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A Note from the Dean...

Welcome to the new *Emerald Coast Post*! I want to thank everyone for your input and feedback concerning the content and layout of the Emerald Coast newsletter over the past few months. Also, our thanks go out to everyone who submitted potential names for this publication. Congratulations to the winner of the newsletter naming contest, Tiffany Merrell, and to the two finalists, Kristin Botsford and Kristin Soto for their contributions.

Our new edition of the newsletter debuts with a new editor as well. Ester Molder has passed the mantle of responsibility to our Emerald Coast Cashier, Kimberly Hellyer. I want to thank Ester for her commitment to this project over the past three years. She has faithfully served this publication as well as the UWF and Emerald Coast communities with excellence. Though she may be stepping away from the newsletter, she will continue to offer career development support, employment advice, and community outreach programs through her role as career and community outreach coordinator.

Good luck to Kimberly as she takes over the newsletter project. Please be sure to send her feedback on anything you would like to see in future articles. I hope you enjoy this fine spring weather and reading the *Emerald Coast Post*!

John F. Azzaretto
Vice Provost and Dean
UWF Emerald Coast



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with the University of West Florida's Online Summer Session. You can earn your summer credit hours, take hard-to-get courses or get a jump start on your degree program, while still having time to spend with family and friends. You fit your studies around your schedule. Check out the website for more information: <http://uwf.edu/summeronline/>

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Summer Course Schedules Available

Summer course schedules are now available for review on the UWF Emerald Coast website. Go to <http://uwf.edu/emeraldcoast/> and click on "Current Course Schedule" on the left side of the screen.

Library Technology Resources Expand

The Emerald Coast Campus Library now has a flatbed scanner for public use. Come scan photographs and documents for your papers and presentations!

Student Government Association

As the Governor of the Emerald Coast SGA, I would like to congratulate all the newly elected members of SGA. The swearing in ceremony will be held on the 17th of April. I would also like to personally thank the Senate President, Adrian Wigston, all the Senators and UWF staff for their hard work this year. Their efforts have been significant and will benefit the university for years to come.

As we finish another great semester, I would like to encourage everyone to "get involved" with SGA in the fall. You won't regret it! Make a difference!!!

Steve Rogers, Governor, ECSGA

Financials Featurette

Congratulations, Seniors! You're on the home stretch now!! Don't forget to take care of any outstanding balances with the university. Six months from now, you don't want to be contemplating why you haven't received your diploma and transcripts. Also remember to use up your Argo Bucks or request a refund for the leftover balance on your Nautilus card.

Counseling... Not Just for Crisis Anymore

Counseling Services can help with... * Stress * Grief * Depression * Anxiety * Sexual Concerns * Alcohol/Drug issues * Suicidal Thoughts * Past or Present Abuse or Harassment * Conflicts with your partner, friends for family * Vocational/Academic Concerns. Educational information is also available. Services are available on the Fort Walton Beach Campus on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

For more information, call toll free 1-866-258-4378, Ext. 2420.

Caps and Gowns Arriving at Bookstore

Congratulations Emerald Coast Graduates! You may pick up your pre-ordered caps and gowns starting on April 20, 2009. If you have not preordered... Do Not Panic, we will have extras available in all sizes and degrees for purchase April 20th. We will also have honor cords, appreciation stoles, diploma frames, and extra tassels.

All graduates are entitled to **20% off** Alumni merchandise from April 20th through May 2nd. Please contact the bookstore at 850-863-0760 or via e-mail at 1017mgr@fhcg.follett.com with any questions or concerns. Have a Great Graduation!

New Student Offices Coming Soon

This Summer, UWF Emerald Coast students will have an office of their own (Building 7, Room 707). Renovations are underway to prepare a three-section area for use by the Student Government Association and other student clubs and organizations. The office will include space for a receiving and work area, conference room, and storage. Contact Latrece Gulley (863-6565) for details and official open house date!

From the Armory...

Staff Sergeant Kevin A. Davis has been a member of the United States Air Force since August 1, 2000. He is currently assigned to the Theater Deployable Communications Flight in the 1st Special Operations Communications Squadron on Hurlburt Field. Kevin has been a student with the University of West Florida since January 2007 where he is currently majoring in Interdisciplinary Information Technology (IIT) – Networking and Telecommunications.

In addition to working on his degree program, Kevin has also completed the Cisco CCNA certificate program through the Department of Continuing Education and he is also Network Plus certified. Kevin has pursued his degree and certifications through UWF in order to prepare himself for his departure from the United States Air Force in September 2009. Kevin hopes to complete his IIT degree on-line by next spring. Once he receives his degree, Kevin has aspirations to move to the Tampa Bay area where he plans to use his Air Force experience and UWF degree to pursue a career in the networking industry or as a defense contractor.



Instructional & Performance Technology

The Instructional and Performance Technology Program held information sessions for prospective Emerald Coast students from Okaloosa, Santa Rosa and Walton counties at the Fort Walton Beach Campus on March 16th and 17th. The sessions provided information about the M.Ed. in Instructional Technology, MSA in Human Performance Technology and Human Performance Technology Certificate programs. These programs are offered entirely online and are applicable to any one in any profession who is interested in exploring the use of technology to facilitate education, training and performance improvement in any of a wide variety of organizational settings. Attendees included teachers, healthcare professionals, and representatives from various businesses, many of whom will begin their programs this summer.

For more information about Instructional and Performance Technology at UWF, contact Nancy B. Hastings, Ph.D. at nhastings@uwf.edu or 850-833-4026.

Interdisciplinary Studies moves to Combs

W.E. Combs Campus welcomes Nita Bryant (IS Program and EC Recruiting Coordinator) and the Interdisciplinary Studies Program students. In January, Nita and the IS students relocated to the Combs Campus.

