

**Excellence in Student Engagement at UWF**  
**UWF Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**June 3, 2008**

**College of Arts and Sciences**

**Biology:**

**Kristen Hellein**, a grad student in Dr. Joe Lepo's lab in Biology/CEDB was awarded a travel grant by the American Society for Microbiology. This is quite an accomplishment since the competition for the 160 awards amounted to 1,900 applicants from the international arena, including many top-tier schools from the U.S. and abroad. The students' abstracts and their application (similar to a grant format) are judged by a selection panel at the ASM headquarters in Washington, D.C.

**Dominique Gueringer**, an undergraduate honors student in Biology working with Dr. Phil Darby, received an honors grant for a study called 'Cation ratio impacts on apple snail growth'.

**Clinical Laboratory Sciences:**

Four students in CLS received \$500 scholarships from the Northwest Florida Laboratory Association during their Annual Convention at the Pensacola Civic Center on April 10, 2008. They are **Jim Rae Alberto**, **Anna Jernigan**, **Natalie Storey** and **Nicole Lepestos**.

**Richard Castellano**, a senior student in the Clinical Laboratory Sciences Program was the recipient of a \$2500.00 Dade Behring-Emil von Behring Scholarship awarded through the American Society for Clinical Pathology. Richard's application was chosen from over 300 entries by the Council of Laboratory Professionals Scholarship Committee, because of his outstanding academic achievement, strong leadership and active community service

**English and Foreign Languages:**

English Honors Society Officers:

**Brooke Hardy** - President

**Kristen Randall** - Vice-President

**Shannon Allison** - Secretary

**Rebecca Mitchell** - Treasurer

**Savanna Richter** - Historian

Much Ado Officers:

**Ashley Young** - Co-President

**Shreese Williams** - Co-President

**Tom Boice** - Treasurer

**Shannon Allison** - Secretary

**Dana Morency** - Parliamentarian

Laurie O'Brien Creative Writing Award Winners:

**Jessica Robinson** – Undergraduate Nonfiction

**Shannon Shell** – Graduate Nonfiction

**Maria Geneve Steele** – Undergraduate Fiction

**Graduate Fiction** – Renee Reynolds

**Jessica Robinson** – Undergraduate Poetry

**Renee Reynolds** – Graduate Poetry

**Carolyn Guy** – Excellence in First-Year Composition

**Jose Rodriguez** – First-Year Composition Honorable Mention

**Tina Colvin** – accepted to Emery Graduate program.

**Jonathan Peacock** – accepted to Oregon State University Graduate program.

**Jolee Josephs** – creative nonfiction piece published in North Dakota Quarterly Summer 2007.

**Martin Vickers** – Outstanding Undergraduate Student.

**Nick Rupert** – Outstanding Graduate Student.

**Renee Reynolds** – Outstanding Graduate TA

**Erica Fischer** - presented a paper at a Canadian Literature Symposium.

### **Environmental Studies:**

**Jon Stewart** received the Dean's Award for the 2nd best presentation overall at the 2008 SEASTARS event.

**Jennifer Chastain** received the Environmental Studies departmental award at the 2008 SEASTARS event.

**Jon Stewart** participated in the LADDER-3 research cruise in the eastern tropical North Pacific Ocean in Nov. /Dec. 2007

**Jon Stewart** received the Outstanding TA award for Environmental Studies.

**Michael Johnson** received the Outstanding GTA award for Environmental Studies.

**Nathan McKinney** presented a paper on Human Mortality and Hurricanes at the Florida Society of Geographers meeting in Miami in January 2008.

**Drew Dittmar** and **Rachel Pryor**, recently married and recently graduated, were both accepted into the graduate program in Environmental Science at Florida International University.

Former student **Chasidy Hobbs** (MS, '07) was lead organizer for Earth Day Pensacola this year, both for the activities at Bayview Park and also the UWF Symposium on April 22.

Former student **Amber Bloechle** (MS, '07) has been hired as the online GIS Certificate program coordinator in the department.

## **Government:**

Graduate students present papers at conferences.

**Krista Billingsley** presented her paper titled "Is the politically correct? Examining Bias in the Media Through the Clinton and Dole Candidacies," at the Southwestern Political Science Association Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, March 12-16, 2008.

