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ABOUT THE COVER The evolving nautilus shell featured on the cover was provided by Sea3D.
Spring is here—and with it, a period of renewal and reinvigoration for the University of West Florida. As we enter our next era, we celebrate the stories that have shaped our institution and those that will move us forward.

In this issue of Connection, you’ll meet some of our distinguished alumni, like Stephen Struck, a senior research chemist at Eglin Air Force Base who has dedicated his career to keeping our country safe. You’ll also learn about donors like attorney Fred Levin, who chose to give now rather than later so he can witness the impact of his contributions.

Every student, alumnus and donor make our University what it is today. The same goes for our faculty and staff, who continue to innovate and keep UWF at the forefront of technology and industry.

In this issue, discover our new Sea3D Additive Manufacturing Laboratory. Located in downtown Pensacola, the facility brings additive manufacturing to our region with 12 3-D printers, creating everything from sea turtle tags to U.S. Navy helmets.

Back in the classroom, our top scholars are leaving a mark on UWF and blazing new paths for their careers. You’ll learn how our scholarships are allowing each scholar to earn a competitive degree and become a future leader who will change the world.

Thank you for your commitment to UWF and its future. We look forward to connecting with you in every issue of this magazine—or at an upcoming event.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Martha D. Saunders  
President, University of West Florida
Letter from the Vice President

GREETINGS ALUMNI AND FRIENDS,

Together, we are embracing innovation and forging new horizons as the University of West Florida confidently enters into the next 50 years and beyond.

Our 50th Anniversary capital campaign raised more than $64.7 million with the help of nearly 20,000 donors. The support and generosity of our community and alumni were central to this historic success.

The launch of our Innovation Network is propelling Northwest Florida forward. In this issue, you will learn more about the recent launch of our Sea3D Additive Manufacturing Lab, which is just one example of what is possible.

You will also learn about gifts that are transforming our University. A donation by Fred Levin, attorney and Pensacola community advocate, has created the UWF President’s Club at Timeless Tanglewood, which will serve as a lab for our global hospitality students. In addition, the vision and generosity of an anonymous donor is assisting students in their pursuit of the American dream.

President Martha D. Saunders is leading us on a path to greatness. Your continued support and commitment is essential to our success. Thank you for all you do in helping to move UWF forward.

Sincerely,

Howard J. Reddy
Vice President
University Advancement

NSA partners with UWF to accelerate cybersecurity degree completion and workforce development

UWF and the National Security Agency partnered to enhance cybersecurity workforce development and create accelerated pathways toward completion of an undergraduate cybersecurity degree program. The agreement allows active military who complete the Joint Cyber Analysis Course to earn undergraduate credit hours at UWF. The six-month JCAC course trains individuals with limited computer experience and makes them proficient in cyber analysis.

AST
Agency for State Technology

Cybersecurity partnership with Florida AST to improve state’s cybersecurity

The UWF Center for Cybersecurity partnered with the Florida Agency for State Technology to provide cutting-edge cybersecurity education and training for state agency personnel and position Florida as a leader in cybersecurity resiliency and workforce development. The program integrates unique and innovative features and provides hands-on training and educational courses using face-to-face, online and remote delivery to prepare state personnel to detect and protect against emerging cyber threats and attacks. The program provides competency-based certifications to prepare state personnel for core cybersecurity work roles.
News & Notes
BY COLTON CURRIER ’18

Recent news from the University of West Florida

Dance Marathon raises more than $60,000, breaks fundraising record
UWF students raised $60,890.59 at the sixth annual UWF Dance Marathon, exceeding the goal of $55,000 and surpassing the previous year’s record of $43,748.18.

More than 500 students stood and danced to raise funds. The annual event is held in support of Children’s Miracle Network Hospitals, a nonprofit organization that raises funds for pediatric hospitals, medical research and community awareness of children's health issues. All proceeds from the 12-hour event at the UWF Commons Conference Center were donated to the Studer Family Children’s Hospital, a Children’s Miracle Network Hospital at Sacred Heart Hospital in Pensacola.

