ARGO Camp is a ***student run project***. For the ARGO Camp Executive Staff (ACES) it is truly a project management experience. This group of students arranged the location, transportation, publicity, schedule of events, and speakers. They also selected and trained the staff who worked with the new freshmen.

ARGO Camp Executive Staff:

Andrea Failing – Graduate Advisor

Keevis Louis – Director

Magen Bresnahan – Associate Director

Lydia Chung – Assistant Director

James Worsham – Assistant Director

ARGO Camp Counselors:

William Corser, ark De Luna, Linsey Failing, Nick Garner, Jordan Glenn, LaRonda Mangum, Michael Methot, and Rebecca Thielemann.

ARGO Camp Crew:

James Lawrence, Hunter Stephens, and Mai Naito.

40 UWF Freshmen Participants:

Michael Arteaga, Ashley Bremes, Danielle Broadstone, Ashley, Burton, Briana Bynum, Audrey Carp, Jamielynn Casperson, Kristi Casperson, Joshua Cellucci, Nicholas Chorley, Kelly Davis, Sarah Dille, Jordon Failing, Matther Ferrer, T. Hunter Garth, Jodie Gray, Keeshonda Green, Jacquelyn Hale, Brandon Hannel, Amber Hoefler, Dennis Hooten, Nikita Kight, Andrew Lafontant, Emily, Lauer, Katie Lewis, Nicholas Mayorga, Paul Miller, Steve Morken, Alicia Mott, Melissa Nystrom, Amanda Pattullo, Nicole Potter, Micheal Rimes, Bryan Romero, Hillary Ryan, Andrew Schneider, Natalia Smith, Rebecca Sullivan, Turner Taylor, Karissa Williams.