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DEAR ALUMNI & FRIENDS:

It has been my honor and privilege to serve as President of the University of West Florida for the past six months. I have enjoyed seeing many of you throughout the community, and it is wonderful to see firsthand the pride that you have for UWF. Thank you for your support, commitment and generosity to the University of West Florida.

Because of friends like you, the *Creating Great Futures* Fundraising Campaign recently exceeded \$35 million, which you'll read about more in this issue. This is a true milestone for the University of West Florida and reflects the deep commitment that UWF's alumni and friends have for their university.

While we celebrate the success of UWF's fundraising campaign, we must continue our focus on raising funds for need-based endowed scholarships and first-generation scholarships as part of the Johnson Scholarship Foundation Challenge. Additionally, we must continue our focus on fundraising for the development

of the Vice Admiral John H. Fetterman State of Florida Maritime Museum and Research Center.

The State University System of Florida's budget has been reduced \$364 million over the past two years. This equates to a \$7.7 million or 9.3 percent reduction at the University of West Florida. Your support is needed more than ever in order for UWF to continue providing a quality education for our students. Indeed, investing in the University of West Florida is an investment in the future of our community and our region.

Thank you again for your commitment to the University of West Florida.

Sincerely,

Judith A. Bense, Ph.D., President





University of West Florida supporters celebrate reaching a milestone in the *Creating Great Futures* Fundraising Campaign.

\$35 MILLION AND COUNTING

Last September, the University of West Florida publicly launched its largest ever comprehensive fundraising campaign, *Creating Great Futures*, and announced its goal to raise \$35 million by Dec. 31, 2010. Thanks to the generosity of UWF’s alumni and friends, that goal has been surpassed. As of Feb. 1, 2009, nearly \$37 million has been committed to help support scholarships, facilities and programs.

“This tremendous support illustrates that our community values the benefits that a university education offers,” said UWF President Judy Bense.

Last year, 38 percent of UWF faculty and staff contributed to the campaign.

“The fact that UWF’s own faculty and staff support this campaign is testament that it is a worthy endeavor,” said UWF Foundation Board President Dave Cleveland. “In fact, a UWF professor contributed one of the largest campaign gifts, which will support merit-based scholarships for College of Business students.”

UWF will continue to raise funds for university priorities.

CAMPAIGN IMPACT TO DATE

JULY 1, 2004 – FEBRUARY 1, 2009

GIFT COMMITMENTS OF \$100,000 OR GREATER	45
GIFT COMMITMENTS OF \$1 MILLION OR GREATER	6
NEW ENDOWMENT FUNDS IN UWF FOUNDATION	33
ANTICIPATED STATE MATCHING FUNDS	\$8.7 MILLION
CAMPAIGN DONORS	14,409



AMPHITHEATER NAMED AFTER RANDALL K. AND MARTHA A. HUNTER

With great passion for the community and the University of West Florida, Randall K. “Skip” and Martha Ann Hunter gifted \$1 million to the University of West Florida Foundation to support the construction of an amphitheater at the Vince Whibbs Community Maritime Park and to support the development of the Vice Admiral John H. Fetterman State of Florida Maritime Museum and Research Center.

community service and philanthropic support. Skip is involved in the Boy Scouts of America Gulf Coast Council and Martha Ann serves as a board member for the Pensacola Symphony Orchestra and United Cerebral Palsy of Northwest Florida. Both are also involved in United Way of Escambia County. When asked why they felt compelled to give back, they almost didn’t understand the question—giving back is a way of life for the Hunters.

“THE AMPHITHEATER WILL BE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE UNIVERSITY’S PRESENCE AT THE COMMUNITY MARITIME PARK AND WILL ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN PENSACOLA AND THE REGION.”

K.C. Clark — Chair, UWF Board of Trustees

Now, the amphitheater will forever be referred to as the “Randall K. and Martha A. Hunter Amphitheater.”

“Naming the amphitheater in honor of the Hunters was the board’s way of expressing its thanks for their tremendous generosity,” said K.C. Clark, chair of the UWF Board of Trustees.