College virtual assistant launches, becoming first in Florida
UWF launched the first college virtual assistant in the state of Florida to provide resources to admitted students. The virtual assistant, Argie, named after UWF’s mascot, engages admitted students in two-way conversation through text messaging to support them on the path to enrollment success. Developed by Boston-based edtech company AdmitHub, Argie guides students through key enrollment processes, connects them to on-campus counselors and acts as a 24/7 resource to answer questions about UWF, student life, campus services, financial aid, housing and more.
Board of Trustees welcomes new members

The UWF Board of Trustees welcomed two new trustees, Jill Singer ‘84, ’85 and Alonzie Scott III ‘80, ’82, following their appointments by Florida Gov. Rick Scott. Singer serves as the vice president of national security for AT&T Public Sector. Scott serves as the program manager for the Naval Surface Warfare Center in the Enterprise Talent Management Office in Philadelphia where he also serves as the senior executive advisor to the technical director. Both new members’ terms began Feb. 9, with Singer appointed to serve through Jan. 6, 2021 and Scott through Jan. 6, 2023.

UWF ranked No. 5 in Victory Media’s 2018 Military Friendly® Schools Top 10 list

UWF ranks fifth in the nation on Victory Media’s 2018 Military Friendly Schools list for the large public schools category. This was the 10th year that UWF has been named a Military Friendly® school.

UWF forms Office of Military Engagement, appoints president’s military liaison

As part of its continuing support and dedication to serving the military, UWF formed a new Office of Military Engagement. UWF President Martha D. Saunders named retired U.S. Navy Capt. Chris Middleton as the president’s military liaison, serving as the primary point of contact between her office and military and defense organizations. Middleton is charged with strengthening relationships with Florida’s defense industry, developing a strategic plan for the Office of Military Engagement and planning and executing University-sponsored military outreach events.

Jill Singer ‘84, ’85

Alonzie Scott III ‘80, ’82

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**UWF breaks ground on state-of-the-art teaching laboratory facility**

The UWF Hal Marcus College of Science and Engineering broke ground on a Laboratory Sciences Annex, which will be connected to the Life Sciences Laboratory on the Pensacola campus to provide additional space for classroom and wet research lab needs. The $26.26 million, state-of-the-art facility, comprising 52,790 gross square feet, is being designed by local architecture firm, Caldwell Associates, and Perkins+Will, a global firm with a specialty in higher education science and technology. It will house 12 new teaching facilities for the University’s growing biology and chemistry programs, providing space for a steadily increasing number of students.

**Consumer Credit Counseling Service of West Florida Inc. gifts $1.5 million to establish financial literacy center**

UWF received a $1.5 million gift from Consumer Credit Counseling Service of West Florida, Inc. to establish the Center for Financial Literacy at the UWF College of Business. The gift allowed UWF to create a $1 million endowment that will generate $40,000 annually to underwrite programs and services in support of the Center for Financial Literacy’s mission to enhance the financial literacy of the citizens of Northwest Florida. The additional $500,000 will support programming benefitting community organizations with specific projects to improve financial literacy.

For more UWF news, visit [news.uwf.edu](http://news.uwf.edu).
The very first collegiate sports trophy the Argonauts ever won was, quite fittingly, for sailing. Located on the Gulf Coast, the University of West Florida enjoys beautiful grounds and temperate weather, ideal for sporting year-round.

The UWF athletics program began modestly in 1967, with just four intercollegiate sports: golf, tennis and basketball for men, along with co-recreational sailing. As the University has grown, so has the program, now boasting 15 teams.

In 1993, the UWF softball team won the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics national championship, marking the first team national championship in athletics history.

One year later, the University transitioned to full membership in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II and the Gulf South Conference. The Argos have since dominated the conference with nine national championships and 94 conference championships, among others.

The growth of athletics has enhanced student life, increased University exposure, earned alumni and community support and provided a more vibrant campus experience. It also has made an economic impact, both on campus and in the community.