**Travis Braidwood** presented his paper co-authored with Dr. Jocelyn Evans titled "No Delegates? No Problem: Examining Voting Behavior in the 2008 Primary Elections in Escambia County," at the Florida Political Science Association Conference in St. Petersburg, Florida April 12, 2008.

Travis also presented this same paper at the The Politics of Science and the Science of Politics Conference at Berry College in Rome, GA, March 26-28, 2008.

Travis presented his paper titled "A Lost Cause or Determining the Course? A Study of the Recent Impact of Third Parties in America," at the Southern Political Science Association Conference in New Orleans, LA, January 11-12, 2008.

**Angela Achen** presented her paper titled "Institutionalized Patriarchy and the Struggle for Marriage Equality," at the Women's Studies Conference at UWF on March 28, 2008. There she also performed a poem by Beah Richards titled "A Black Woman Speaks of White Womanhood, of White Supremacy, and of Peace."

## **Honors Program:**

The **Honors Council** was named Student Service Organization of the Year.

The **Honors Symposium** is an event held annually at which Honors students having completed their thesis are given a chance to present it to other students and faculty. This presentation is one of the requirements of graduating with Honors; the Symposium gives those students who cannot attend conferences, or otherwise do not have a means of presenting their thesis, a chance to do so. Students who have completed other Honors-related projects during the course of the school year may also present those projects at the Symposium.

The **Honors Council** has been lucky enough to find its niche at the Ronald McDonald House in Pensacola. The hardest part about cooking for the families there is leaving after the food is ready to be served. On at least three Sunday afternoon's each semester, a handful of Council members and other Honors students get together to prepare a meal for the residents of the Ronald McDonald House. The menu might contain entrées such a jambalaya or baked chicken. There are always vegetable sides and sweet desserts, because when a child's health is on the mind, coming home to cook dinner is not. Walking into a kitchen prepared with a hearty, home-cooked meal is greatly appreciated. The Ronald McDonald House serves as a temporary home for the out-of-town families of children undergoing care at the hospital. Many of the families here have premature babies who need extended time to recover. When the food is fresh off the stove-top (and taste-tested for quality assurance!), the volunteers clean up and walk out, rarely meeting the people who will enjoy the food. Thankfully, the Ronald McDonald House sends a letter containing a child's story and appreciation for the delicious meal.

## **Psychology:**

**Kimberly Sinkkanen** is in Estonia finishing data collection for a cross-cultural research project examining health risk behaviors among Estonia college students using the NCHA measure that was recently administered to a large, randomly selected sample of UWF students.

**Courtney Sotherland**, upon completion of her internship at Target Corp in Bryan, Arkansas, has been promoted to Executive Team Leader-Human Resources and is also the District's Volunteer Captain, Grant Captain, and Attendance Captain. She has agreed to serve on UWF I/O Track Advisory Board for the 2008-2009 academic year.

**Sharmili Shanmugaratnam**, who is currently working on her thesis, has been accepted to the Ph.D. Program in Human Factors Psychology at Carleton University in Ottawa, Canada. During the past year she presented her research on cognitive and psychomotor predictors of driving performance at the 2008 Student Conference on Human Factors and Applied Psychology and at UWF's SEASTARS.

**Shauna Legan** presented her research on the effects of mindfulness training on driving performance at UWF's SEASTARS.

## **College of Business**

### **Marketing and Economics:**

Internships:

**James Moran** – Gulf Power

**Marc Stone** – Penske

**Michelle Salzman** – Solutia

Job offers:

**Lauren Guidry** – Full time placement, CEVA Logistics

Inducted in Omicron Delta Epsilon (honor society in economics):

**Anthony Castaneda**

**Joseph Kiefer**

**Marcus Conklin**

Outstanding students:

**Joseph Kiefer** (economics)

**Marisa Andrews** (marketing)

Marketing & Logistics Association, 2008 Leadership Awards:

**John David Thomas**

**Brandy Peacock**

**Travis Peek**

**Michelle Salzman**

**Lauren Guidry**

**Lisa Needler**

**Lester Rawls**

**Marc Stone**

2008 National Logistics Case Competition – Denver

1<sup>st</sup> Place:

**Brandy Peacock, Lisa Needler, James Moran, Lester Rawls, Marc Stone**

MLA 2008 Presidential Awards:

**Brandy Peacock and Marc Stone**

## **International Education and Programs**

**William "Nathaniel" Bryan** from JPN IV won the Grand Prize from the 2008 Florida Japanese Yonkoma Manga Contest.

**Alejandra Lopez** has been accepted into the NAFTA Leadership Program through the Washington Center. This is a highly competitive internship program.

