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## **What's Going On In March?**

Visit the **Branch Campus Calendar** to find out what events are taking place. You may use this link <http://www.uwf.edu/emeraldcoast/calendar/index.htm> or log onto the Web site <<http://uwf.edu/EmeraldCoast>> and choose the **Emerald Coast Calendar** link. The calendar remains posted and is updated weekly, so you will always be able to check on upcoming, previous, and current month events. If you have events that should be posted, please let us know ([emolder@uwf.edu](mailto:emolder@uwf.edu)).

## **Campus Announcements**

**Make a difference  
on your campus!  
Consider running for an  
Emerald Coast SGA Office**



- Gain leadership skills
- *Educational contacts/Career contacts*
- Share your prior experience and knowledge
- Take advantage of your chance to shape the future

Filing Starts March 3rd!  
Deadline April 2, 2008

## **Filing opens for SGA Elections....**

The Student Government Association (SGA) will be holding elections on April 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. SGA is a student organization elected by you, the students to represent the University of West Florida Emerald Coast. SGA plays an intricate role and influences the university's decision-making process by serving as a liaison between the students and governing bodies.

The Student Government Association is a great way to make educational and career contacts. All positions for SGA provide an opportunity for leadership roles. We are currently seeking to fill the position of Emerald Coast governor, representatives from each campus location and two at large seats.

Anyone interested in running will need to be in good standing with the University of West Florida and must fill out an application and turn it in to Ruby Jackson on the Ft. Walton Beach Campus, Building 2, Room 209. Filing opens on March 3<sup>rd</sup> and closed April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Applications for SGA can be picked up on the Ft. Walton Beach Campus, Building 2 Room 201 or with the Campus Coordinator for all other Emerald Coast locations.

## **JOB ANNOUNCEMENT**

OPS Position – Fiscal Assistant

UWF Cashier's Office – Fort Walton Beach Campus  
20 Hours per Week

To see position announcement and apply visit <https://jobs.uwf.edu/>

## **Faculty and Staff News!**

Please welcome Chris Avis and Henry Kaufman to UWF Emerald Coast, Combs Campus. Chris and Henry are security officers at C&C Protective Services, which provides security for the Combs Campus. Contact information for Combs Security: Phone – 833-3049; Email - [CombsSecurity@uwf.edu](mailto:CombsSecurity@uwf.edu).

## **Student Financial Aid for 2008-2009**

Students should be reminded to apply early for financial aid for the 2008-09 school year. Apply on line by visiting [www.uwf.edu/finaid](http://www.uwf.edu/finaid). The Financial Aid Office staff is available to assist you, as you advise your students who are also financial aid recipients. Students who receive federal, state, or institutional assistance must continue to make satisfactory academic progress toward their degree in order to remain eligible for assistance. Students with the last names beginning with A – D should contact Candace Davis at [cdavis3@uwf.edu](mailto:cdavis3@uwf.edu). Students with last names beginning the letter E- K should contact LaTonya Wesley at [lwesley@uwf.edu](mailto:lwesley@uwf.edu). Students with the last names beginning with L –Q should

contact Jennifer Staplin @ [jstaplin@uwf.edu](mailto:jstaplin@uwf.edu). Students with the last names beginning with the letter R-Z should contact Brittany Mixon at [bmixon@uwf.edu](mailto:bmixon@uwf.edu).

### **ATTENTION UWF SPRING 2008 GRADUATES**

It is now time to RSVP for commencement and order your cap and gown for the UWF spring 2008 graduation ceremony. The Emerald Coast Bookstore will host "Graduation Day" Thursday, March 6, 2008 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm in Building 2 on the Fort Walton Beach Campus. UWF spring graduates can pre-order caps and gowns for spring commencement and a representative from Herff Jones will be available from noon to 5:00 pm with samples of graduation announcements and UWF College rings. Students may also attend "Graduation Day" in Pensacola on March 4 & 5 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm in the UWF Pensacola Bookstore in the University Commons. If students are unable to attend in person, cap and gown, announcement and college ring ordering may be done online at [herffjones.com/college](http://herffjones.com/college). Contact Cynthia Spiller at 863-0760 for more information.

### **Academic Advising at Combs**

Beginning Tuesday, March 18, 2008, an advisor will be available at the Combs Campus in building 1, room 1002 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm every first and third Tuesday of each month. It is preferred for students to make appointments to meet with the advisor. A sign-up sheet for appointments is located in the reception area of building 1. Walk-ins are also welcome. Please contact Tessie Bradford at 833-3226 or [tbradford@uwf.edu](mailto:tbradford@uwf.edu) to schedule an appointment or with any questions you may have.