Nita assumed responsibility for Emerald Coast Recruiting in addition to serving as a Program Coordinator. During the next weeks and months, expect to be contacted by Nita as she researches and develops a comprehensive, but complementary with our main campus recruiting program for UWF Emerald Coast online, undergraduate, and graduate students.

CJSO Invites You to Join Relay for Life

The Criminal Justice Student Organization (CJSO) will be participating in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life again this year. The event will be held April 24th-25th at Choctawhatchee High School in Fort Walton Beach.

If you would like to volunteer your time, donate money, participate in the relay, or support our efforts in some other way, please contact any of the CJSO officers at eccjs@uwf.edu. Please consider joining us for the relay. We had a great time last year!

Spring Doctoral Binding Form Deadline

Final dissertation and binding form due to Library:
April 3, 2009

Eglin Education Fair

Eglin Base Education will be hosting an education fair on Thursday, April 9, 2009 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Several of the surrounding schools will be represented at the fair including UWF, NWF State College, Troy University, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, University of Maryland University College, St. Leo University and Southern Illinois University. Door prizes will also be available along with a grand prize of a Beacon Resort weekend retreat.

For more information, please contact the UWF Eglin office at 850.678.3727.

Join SGA for Earth Day

Beach Clean Up: April 18

SGA is participating in the Earth Day celebration on April 18, 2009 by helping clean up the beach on Okaloosa Island from 8:00 am to 11:00am. Anyone interested can meet at Beasley Park. T-shirts and snacks will be provided to all participants.

UWF Emerald Coast Spotlight Series

Presents Don King: April 9

An UWF alumnus, Don King took his knowledge from college to Panama where he started a non-profit organization devoted to nature conservation and preserving native cultures. He will be sharing his experiences from Panama about his non-profit organization and the schools he opened for Panamanian children. He will be presenting his experiences on Thursday, April 9, 2009 at 7 p.m. located in the UWF FWB campus auditorium, Building 8.

Presents Michael Dean Ester: April 24

Michael Dean Ester offers a blend of clean, interactive, and high-energy campus comedy. He has made his way to over 1500 live performances on college campuses, cruise ships, and clubs nationwide. Michael Dean Ester hits the stage on Friday, April 24, 2009 at 7 p.m. in the UWF FWB Campus Auditorium, Building 8.

For more information about any of the Spotlight Series Events, please contact Deborah Cluff at 850-678-3727.



Upcoming Spring Career Events

Mock Interview Day: April 2

Practice interviewing with professionals from a variety of career fields. Don't miss this opportunity to refine your interviewing skills!

9:00 am-6:00 pm, FWB Campus (building 4, room 452)
Pre-register for an interview slot in JasonQuest (www.myinterfase.com/uwf/student/)

How to be a Financial Super-Hero: April 8

Noon-1:00, FWB Campus (building 3, room 368). Doors will open at 11:30. Free lunch provided. Prepare for your future, create a spending plan, learn about community resources and opportunities!
Please RSVP to emolder@uwf.edu

Panhandle Job Fair: April 16

10:00am-3:00pm, Northwest Florida Fairgrounds. Visit www.panhandlejobfair.com for more information.

Interested in an Etiquette Luncheon? This is an opportunity to network with fellow students, faculty, and staff and learn about proper dining etiquette! Attendance would cost \$10. If interested please email emolder@uwf.edu.

For more information concerning any of the above career opportunities, please contact Ester Molder at 850-833-3743 or emolder@uwf.edu.

Career Planning Appointments

Appointments are available to discuss your career plans and provide information and feedback regarding the job search process, resume/cover letter preparation, and internship/co-op/employment opportunities.

Fort Walton Beach campus visit: April 21
11:00am-1:00pm, Building 2, room 212A.

REEF campus visit: April 21
2:00pm-4:00pm, room 119.

Combs Campus: Monday thru Thursday
9:00am to 6:00pm.

Call 850-833-3743 for an appointment at any location.

Summer Camp for Local Students

Two summer camps have been scheduled for the Combs Campus this year the week of June 22-26, 2009. See the respective websites for more information or to register:

Science Quest (1st-3rd graders)
<http://uwf.edu/exploreamps/ScienceQuestFWB.cfm>

Aviation Fascination (4th-6th graders)
<http://uwf.edu/exploreamps/Space&Beyond.cfm>

Need Help with eLearning?

Faculty can get assistance with:

- Online Course Design
- Desire2Learn (D2L), UWF's online Learning Management System
- Illuminate Live!

Other instructional related technologies
Visit the ATC website at <http://uwf.edu/atc>, for more information, resources and a calendar of events related to online learning and instruction.

To set up an appointment, contact Cindy Mersereau at the Academic Technology Center (ATC) on the Combs Campus, (850)833-3989 or cmersereau@uwf.edu

Diversity & Ethnicity are Keys to Growth

Gain Professional Development credits by attending the workshop entitled "One Institution in Search of New Opportunities – Diversity and Ethnicity are Keys to Growth".

Description: Come and gain a better understanding of new components of diversity, understand how ethnicity influences educational environment, and hear about the 2008 National Conference on Race and Ethnicity. This free workshop is open to all faculty and staff. Class size is limited - register today.

Date & Time: April 30, 2009, 10am to 11:30am

Location: FWB Emerald Coast Campus, Building 1, Room 126

Registration: via Argus/My Office/Training Reservation Desk

Facilitator: Terri L. Reshard

Let Us Hear from You!

We are interested in your feedback. Send comments and article submissions to khellyer@uwf.edu or call 850-863-6568.