## **Student Affairs**

### **Athletics:**

#### **Men's Basketball:**

Earned three of the six First Team ALL-GSC Academic Team, with **Tyler Fleming** (3.81 GPA), **Lucas Evangelista** (3.69 GPA), and **David Maddux** (3.93 GPA). The selections put UWF in some elite company. It marked the first time in five years, that a team had three representatives on the first team, and tied three other schools with the most in GSC history. Tyler is a junior in eligibility he is graduating early, and has been accepted into Dental School at Tufts University in Boston. He is majoring in Pre-Professional Biology, and boasts a 3.81 GPA.

\***Charles Bouie** set the UWF single season record for blocked shots

\***Deondre Boynton** became the Argos all-time career leader in Assists

#### **Women's Basketball:**

\*Recorded a conference best with nine athletes named to the GSC Honor Roll for Academics:

**Tara Russ, Laura Davis, Karmeshia Easley, Amy Drake, Dominique Boykins, Caitlin Salak, Kimarie Bock, Renee Polk, and Jessie Ivey.** UWF Women's Basketball had the most representatives on the Gulf South Conference Honor Roll among all Winter Sports Teams in the conference.

#### **Women's Golf:**

\*Captured third straight GSC title, and advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the fifth consecutive year.

\*Head Coach Robin Dezarn earned her third straight GSC Coach of the Year Award.

\*Freshman **Bhavna Shetty** was named GSC Freshman of the year, and Co-Player of the year.

\***Natalia Espinosa** was named to the ALL-GSC First Team. Espinosa also was the Individual Champion of the GSC's Conference Tournament.

\***Meaghan Gulliksen** joined Shetty and Espinosa with selections to the GSC ALL-Tournament team.

### **Men's Golf:**

- \*Captured their third straight GSC Championship
- \*Won the NCAA South Regional Tournament, and advanced to the National Finals.
- \*Head Coach Steve Fell was named the GSC Coach of the Year for the ninth time in his 14 years as head coach.
- \***Tobias Rosendahl** was the Co-Freshman of the Year in the GSC.
- \***Matthew Galloway**, and **Kyle Scott** joined Rosendahl as members of the ALL-GSC First Team.
- \*Freshman **Otto Bonning** was named to the ALL-GSC second team.
- \***Rosendahl** was the individual champion at the GSC tournament, and **Kyle Scott** and **Matthew Galloway** joined Rosendahl on the ALL-Tournament team.
- \***Rosendahl** recorded a UWF record ten top-10 finishes out of 11 matches played this year, including two tournament victories, which included the GSC tournament title and the Bobcat Invitational.
- \***Kyle Scott** was the individual Champion in the NCAA South Regional Tournament. He had seven top-10 finishes including two other tournament victories at The McLaughlin 67-65-68 (200) and the Emerald Coast Collegiate 66-70-70 (206), in addition to his nine under par, 204, to win the NCAA Regional tourney.
- \***Matthew Galloway** played in 11 tournaments this season, and had six top-10 finishes including one tournament victory at the Matlock Collegiate Classic 67-73-70 (210).

### **Men's Tennis:**

- \*Argos ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the nation as a team, earned berth in the NCAA tournament, and advanced to the National Championships.
- \***Nicolas Barrientos** was named the GSC Player of the Year.
- \***Eduardo Cavasotti** joined Barrientos on the ALL-GSC First Team
- \***Patrick Bateman** was named as the GSC Freshman of the year, and finished the regular season with a 12-0 record in singles.
- \***Bateman** and **Barrientos** completed the regular season with a 21-2 record in doubles, and ranked 16<sup>th</sup> in the nation.