### **Students, Have Your Voice Heard**

UWF is taking a special look at the needs of the Emerald Coast campuses. The National College Health Assessment has been emailed to Emerald Coast students. This is your opportunity to tell UWF what you need. Please look for the NCHA in your "inbox" and take a few moments to participate in this survey. For more information contact Kelly Meek, [kmeek@uwf.edu](mailto:kmeek@uwf.edu)

### **Is Your Primary Campus Code Correct?**

UWF Emerald Coast campuses are committed to identifying students utilizing classes and services in the Emerald Coast region. All new UWF students default to a primary campus code for the Pensacola campus. Students should log into ARGUS, go to their "My Info" tab and scroll down to "Primary Campus" and make sure their primary campus code is correct. Here are some suggestions on how to choose your "primary campus". A student's primary campus might entail where all or some of a student's classes are taught. A student's primary campus might be the location where the student

meets with an advisor, visits with faculty members, registers for classes or attends non-academic activities. We realize that most Emerald Coast students attend classes on a variety of campus locations (Pensacola, FWB, Eglin, Marianna, online, etc.), so considering factors other than where you sit in class is appropriate when deciding which primary campus is 'your' campus. Updating the primary campus code in ARGUS will not affect a student's ability to take classes at any location and a student may change their primary campus code at any time. UWF Emerald Coast uses the primary campus code to identify Emerald Coast students and to efficiently target communications to Emerald Coast area students. If you have any questions about the primary campus codes please call (850)863-6569.

### **Prepare for Interviews with 'Mock Interview Day'**

Could you use some practice interviewing as the recruiting season begins? If so, Career Services will be sponsoring Mock Interview Day on March 12. This program is open to all students and alumni who want some practice and feedback to get ready to land internships, Co-Ops, summer jobs or full time employment. Mock interviews will be conducted by local employers.

Each student may sign up in JasonQuest for a 1-hour slot. Interviews will consist of behavioral type questions, feedback from the recruiter, and then debrief with a career coach.

To be eligible to participate in this program, you must:

1. Create or update your JasonQuest account and upload a resume.
2. Attend an interviewing workshop in person (March 6 12-1:30pm in Commons Room 272) or by scheduling a one on one appointment with a career coach by calling 474-2254. You may also watch the Interviewing workshop online [http://www.uwf.edu/career/cs\\_studentAlum/videos.cfm](http://www.uwf.edu/career/cs_studentAlum/videos.cfm) and submit the Interviewing quiz after viewing.
3. Sign up for an Interviewing slot for the "mock" job that matches your career interest or schedules marked ALL MAJORS in JasonQuest.

### **Deadline to register for mock interviews is**

Wednesday, March 5. If you have questions or problems signing up, please contact Career Services at 850-474-2254.

### **Attention: Graduate Students!**

The Delores A. Auzenne Fellowship application period is until April 7, 2008. This fellowship is designed to encourage minority students to pursue graduate degrees in areas where they are historically underrepresented. The fellowship provides a stipend in the amount of

\$5,000 (\$2,500 for fall and \$2,500 for spring) to each recipient for one academic year of full-time study in selected disciplines. To find out more information, please go to <http://uwf.edu/graduate> or contact the Office of Graduate Studies at (850) 473-7715.

Need help converting your thesis or dissertation to PDF format? The Office of Graduate Studies will host a workshop on Friday, March 14 from 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm in building 37, room 118 on the Pensacola campus. Space is limited. RSVP to Helen Richards at 850-473-7717, or [hrichard@uwf.edu](mailto:hrichard@uwf.edu).

### **The Emerald Coast Student Psychological Association**

is hosting their 2nd Annual Parent University on Friday, March 28th and Saturday, March 29th in the Auditorium at the OWC-UWF Joint Campus in Fort Walton Beach. Event speakers are UWF professors and local clinicians discussing topics regarding childhood and adolescent development and other family issues. The workshops are open to students, parents, grandparents, guardians, members of the armed forces and their families, teachers, childcare providers, and foster parents to name a few. This is a wonderful opportunity to brush up on your skills, or learn new techniques. All workshops are free!

Friday registration - Auditorium, Bldg. 8, OWC-UWF Joint Campus, FWB, 4:00 to 4:45 pm

Friday workshops: Auditorium

"Let's Talk about S-E-X." Dr. S. Matthews. 5:15-6:30 pm

"Tipping the Scales: Work/Life Effectiveness." Dr. L. Koppes. 6:45-8:00 pm

Saturday registration - Auditorium, Bldg. 8, OWC-UWF Joint Campus, FWB, 8:00 to 8:45 am.

