

### Meet our new Staff!



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### Co-Op Info Sessions

Info Sessions for students interested in completing a co-op should come by the office to register for a session! They're required before students can participate in either and are held all throughout the semester!

### Save the Date!

Volunteer Fair, *January 29th*

Career Fair, *March 25th*

Senior Transition Workshop,  
*April 1st*

Mock Interview Day, *April  
2nd*

Etiquette Dinner, *April 8th*

Volunteer Service Awards,  
*April 16th*

## Get involved with Career Services!

We'd like to thank you, our faculty and staff, for being a very valuable asset to our services. As we could always use more interaction and involvement from faculty; we've compiled a short list of events and services that you might find beneficial to you and your students:

- **Would you like to increase awareness of your department and the programs you offer?** The Spring 2009 Etiquette Dinner will be on April 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-8pm and we are looking for campus departments to sponsor tables. If you are interested in sponsoring a table please contact Robin Zimmern at [rzimmern@uwf.edu](mailto:rzimmern@uwf.edu).

- **Need to be away from your class one day? Something unexpected arise that requires you to cancel class?** Well, don't! "Don't Cancel Class" is a Career Services program that lets you take care of your business while we come and speak to your students on one or more of a variety of topics including; resume writing, interviewing skills, service learning, importance of volunteering or job search strategies! To request a speaker, you can visit us online at [uwf.edu/career](http://uwf.edu/career) or call our office.

- **Please encourage your students to use the new, on-line mentoring program through JasonQuest.** Currently there are over 40 UWF Alumni, working in various fields across the U.S. willing to interact with current UWF students. Many of the alumni have agreed to mentor via email, do informational interviews, host job shadows and speak to organizations or classes. Please contact Patrice Friant at [pfriant@uwf.edu](mailto:pfriant@uwf.edu) for more information.

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## Connecting with Employers Through Difficult Times

Despite difficult economic times, employers have sought Argos this semester! Approximately 90 employers interacted in career events this semester with an initiative to hire students for part-time, full-time, internship, and Co-Op positions. Student participation continues to grow at these events, while improvement is still needed to continue to attract and retain quality employers. A little over

400 students attended the **Part-Time Job Fair** in early September and nearly 300 students participated in the **Career Fair** in early October. Approximately 80 students participated in on-campus interviews with employers this semester. National reports indicate that the college recruiting scene will continue to be affected by the economy. The National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE) indicates a

minor decrease in college recruiting as we begin our next semester. Despite these hardships, the University of West Florida students continue to impress recruiters. One recruiter reflected after the Fall Career Fair, "The students and faculty of the university are genuinely interested in my company and continue to make a great impression with us. I'll be back on campus in the future!"

## Etiquette Dinner Wrap-Up

On October 29<sup>th</sup> the Dean of Students Office, the Department of Housing and Residential Education and University Commons and Student Activities partnered with Career Services to host the **Leadership Etiquette Dinner**. Over 100 students, staff, faculty, and community employers enjoyed an evening of networking and great food as they learned everything they would need to know about proper etiquette at a formal meal. The evening began with a 'Mocktail Hour' which allowed students to practice their networking skills and followed with a four course

meal designed to prepare students for almost any formal dining situation they may come across. The focus of the fall event was on campus leaders aimed at helping to prepare them for job interviews and other occasions they may find themselves unsure of which fork to use. With the generous support of 10 community organizations, who sponsored tables at the event, the evening proved to be a great way to connect the community with UWF students. Based on the great feedback from the dinner and the demand from other students who would like to at-

tend, we are busy planning for the spring Etiquette Dinner which will be on April 8<sup>th</sup>.



## Volunteer Fair Fall 2008 Wrap-Up

On Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, Volunteer UWF! hosted its bi-annual **Volunteer Fair** in the Commons Great Hall and Corridor. The Volunteer Fair brought together over 30 local not-for-profit organizations & Volunteer UWF! Commu-



nity Partners to raise awareness of local community needs. Over 175 students were able to network and seek out service locations while learning about upcoming volunteerism and service learning projects. Each year this event brings together our campus community and the outside community as a focal point of the daily and recurring community-driven needs in our area. Students, faculty, staff, and community members were able to network and connect in order to initiate making a difference in our community. Agencies such as the United Way of Escambia County, Hands on Northwest Florida, Guardian ad

Litem, Covenant Hospice, the American Diabetes Association, the Crisis Lines of Lakeview Center, Florida Department of Children and Families, Gulf Coast Kids House, and the Global Corner were all in attendance, along with over 30 agencies in almost every social issue and service area in our community. Mark your calendars for the Spring 2009 Volunteer Fair, taking place January 29th in the University Commons Great Hall. For more information please contact, Tiffany Killam Jurey at 474-3114 or email [tiffanyjurey@uwf.edu](mailto:tiffanyjurey@uwf.edu).

## Did you know?

That from 1130am-1pm, every Wednesday, we have an *On the Go!* mobile office set up in the UC Concourse? We offer our drop-in hours for resume and cover letter reviews on the spot, too!

You, too, can become a mentor if you are a UWF alum!

You can always give us feedback through our *Tell Us What You Think* Link online. Just visit our homepage at [uwf.edu/career](http://uwf.edu/career) and you'll see it right on the bottom!

Our office holds drop-in hours from 11am-3pm, Monday through Thursday for students' quick questions, tips, or to have their resume and/or cover letter reviewed!

That our Career Development Guide with tips on a variety of topics such as professional etiquette and dressing the part for an interview is online!

Students, faculty and staff can all receive our weekly e-Minder that has the date, time, and info regarding all the events that we participate in or sponsor!

We offer instructional videos on our homepage that have helped many students prepare for interviews and choose a major!

Total volunteer hours for the Fall semester of 2008 have amounted to 27, 689! They were completed by 706 students!