UWF Intercollegiate Athletics focuses on promoting academic and athletic success, student-athlete welfare and community engagement. Dave Scott ’88, athletic director, and his team continuously work to improve facilities and grow resources to promote the program and the University.

“Our tag line is ’Building Champions for Life,’” Scott said. “We strive to develop our student-athletes to become good members of society and to be successful in their chosen field.”

Scott himself has grown with the University. As an alumnus, he had the opportunity to
return to the University in 1994. After 18 years in recreation, he transitioned to athletics.

Scott believes a strong athletics program creates a bond between current students, alumni and the community in support of the University. It strengthens the University brand and creates an added value to distinctive academic programs.

“A lot of times when we go to our conferences, people talk about athletics as the front porch to the University,” Scott said. “Even though UWF is 50 years old and we’ve been in the community a while, athletics helps create a better awareness.”

The 2016-17 athletic season was arguably the most successful in school history. The season was a fitting celebration of the University’s 50th Anniversary, Scott noted.

During the season, 11 Argonaut teams participated in NCAA post-season play, with five teams advancing to the elite eight or final four of their respective sport, including men’s golf, softball, women’s basketball, women’s soccer and men’s tennis.

The men’s tennis team captured the 2017 NCAA Division II Men’s Tennis National Championship, the fourth national championship win in program history. The team’s four titles are now tied for fourth-most in DII men’s tennis. It was the University’s ninth national championship.

“Earning our fourth national championship provides a winning culture for our players and lets them know they are among the elite,” said Derrick Racine, head coach of the men’s tennis team. “It serves as a reminder that they’re playing for something bigger than themselves, and gives us hard-earned recognition both nationally and internationally. It also establishes a good tradition.

DERRICK RACINE,
Men’s Tennis Head Coach

STEVE FELL,
Men’s Golf Head Coach
Anything that your team accomplishes instills a sense of pride and camaraderie that you just wouldn’t get without being part of an athletics program.

—Celine Coleman, Sophomore, Swimming and Diving
A few short years ago, UWF football was only a dream. Years before Head Coach Pete Shinnick was hired and the first football players were recruited, Scott and former president Dr. Judy Bense held the vision to lay the foundation for the program. There were funds to be raised and facilities to be built before the team could embark on its inaugural season in 2016.

The UWF football team debuted in 2016 as the 15th intercollegiate program and won five games—the most by a first-year Division II program in a decade. The team averaged more than 6,000 fans and sold out three of its home games at Blue Wahoos Stadium in downtown Pensacola.

Fast forward to the second season in 2017, and the Argonauts finished with an 11–4 record and advanced to the NCAA Division II National Championship Game, making national history by becoming the fastest program to go from a startup program to reach the Division II title game. Despite Texas A&M-Commerce winning the title, the Argonauts won the support of fans across the nation, who rallied together to cheer on the team during its exciting rise to the top.

After returning home to the University, the team continued to receive an outpouring of support from fans and the Pensacola community. The Pensacola Grand Mardi Gras Parade welcomed the football team, along with Shinnick and UWF President Martha D. Saunders, as the 2018 grand marshal.

In addition to earning community support and accolades, Shinnick was nationally recognized by being named Division II Coach of the Year by the American Football Coaches Association.

Although he’s certainly not complaining, Shinnick isn’t here solely to win trophies. “Our No. 1 goal is to help each player become a better husband, father, employer or employee,” Shinnick said. “‘Arete’ is the Greek word for excellence. We want to bring excellence to every aspect of our program and University.”

As Shinnick and his team prepare for a third season to return stronger than ever, the mission of “Arete” continues in the lives of his players.

For senior finance major Antoine Griffin, one of the original nine members of the football team, the student-athlete experience has defined his time at UWF. “I feel football has made UWF a much more exciting University to want to attend, especially with the success we had last year,” Griffin said. “The amount of support and love that went around throughout our playoff run was like nothing I’ve felt before. Everyone at UWF stuck together as a family, as if they were part of the team, too.”
A Lifelong Legacy

Fred Levin supports higher education with two decades of charitable contributions

BY GABI GARRETT ’14

LEFT: Levin and a few partners in the late 1960s. David Levin (top middle), Reubin Askew (top right), and Fred Levin (bottom left).

