

# **Student Accomplishments Board of Trustees Meeting June 14, 2005**

## **2006-2007 Faculty Merit Scholarships**

The Faculty Merit Scholarship Committee awards two non-recurring awards of \$1,000 to two students in each College. The awards are supported by the generosity of UWF faculty. To be eligible, students must be nominated for the award by a faculty member in their major department and have a minimum GPA of 3.5 for undergraduate students and 3.75 for graduate students. Students who receive the award must plan to enroll at UWF for at least one additional semester. The university and the committee hope that these scholarships will promote the excellence of academic programs at UWF.

The 2006-2007 Award Winners:

*College of Business:*

**Myah Monjure & Louann Rusch**

*College of Arts and Sciences:*

**Brenda Doss & Veranika Zahkaryeya**

*College of Professional Studies:*

**Kathryn Haywood & Rachel Roe**

## **Student Leadership Awards**

**Pete Isaac** – Outstanding Graduate Student Leader Award

**Katie Barker** – Emerging Leader Award

**Ericka Roland & Calvin Chester** – Female & Male Intramural Sports Hall of Fame Inductees

**Katie Lowe** – Linda O. Dye Award for Leadership and Service

**Victor Teschel** – Kenneth L. Curtis Award for Leadership and Service

**Katie Lowe, Aimee Helbig, Sonja Toth, Michelle Sansone, & Mai-Vi Callahan** – Who's Who Among College Students

**Ashley Roberts** – William M. Healey Leadership Award

**Christina Genualdi** – Hal Crosby Leadership Award

## College of Arts and Sciences

### Nursing:

**Brenda (Carol) Barberree**, RN was awarded The Lamp of Nursing Leadership Award by the faculty, senior students, and administration of the OWC-UWF Cooperative BSN Program. The purpose of this award is to recognize a graduating senior student whose nursing practice has positively influenced people, processes, or programs. The recipient should be a senior student and a leader whose nursing practice reflects care, commitment, and creativity to promote the nursing profession or healthcare. The student recognized should be in the top of his or her class in the OWC-UWF Cooperative BSN Program.

## College of Business

### Management/Management Information Systems:

**Steven Pepper** was a member of the University of West Florida College Bowl Team competing in a regional academic championship (12 southeastern universities) in February at FSU. Other members of the team were **Grant Hutchinson** (English), **Charles Allen** (History), **James Campbell** (Mathematics) and **Ryan Adams** (Mathematics). The UWF team placed 4th in the playoffs behind FSU (3), Georgia (2), and Florida.

The following students were inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma, the honor society for schools of business: **Jennifer O'Neil**, **Kristina L. Styrna**, **Shalya Simmons**, **Sharon K. Jimenez**, **Michael Graham**, **Douglas Dangelo**, **Holly Carnley**, **Ashley Deem**, **Preston Murphy**, **Joanna Ward**, and **Tracy Laidacker**.

## College of Professional Studies

### Professional and Community Leadership:

Dr. Pat Wentz recognized **Sheree Cagle Mauldin** (for her dissertation). Her research focuses on "Improving and Maintaining School Grades in Six Florida Elementary Schools". She did her research in Escambia County schools and is a great example of how UWF's research can help the local community (in this case, the local schools). Art Olson is her chair.

### Electronic Doctoral Support:

**Jo MacDonald** and **Sandra Harris** (C&I doctoral students) have worked with students and faculty to establish an online Doctoral Forum that facilitates discussion and information distribution. Using d2l, they have share documents and facilitated discussion on a variety of topics.

### ***Construction Students in Motion...***

On October 7, 2006, **Construction students worked for Habitat for Humanity**, helping to build a house in the Pensacola area. Thirteen students, along with faculty members Glenda Mayo and Charlie Wentz, met early on the 7th to participate in this initiative. Students assisted in setting trusses and adding decking.

It was a beautiful day with cool temperatures, which made a perfect workday. Students assisting were: **Percy Brown, Rogers Conolly, Brandon Houx, Kimberly Luzano, Justin Mahaney, Jessie Mayo, Stan McDaniels, Patrick Weeks, and John Zito.**

### **ROTC:**

**Jonathan Epperson** was commissioned as the first cadet out of our program ever accepted into Medical School. He will be attending the Lake Erie College of Medicine this Fall, where he will be utilizing the full scholarship he just received under the Army Health Professions Scholarship Program.