### **Women's Tennis:**

- \*The 16<sup>th</sup> ranked Argos earned a berth in the NCAA Tournament, and advanced to the National Championships
- \***Suzana Cavalcante** is ranked third in the nation in singles, and was named the GSC Player of the Year for a record tying third straight year. Cavalcante could become the first athlete ever in any sport to earn the Gulf South Conference Player of the Year Award for four straight years, if she does it again next year in her senior season.
- \***Renata Mattos** and **Paola Arevalo** joined Cavalcante on the ALL-GSC First Team, helping UWF to lead the conference with three selections.

### **Softball:**

- \***Jillian LaFrance** earned ALL-GSC 2<sup>nd</sup> Team honors, and was twice named the GSC "Pitcher of the week."
- \***Nicky VanCamp** earned Second Team ALL-Regional Accolades, and earned two GSC Player of the Week awards, and was named to the ALL-GSC 1<sup>st</sup> team, and earned a spot on the South Regional All-Tournament team.
- \***Whitney Gay** earned ALL-GSC 2<sup>nd</sup> Team honors
- \***Taren Walton** earned ALL-GSC 1<sup>st</sup> Team honors, and was a three time winner of the GSC "Pitcher of the Week" award.

**Baseball:**

\***Kyle Ramsey** earned the GSC Pitcher of the Week award for the week of March 15<sup>th</sup>.

\***Ramsey** also ranked fourth in the nation in fewest walks per nine innings.

\***Kyle Andrews** was named to the ALL-GSC Second Team, and led the Argos in seven offensive categories this season.

**Men's Soccer:**

\***Keith Savage** is drafted by Major League Soccer, as the first pick in the fourth round, and then makes the team, and is now playing for Team Chivas USA (Los Angeles, Cal.)

**Recreation and Sports Services:**

**Mai-Vi Callahan**, Recreation and Sports Services Building Manager, received the William M. Healey Scholarship Award and the Outstanding Student Leader Award

**Bryn Renda** and **Kirk Slay** were inducted into the Intramural Sports Hall of Fame

**Larry James**, Disc Golf Club, received the Sport Clubs Leadership Award

**Tanner Martin**, Outdoor Adventure Program Assistant, received the Ken Curtis Award for Outstanding Service

Disc Golf Club (**Larry James** president) awarded Outstanding New Student Organization Award

Cycling Club (**Tanner Martin** president) awarded Outstanding Program of the Year

**Jaclyn Schwieterman**, Facilities GA, received an All-Tournament selection at the University of Georgia NIRSA Regional Basketball Tournament

**Jaclyn Schwieterman**, Facilities GA, received an at large bid to go to National Basketball Championships at Ohio State University

**April Moore**, Facilities GA received Who's Who in America Colleges and Universities

**April Moore**, Facilities GA, and Bethany Hansen, Sport Clubs GA, received the Woodway USA NIRSA Foundation Scholarship

**April Moore**, Facilities GA, received the NIRSA Region II Student Excellence Award

**April Moore**, Facilities GA, presented a Poster Presentation titled "Understand Student Learning Outcomes, Neither did we? UWF Student Learning Outcomes"

**Tanner Martin**, Outdoor Adventure Program Assistant accepted a Graduate Assistant position to the University of Florida

**Diana Sitar**, Group Fitness Supervisor, accepted a Graduate Assistant position in academics at Purdue University

**Diana Sitar**, Group Fitness Supervisor, received the Student Athlete of the Year Award

**Alyssa Turcotte** accepted a graduate assistantship position to East Stroudsburg University

**Alyssa Maki**, Group Fitness Instructor, accepted an academic graduate assistantship with the University of Florida

**Jessica Morrish**, Group Fitness Instructor, accepted a graduate assistantship position with the University of Nebraska, Omaha

**Diana Sitar**, Group Fitness Supervisor, and **Travis Huffman**, Personal Training Supervisor, were both selected to Who's Who among American College Students

**Fletcher Haaga** from Mississippi State accepted the Outdoor Adventures GA position

**Missy Pritzl** from University of Wisconsin-Whitewater accepted the Sport Clubs GA position

**Zach Otto** from University of Wisconsin-Superior accepted the Intramural Sports GA position

**Ryan Davis** from Rowan University accepted the Facilities GA position