RIGHT: Levin (bottom right) with his parents and brothers in 1950.
For more than 20 years, Fred Levin, a celebrated attorney, Pensacola community advocate and longtime supporter of the University of West Florida, has donated generously to create on-campus expansions and new opportunities for students.

The largest living donor in the University’s 50-year history, Levin made his first gift to UWF in honor of his father, Abe. Today, the endowed professorship is worth more than $400,000.

In addition to educational endeavors, Levin recognizes the value of supporting University athletics. As a member of the UWF Football Founders, he has been an advocate of the program since it launched in 2016. In 2017, Levin gifted $100,000 to UWF football.

“It’s amazing to see all of the things the athletic program at the University has accomplished,” Levin said. “It astounds me to realize the number of national championships UWF has collected over the past few years, and now there is football on campus as well. So many people now have awareness of the University because of the success of the programs.”

Later in the same year, Levin donated $550,000 to establish the Reubin O’D. Askew Institute for Multidisciplinary Studies, in honor of the former Florida governor and the man he considers a mentor.

“Askew was my law partner and dear friend, probably the most fine human being I’ve ever met,” Levin said. “I choose to donate items in his name to honor him for his contribution to Florida as one of our most celebrated governors, who I feel deserves to be recognized in his hometown.”

The Institute will further the University’s leadership in STEAM initiatives—combined applications of science, technology, engineering, art and math. It will serve to create a hub for students and faculty to work on innovative community projects, better preparing graduates for today’s ever-changing workforce.

Most recently in January 2018, Levin gifted his multi-million dollar waterfront home and estate to the University. The donation included much of the renovated home’s contents, including works of art and collectibles, totaling more than $88 million. The property is now known as the UWF President’s Club at Timeless Tanglewood.

Levin believes the institution’s educational value and growing economic impact allow UWF to be competitive with other universities.

“This is a fine University to have a degree from. UWF rivals any ‘big name’ Southern school. I believe when I see it on a resume, it holds the same weight as any Division I school.”

Now a youthful 81 years old, Levin acknowledges that giving has enhanced his life, and he urges others to enjoy a lifelong legacy of supporting higher education.

“I say once you’ve taken care of your family financially, don’t wait to make charitable contributions until you’ve passed,” Levin said. “Do it while you’re living, so you can enjoy it.”
The American dream is an ideal so ingrained in the U.S. culture and belief system that few likely give it much thought. Many hope to achieve it, but for some, financial, cultural and social obstacles put it out of reach. Imagine coming to a new, unfamiliar country as a child. To make ends meet, your father works seven days a week as a mechanic and your mother works nights making shirts after a long day in the factory. For immigrants and refugees, the American dream embodies a palpable spirit of hope, freedom and opportunity. It is this spirit that inspired the generosity of an anonymous donor to establish the American Dream Scholarship endowment at the University of West Florida. The American Dream Scholarship is a need-based scholarship with preference given to immigrants and refugees as they build a foundation for their future through education.

American Dream Scholarship recipient and first-generation Asian-American Andy Phu emigrated with his family from Vietnam at seven years old. The early days were difficult. He recalled staying up late with his brother, sewing shirts on a machine purchased by family friends to help his mother fulfill large orders. He said they “had to do what they could.”

His parents worked tirelessly to provide for the family. They encouraged Andy and his brother to work hard to achieve academic success, casting a vision for a future that included an education.

“My dad always told us to make sure we stay in school and get good grades so we could have a bright future,” Phu said. “He always made sure that we knew our end goal and how far we can reach.”

Inspired by his father’s counsel, Phu graduated as valedictorian from West Florida High School with a 5.0 GPA. After choosing to continue his education at UWF, he has continued to work hard for academic suc-
cess and recently earned a coveted co-op in Houston with chemical processing company, Ascend Performance Materials.