## **Emerald Coast Accomplishments**

### **AA to BA Interdisciplinary Humanities:**

**Amanda Blum** and **Ashley Tillery**, seniors in the Interdisciplinary Humanities AA to BA program on January 30, 2007 received the Honors Undergraduate Research Award for \$1,000.00 each for the Spring 2007 semester. Their research is an interdisciplinary project that involves the work of the Tuskegee Institute photographer, Prentice Herman Polk. They hope to write a book, *Saving Prentice: Black History and Biography Research through the Arts*, based on the research from the project. The award program is in its second year and it is intended to allow students who do good work to finance their projects.

**Okeye Mitchell** and **Rachael Bridges**, Interdisciplinary Humanities AA to BA program students received the Emerald Coast Advertising Association (ECAAF) scholarship of \$500.00 each. They were presented the scholarships at the ECAAF annual ADDY advertising awards banquet on February 17, 2007.

**Alexander Metz**, Interdisciplinary Humanities AA to BA program student was featured in the Destin Log newspaper titled, *Art- in the eye of the beholder*. Alex Metz transformed the ruins into a work of art. As a final project for a class in environmental art, Metz was to create an art piece at the pier. He received an A for his project work.

**Linda Borgen**, senior in the Interdisciplinary Humanities-AA to BA program student was chosen as the Philosophy & Religious Studies Department Outstanding Student for the 2006 calendar year. She was recognized at the UWF Honors Convocation on March 30, 2007.

**Jayne Chatterton**, Interdisciplinary Humanities-AA to BA program student won second place in the 2 dimensional category for "Spring Bees" and Regina Coley also Interdisciplinary Humanities-AA to BA program student won second place in the 3 dimensional category for her untitled piece. The student exhibition was on display until April 19th in the McIlroy Gallery of the Mattie Kelly Arts Center Building J on the Emerald Coast site campus in Niceville.

# Student Affairs

## Housing and Residence Life:

**Kenny Lopez** was named Hall Director of the Year by the staff of Housing & Residence Life. Kenny was a first year Hall director in the Southside with over 300 residents. This summer he is overseeing the Village East apartments with 200 summer residents. Kenny has completed his first year in the College Student Personnel Administration masters program.

**UWF Resident Assistants** did an amazing job with hall programming this year. Our 28 RA's ran 249 educational programs and facilitated 519 community builders for their residents. That makes for a total of 768 programs! The total programming count rose by 68 from last year.

## Career Services:

**Howell "Huck" Montgomery**, a junior in Political Science, and **Clayton Williams**, also majoring in Political Science, will spend their summer as interns in Washington, D.C. **Huck** will participate in the Congressional Leadership Program with the opportunity to work on such critical issues as national defense, homeland security, environmental protection, tax policy, social security, health care, and the Middle East peace process. **Clayton** will participate in the Law and Criminal Justice Program. This program prepares students for careers in law, civil litigation, law enforcement, administration of justice, criminal defense and prosecution, and environmental law. The program introduces students to basic legal writing and research and provides training in public speaking.

## Recreation & Sports Services:

Four recent graduates have been offered and have accepted Graduate Assistantships in the area of Recreation –

**Asha Mata** – Facilities GA at Texas State University

**Michelle Sansone** – Group Fitness GA at Texas State University

**Rachel Boxell** – Facilities GA at the University of Tennessee

**Shane Conti** – Intramural Sports GA at Southeast Missouri State

**Katie Lowe** – Group Fitness Supervisor – accepted a Graduate Assistantship with the UWF Psychology Department.

**Ian Waldron** – Fitness Center Supervisor – accepted a summer internship with the Marketing Department for the Cincinnati Reds of Major League Baseball.

**Diana Sitar** – Group Fitness Instructor – accepted a summer internship with Camp La Jolla as an Exercise Nutrition Counselor in San Diego, CA.

**Cathy Hsieh** – Accounting Intern – was accepted for an internship position with the Studer Group through the Pensacola Young Professionals this summer.