Saturday workshops: Auditorium

"Why Aren't You More Like Me?" Dr. J. Keller. 9:15-10:30 am

"Dads Are Parents Too!" Rev. T. Sharron. 10:45-noon

"Ughhh, I Got My Report Card!" Dr. D. Dodendorf. 1:30-2:45 pm

"Draw The Line On Boundaries." Ms. V. Peterson, LMHC. 3:00-4:15 pm

For more information, please email Carlise Downie at [ccd7@students.uwf.edu](mailto:ccd7@students.uwf.edu)

### **UWF Emerald Coast Library**

To accommodate the growing need for study areas in the Library, extra space has been assigned for that purpose on the first floor and on the second floor.

Two recent postings on the UWF Libraries' Web log "Books and Bytes" (at <https://library.uwf.edu>) have particular relevance to ECC students and faculty. Check it out.

### **Criminal Justice & Legal Studies Awards**

The Department of Criminal Justice and Legal Studies at will hold its' third annual Student Honors Award Ceremony and Banquet on Friday, March 7 at the UWF Commons Auditorium in Pensacola. The following Fort Walton Beach and Chipola students will be honored for academic and service accomplishments:

Natasha Taylor, Lydia Olson, Kathryn Haywood, Jessica Hasty, Ted Mursch, Mallori McLain, Sherry McGinley, Sofia Olds, Elisa Tino, Tabitha Lewis, and Tanasha Brown. Congratulations!

### **Military Corner**

#### **Military History Lecture March 20**

Mr. G. Michael Harmon will speak at the UWF Emerald Coast FWB Campus Auditorium, March at 5:30 pm. Mr. G. Michael Harmon, a former Alaska public television producer as well as a reporter and editor for The Associated Press in Texas, Louisiana, Florida and Alaska, who wrote, produced and directed the WSRE documentary "Khaki Coast: How the Panhandle Helped Win World War II." Mr. Harmon served in the U. S. Marine Corps and is a graduate of the University of Houston. **The title of Mr. Harmon's lecture is, "It was my country, too: How African-American GIs had to combat racism in the Florida Panhandle to earn the right fight and die in World War II."** This event is free and open to the public.

#### **Tuition and Fee Waiver for Combat Decorations**

On June 20, 2006, Senate Bill 122 was signed into law passing legislation to amend Florida Statute 1009.26. Florida Statute 1009.26 became effective on July 1, 2006 which provides a waiver of fees and tuition to recipients of the Purple Heart or other combat decorations superior in precedence. This waiver applies to all recipients that enroll in a Florida public community college or state university. To be eligible, students must be admitted to a full-time, part-time or summer-school student in an undergraduate program of study leading to a degree or certificate and be a Florida resident at the time of the military action that resulted in the appropriate combat decoration. The combat decorations that would qualify students for the provisions of this waiver are the Purple Heart, Bronze Star (with "V" device), Distinguished Flying Cross, Legion of Merit (with "V" device), Silver Star, Air Force Cross, Navy Cross, Distinguished Service Cross and the Medal of Honor.

### **Special Events**

#### **Small Business Development Center Workshops**

**Starting a Business**—March 4, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm, FWB Campus, Building 1, Room 126. Fee is \$25. This is a general workshop covering many aspects of starting a business including legal structures, taxation, financing and insurance.

**Brown Bag Luncheon: Health Insurance Realities**—March 14, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm at the SBDC office located at 922 Mar Walt Drive Suite 203. No Fee. This workshop will be presented by McMahon Hadder Insurance Inc. and will cover health insurance options for entrepreneurs.

**Basics for Selling on Ebay**—March 25, 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm, FWB Campus, Building 1, Room 126. Fee is \$60 (includes book). Learn how to avoid costly mistakes as a new Ebay seller.

SBDC programs are free to currently enrolled UWF students and UWF employees. For details, or to register, call the University of West Florida Small Business Development Center 850-833-9400.

## In Our Community

### Academic Advising in Crestview

Latrece Gulley, UWF Academic Advisor, will be in the Crestview Area Chamber office on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm. She will be happy to set up an appointment to discuss your degree program and offer information on how to achieve your professional goals.

To get started on your dream, please call Latrece at 850-863-6569 or email at [lgulley@uwf.edu](mailto:lgulley@uwf.edu).