When matched through the State of Florida’s Alec P. Courtelis program, the Hunter’s gift will result in approximately \$1.2 million in funds earmarked for the amphitheater and approximately \$800,000 designated for the maritime museum. The gift, along with the state match, will fund the entire cost of construction for the amphitheater. The amphitheater will be built in the initial phase of the Community Maritime Park and will be operated as a UWF facility.

The Hunters are well known in Pensacola for their

“Martha Ann and I are happy to partner with UWF for this great project that will benefit the community,” said Skip Hunter.

Architectural design services for the amphitheater have been donated by Bullock Tice Associates of Pensacola. The firm has been working with Kyle Marrero, director of the UWF Center for Fine and Performing Arts and chair of the Music Department, and other community arts organizations over the months to develop a program and design for the amphitheater. Music aficionados, the Hunters are excited to hear the Pensacola Symphony and UWF musicians perform in the amphitheater.

“We, in the arts producing community, are excited about the future performance possibilities the amphitheatre will provide,” said Marrero. The Hunter’s generosity and vision for this project is greatly appreciated and will enhance the cultural environment of downtown Pensacola.”



MARIANNA AIRMOTIVE CORPORATION SUPPORTS UWF UNMANNED TEAMS

Marianna Airmotive Corporation has provided a substantial gift, as well as in-kind donations, to support the UWF Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) Team and the Autonomous Water Vehicle Systems (AUV) Team. This support will provide resources to upgrade equipment for the airplane and submarine entries for use in national competitions. To learn more, visit robotics.ece.uwf.edu.

“JUST PLANE CRAZY”

UWF HOSTS 2ND ANNUAL EMERALD COAST BEST ROBOTICS COMPETITION

The second annual Emerald Coast BEST Robotics Competition in 2008, themed “Just Plane Crazy,” hosted 22 robotics teams from middle and high schools across Northwest Florida. Each student team had six weeks to design and build a remote-controlled robot to solve a problem or perform a specific function.

The mission of BEST, Inc., is to inspire middle and high school students to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering and math through participation in a sports-like robotics competition each fall.

Gulf Power has provided \$25,000 over the last two years to support and maintain the Emerald Coast BEST Robotics hub at UWF. They also provided countless hours in volunteer manpower to the events.

Participating students and schools pay no fees and hub operations are funded by corporate and individual sponsorships. Sponsors for the 2008 competition included: UWF, UWF National Alumni Association, Armstrong World Industries, AT&T, Florida Institute for Human and Machine Cognition, Gulf Power, Marianna Airmotive and S.E.R.F.

To learn more, visit uwf.edu/ece/EmeraldCoastBEST/.



(Above) Katerina Pugh, a '07 alumna who studied computer and electrical engineering at UWF, attributes much of her success to having received scholarship support. While attending UWF, Katerina was a team leader for the UAV Team, president of the Society of Women Engineers, and served as an engineering mentor.



(Right to left) Bill Weber, Emerald Coast BEST Hub Director accepts a \$10,000 gift for the 2008 BEST Robotics Competition from Ray E. Dubuque, '72 alumnus and Area Director for Legislative and External Affairs – AT&T Florida. Also pictured is Dr. Leo ter Haar, Director of UWF School of Science and Engineering.



CREATING GREAT FUTURES FOR UWF STUDENTS

Last year, Aimee Rowell served as a student representative for UWF's *Creating Great Futures* Fundraising Campaign. At the time, she was a senior nursing student preparing for graduation. Thankful for the wonderful support of scholarships, she shared her gratitude with more than 300 UWF supporters at the *Creating Great Futures* Campaign Kickoff event.

Fifteen months later, Aimee (now Dinwoodie) addressed an audience at UWF's *Creating Great Futures* Campaign Celebration, now as a proud alumna and registered nurse.

"I would like to take a moment to thank all of you for your generous investment in my future. Today, I am able to provide comfort to patients facing life's tough times, offer encouragement to those at the end of their ropes and rejoice with those who find out that everything is going to be just fine."

Poised and humbled, Aimee continued, "So, I want all of you to look in the mirror tonight before you go to bed and see what I see. I want you to see someone that has invested not only in the life of a nursing student, but in the lives of each and every person she takes care of."