### Compass Bank Supports Scholarship Fund

Gretchen VanValkenburg, Associate Director of Development presented a Nautilus Society Plaque to David Braithwaite, president of Compass Bank in recognition of their recent gift to the W.E. Combs Scholarship Fund. Nautilus Society recognition is given to donors who make gifts of \$1,000 or more on an annual basis to the UWF Foundation.



### Gretchen VanValkenburg with David Braithwaite

For more information about gifts to UWF, please contact Gretchen VanValkenburg at 850-863-0755

### Volunteer for Spring Science Explosion

On Saturday 12 April 2008, the Junior League of the Emerald Coast will host its Spring Science Explosion at the Fort Walton Beach Landing from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. The purpose of this event is to foster interest in

science and technology of elementary age student. The educational exhibits themes are: Anatomy, Biology, Space, Military, Health, and Safety. Hands-on activities will be available to encourage further understanding. Other fun activities to include face painting, moon walk, etc... To volunteer contact [arliggett@hotmail.com](mailto:arliggett@hotmail.com)

### Volunteer for Fort Walton Beach Oyster Gardening!

The City of Fort Walton Beach received a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to create an oyster reef at Sound Park as well as start an Oyster Gardening program. Oyster gardening is growing oysters in specialized cages in the Choctawhatchee Bay and surrounding waters.

What is required to be a volunteer?

- Attend spring workshop (**April 26, 2008**)
- Weekly monitoring & maintenance of growing oysters
- Waterfront homes or businesses
- Homes with docks are preferred, but not required

If you are interested in volunteering please contact the Program Manager: Joy Brown, (850) 833-9616, [jbrown@fwb.org](mailto:jbrown@fwb.org)

### Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration: April 18

A promotional poster for the 4th Annual Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration. The poster has a yellow background. At the top, it says "trees are terrific inside and out!" in large, bold, green letters. Below that, it says "4th Annual Earth Day/Arbor Day Celebration" in smaller green text. To the right of the text is a photograph of a young woman with long brown hair, wearing a green headband with leaves, and holding a large green tree. Below the text, there are several lines of information: "Who: You are invited... and bring the family!", "What: Environmental education, music, art", "When: Friday, April 18, 2008 from 11 am to 8 pm", "Where: Fort Walton Landing", and "Why: To learn more about how we can all make a difference taking care of our planet." At the bottom left, it says "Brought to you in partnership by..." followed by the logos for the University of West Florida and the Emerald Coast. At the bottom right, there is a circular logo for the Fort Walton Beach Landing. At the very bottom, it says "To participate as an exhibitor, vendor, sponsor or entertainer contact Sam Wilson at 850.833.9932."

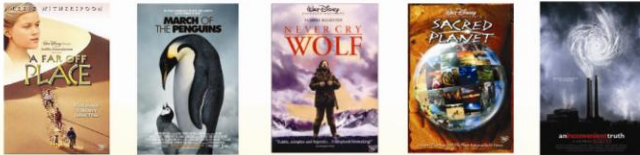
**The Center for Lifelong Learning, Inc.** is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing quality adult educational classes for fun and knowledge at an affordable price. All our teachers and Board of Directors are non-paid volunteers. We are very appreciative of their time, talents and expertise. We are always on the lookout for new class ideas and teachers. If you have an area of expertise that you would like to share, we would like to talk to you! Please contact the CLL office at 850-863-6548. We will begin new classes in September.

## Earth Day Film Festival

The UWF Pace Symposium presents its first

# Earth Day International Film Festival

Saturday, April 19 • 10:00am – 10:00pm



### Featured Films

- 10:00am • A Far off Place** Walt Disney Pictures
- 12:30pm • March of the Penguins** Warner Independent Pictures
- 3:00pm • Never Cry Wolf** Walt Disney Pictures
- 5:30pm • Sacred Planet** Walt Disney Pictures
- 7:00pm • An Inconvenient Truth** Paramount Vantage

**OWC/UWF Fort Walton Beach Campus Auditorium, Building 8**  
Free and open to students, faculty, staff, alumni, and the community.

For more information contact 850.863.6565

### Support Relay for Life

The UWF Emerald Coast Criminal Justice Student Organization (CJSO) will be participating in its third Relay for Life this year. They will be joining the Shalimar Relay on March 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. Last year the CJSO raised over \$500 in support of the American Cancer Society.

Relay for Life is an overnight event that brings our community together to help support the American Cancer Society and its lifesaving mission to eliminate cancer as a major health problem. The Society works hard every day to prevent cancer and save lives by supporting groundbreaking research, affecting public policies that protect us from cancer, and educating people on how to prevent or detect cancer early. The Society helps people with cancer right here in our own community. And our efforts at Relay for Life can help the American Cancer Society keep working toward a cancer-free future.

We are inviting you to show your support in the ongoing fight against cancer by joining us for this year's event. For more information, contact Dr. Kathy Johnson at [kjohnson@uwf.edu](mailto:kjohnson@uwf.edu) or visit the team page for UWF-Criminal Justice:

[http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RelayForLifeFloridaDivision?team\\_id=202628&pg=team&f](http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RelayForLifeFloridaDivision?team_id=202628&pg=team&f)

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### Panhandle Job Fair: April 24

put yourself in a better  
**POSITION.**

## SPRING 2008 PANHANDLE JOB FAIR

Thursday April 24<sup>th</sup>

10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Northwest Florida Fairgrounds  
1958 Lewis Turner Blvd.  
Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32547

This job fair will have employers from **across the U.S.** with jobs in **numerous** fields including:

- mechanical
- engineering
- technical
- law enforcement
- medical
- aerospace
- clerical
- sales
- telecommunications
- information technology
- hospitality
- and many more

Sponsored by the Panhandle Job Fair Foundation, Inc. to include Florida Employer Advisory Council in conjunction with JobsPlus, Huriburt Field, Eglin and Tyndall Airman & Family Readiness, Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce, Escarosa Career Center, Society for Human Resource Management - Emerald Coast Chapter, University of West Florida - Emerald Coast, Qantum Communications and Northwest Florida Daily News.



For interested employers  
Register online at: [www.panhandlejobfair.com](http://www.panhandlejobfair.com)

### Did You Know . . .

#### Summer 2008 Study Abroad Opportunities

The Office of Diversity and International Education and Programs announces opportunities for Summer Study Abroad. Summer experiences offer a chance to study for a shorter term and for less money than traditional semester-long programs. Students have the opportunity to earn UWF credit while studying in another country and experiencing a new culture. Applicants for Study Abroad Programs must have a minimum 2.5 GPA (some programs require a higher GPA). Information about UWF Summer Study Abroad options is available online at <http://uwf.edu/intered/studyabroad/>. Deadlines quickly approaching!

#### Continuing Education Opportunities

##### “Managing Projects, People and Business” Courses

These courses are offered online and run February 20 through May 21. Each course lasts three weeks. Tuition for each course is \$99.

“Project Management Applications” teaches tricks of the project management trade from an experienced project manager.

“Total Quality Fundamentals” reveals the basics of total quality management.

“Six Sigma: Total Quality Applications” teaches participants to apply the elements and methods of Six Sigma to achieve the highest possible quality.

“Purchasing Fundamentals” shows participants how to improve a company’s bottom line by mastering the fundamentals of purchasing.

“Purchasing Applications” shows participants how to be an effective member of a company by learning to apply advanced purchasing concepts.

“Managing Customer Service” teaches how to become indispensable to any organization by understanding how to identify and meet customer needs.

For more information or to enroll, contact the UWF Division of Continuing Education at (850) 474-2914 or visit <http://ContinuingEd.uwf.edu>

### **Science Ed-Ventures Courses for Science Educators**

Science Ed-Ventures workshops will enable educators to show students how to connect and apply science concepts through hands-on demonstrations and content to create an enriching learning environment for students.

“Fig-Out this Newton” helps educators learn fun and exciting experiments that will help students see the “big picture” of motion and an easier understanding of Newton’s three laws of motion. The course will be held April 19. The cost of the course is \$30.

“Message from Space: Let’s Talk” helps educators revolve lessons around earth and space by learning about the universe. Educators learn how to safely create a powered rocket that students then can replicate, as well as lesson plans and activities to implement in the classroom. The course will be held May 3. The cost of the course is \$30.

“Life’s a Beach” explores critters in and on the sand, the sand itself and what’s in the water of the beach of Santa Rosa Island. Leave with specimens for the classroom as well as many lesson plans and ideas to teach about the beach and the Gulf of Mexico. The course will be held May 17 at Pensacola Beach Elementary School. The cost of the course is \$35.

For more information or to enroll, contact the UWF Division of Continuing Education at (850) 474-2914 or visit <http://ContinuingEd.uwf.edu>

### **Maritime Education Courses**

These courses, taught by the United States Power Squadron, will be offered in Pensacola and Fort Walton Beach. The cost for these courses is \$40 per person per course and includes the materials needed for each course.