Aimee plans to pursue a Master of Science in Nursing degree. She is one of many UWF students whose lives have been forever touched by charitable support.

UWF is Creating Great Futures—
Want to help? Visit uwf.edu/greatfutures.



“UWF HAS GIVEN ME
THE KNOWLEDGE AND
OPPORTUNITY TO
FOLLOW MY HEART
AND PURSUE MY
DREAMS.”

Aimee (Rowell) Dinwoodie

With a sincere love and passion for people and their well-being, Aimee is living her dream as a registered nurse.

Thousands of students have received an extraordinary education at UWF and many of these students attribute a part of their success to the generosity of individuals who believed in the power of education. To exemplify this impact, the *Great Futures* newsletter will feature a UWF student in each issue who has experienced the benefits of private giving. Each featured student will be correlated to a featured campaign priority.



- 1 Shana Watley, a Pensacola native and senior enrolled in UWF's Clinical Laboratory Sciences program, is looking forward to becoming a clinical lab scientist. "Clinical Laboratory Sciences truly is about helping the patients," said Shana. "Through the program, I am gaining experience that will catapult my future career."
- 2 UWF nursing student Saheed Akinwale Lateef expects to graduate in Spring 2010. From Nigeria, Saheed is grateful for the many opportunities UWF has afforded him.



FEATURED PRIORITY: HEALTH CARE

With the support of the health care industry, UWF has responded to regional needs as the first four-year BSN students graduated in 2005. Currently, the Florida State Board of Nursing allots 40 slots to the UWF nursing program and in 2008 there were 126 applicants for these slots. The need for additional well qualified nurses in Northwest Florida is clear. In October 2008, The Florida Center for Nursing estimated 764 vacancies for full-time and part-time registered nurses in their Northwest Florida Status Report on Nursing, Supply, Demand, and Education.

UWF seeks to double its capacity in the BSN nursing program and establish a master's degree program in nursing. This expansion will require additional nursing faculty and new program space. Future health care in the region will be further enhanced by partnerships to offer doctoral degrees in key allied health areas on the UWF campus.

FUNDING PRIORITIES:

- Three additional nursing faculty positions supported by private gifts.
- Endowed scholarship support for 20 nursing students.
- Funding to construct phase one of a new Allied Health Building to house new master's and doctoral programs.

IMPACT OF SUPPORT... by 2010

- On-Line BSN to master's degree programs in nursing (MSN) are offered to address needs in nursing administration and nursing education.
- On-Line RN to MSN offered to address needs in nursing administration and nursing education.
- Students will be enrolled at UWF in cooperative doctoral programs in critical allied health areas.

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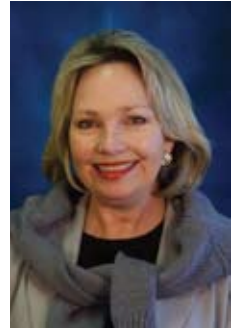
UWF SUPPORTERS HONORED AT NATIONAL PHILANTHROPY DAY AWARDS CEREMONY



Buzz Ritchie, Master of Ceremonies and Lisa Piotter, Administrative Assistant for Public Affairs, Gulf Power.

Gulf Power and Nancy Fetterman have at least two things in common—the ability to light up a room and a strong commitment to UWF. Over the past 21 years, Gulf Power Corporation and its foundation have donated more than \$700,000 to a variety of programs and scholarships at UWF.

Nancy Fetterman, a UWF alumna, has dedicated hundreds of hours of service to UWF, serving as a Board of Trustees member and Honorary Chair of the Vice Admiral John H. Fetterman State of Florida Maritime Museum and Research Center. Instrumental in garnering support for the museum, Nancy is honoring her late husband's dreams of engaging the public in maritime history and research.



In recognition of their service, Gulf Power received the 2008 Outstanding Charitable Corporation award and Nancy Fetterman was named UWF's "Heart of Gold" at the National Philanthropy Day Awards Ceremony held by West Florida Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

"It is a delight for the University of West Florida to recognize the generous support of Nancy Fetterman as well as Gulf Power Company, its foundation and employees," said UWF Vice President for University Advancement Dean Van Galen.

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