“Crew Overboard” teaches family members and friends what to do and how to operate the boat in case of any emergencies. “Man overboard!” is not the only emergency that can occur on a boat, but it may be the most dreaded. This guide is crucial for anyone who may have to take over operation of a vessel in an emergency. There will be two sessions of this course starting March 15 and ending March 22. Course times are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Fort Walton Beach.

“Boat Handling Under Power” gives the basics of power, rudder and wind, and current affects on a vessel. The course will be held March 18 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Pensacola.

“On-board Weather Forecasting” explains weather systems, how to understand clouds and their changes, using wind direction, temperature and pressure to hone in on emerging weather fronts. This course includes Canadian Power and Sail Squadron’s “Fundamentals of Weather” and weatherproof Captain’s Quick Guide “On Board Weather Forecasting.” The course will be held March 25 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Pensacola.

“Hurricanes and Boats” seminar was prepared with the Gulf Coast in the forefront based on Hurricanes Katrina and Ivan. Shortcomings, pitfalls and recommendations to help overcome the storm effects in all potentially impacted areas are in this seminar. The course will be held March 29 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Fort Walton Beach.

“Boating Security” provides simple ideas and procedures to secure and protect boats and equipment. Within the seminar are concepts for deterring ‘snatch and run’ thieves. The course will be held April 5 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Fort Walton Beach.

“How to Use a Chart” introduces the novice to the nautical chart and to what the various colors, symbols and numbers mean. While not a coastal piloting course, it introduces the student to an understanding of using a chart to plot present position and how the chart is used to a route. This course includes Maptech waterproof publication “Chart Symbols & On-the-Water Guide.” There will be two sessions of this course starting April 15 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in Pensacola and May 24 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Fort Walton Beach.

“Knots for Mariners” will provide essentials focusing on the “Knots, Bends and Hitches” guide which gives how-to instructions for bowlines, sheet bends and more. A knot board is included as a hands-on practice aid. The course will be held May 3 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Fort Walton Beach.

“Sail Trim and Rig Tuning” gives insight into how sails function and how and when to adjust for varying wind conditions. The course will be held Saturday, May 10 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Fort Walton Beach.

“Heavy Weather Sailing” is based on the experience of long-term, deep-water sailors and provides tips to improve individual sailing skill. This seminar assists in the area of new knowledge to identify potential serious situations before onset and increased danger for the near and off shore sailor. The course will be held May 17 from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Fort Walton Beach.

For more information or to enroll, contact the UWF Division of Continuing Education at (850) 474-2914 or visit <http://ContinuingEd.uwf.edu>

### **Information Technology (IT) Academy**

Course Offerings: March 2008-May 2008

*The University of West Florida's IT Academy provides high demand certification opportunities. The coursework aids career changers as well as existing IT professionals looking to advance their careers.*

- **CCNA Certification:** 10-week, 80-hour online course; starts monthly; tuition \$1,995
- **Linux+/LPI Level One Certification Training:** 25-week, 300-hour online course; starts monthly; tuition \$2,895; Loaner laptops available
- **Microsoft Certified Systems Administrator MCSA:** 16-week, 270-hour certification course; offered online or in-class (Ft Walton Beach and Pensacola); 12 academic credits per semester; tuition \$4,500; Loaner laptops available
- **Web Database Developer:** 19-week, 200-hour online course; starts monthly; tuition \$3,895; Loaner laptops available
- **Microsoft Certified Database Administrator (MCDBA):** 25-week, 460-hour online course; starts monthly; tuition \$4,500; Loaner laptops available
- **Forensic Computer Examiner:** 15-week, 150-hour online course; starts monthly; tuition \$4,695; Loaner laptops available
- **ASP.net:** 25-week, 300-hour online course; starts monthly; tuition \$3,995; Loaner laptops available

For more information, or to enroll, contact the UWF Division of Continuing Education at (850) 474-2914 or visit <http://ContinuingEd.uwf.edu>

### **Grant Writing and Nonprofit Management Courses**

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“Creating Your Own Nonprofit” shows participants how to take a nonprofit business from vision to reality. Learn steps from Industry veteran on how to create a successful nonprofit business.

“Introduction to Nonprofit Management” develops the skills and strategies you need to become an integral part of one of America’s fastest growing service sectors.

“Marketing Your Nonprofit” helps further the ideals and goals of your nonprofit by learning to compete more effectively for members, media attention, donors, clients, and volunteers.

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