He believes that being selected for the co-op also demonstrates the depth of the engineering programs at UWF, which offer real-world experience, such as the Enterprise Program course that pairs mechanical engineering students with companies to create real products.

Phu said this hands-on approach to engineering will continue to benefit UWF students.

“The engineering program is really growing, and I hope to be able to say that when I graduate that I’m part of something that is greater than before I started,” Phu said.

When reflecting on the opportunity the American Dream Scholarship has afforded him, Phu said he was reminded of a quote by author James Truslow Adams, speaking of the American dream, “Life should be better and richer and fuller for everyone, with opportunity for each according to ability or achievement.”

Phu said he feels a responsibility to repay the opportunities that have been given to him by giving back to the community and improving it whenever he is able to.

“It’s a great opportunity for me and others like me who want to build a foundation for a better life for ourselves and our families,” Phu said. “It works two ways—it helps students achieve more and use this opportunity to move on to bigger and better things. It will also inspire others to donate to help students.”

Phu plans to become a UWF donor and help others achieve their American dream. That is the real heart of the American Dream, isn’t it?

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1. Phu, sitting in his grandfather’s lap, rides a boat with his family.
2. Phu poses with his brother for a photo near a pond at his grandparents’ house.
3. Phu prepares to graduate from West Florida High School.
4. Phu stands next a wind tunnel, used to test the aerodynamic design of solid objects placed in the center while air moves across it.
5. As a fifth grade student, Phu receives two President’s Award for Educational Excellence and a trophy for his test score in language arts.
From sea turtles to helmets for the U.S. Navy, UWF’s new 3-D printing lab brings additive manufacturing to downtown Pensacola

BY JENNY PEDRAZA
When the Deepwater Horizon oil spill happened in 2010, the Kemp’s ridley species of sea turtle was starting to migrate through the Gulf of Mexico to nesting beaches in Texas and Mexico. What happened to these turtles? Will the population ever rebound? The short answer is, we don’t know.

Enter UWF assistant professors Dr. Susan Piacenza, biology, and Dr. Joseph Piacenza, mechanical engineering. Working as an interdisciplinary team, they are on a mission to design a better satellite tag to help monitor sea turtles in the ocean.

“There is this huge lag between what we do for conservation and being able to monitor if it worked,” said Susan Piacenza. “We have to sit and wait for 30 years to see if a cohort grows up to reproduce on a nesting beach. It’s such a narrow view of an entire population. We need a more refined picture of where turtles are going in the ocean and what habitats they’re using so we can better protect them.”

About the size of a deck of cards, the typical satellite tag has a four-inch antenna and is essentially glued on to a turtle’s shell. Tags come off easily, can possibly restrict growth and have the potential to create drag, hindering normal turtle behavior. If a tag remains intact, the best-case scenario is the battery lasts about a year. At a price of up to $4,000, tags can be a large investment for a limited opportunity to collect data.

This is where UWF’s new Sea3D Additive Manufacturing Laboratory comes in. Located inside the Museum of Commerce in Historic Pensacola, Sea3D opened in January and provides 3-D printing resources for both the University and Northwest Florida community.

3-D printers can turn digital models into three-dimensional objects made of a wide variety of materials, including plastics and ceramics. The printers use computer control to lay down thin layers of a material. Layers are added on top of each other and fused to form a solid object.

The Piacenzas plan to scan preserved sea turtles and print 3-D replicas to use in wind tunnels that will mimic drag in water. They have partnered with satellite tag manufacturers and the sea turtle research community to find ways to improve tags by looking at hydrodynamic drag, adhesion methods and battery life.
The sea turtle project illustrates just one example of how Sea3D’s 12 3-D printers are being utilized.

A team of researchers from UWF, the Naval Aerospace Medical Institute and the Florida Institute for Human and Machine Cognition are exploring the use of wearable, biometric sensors to monitor the health of U.S. Navy aviators during flight.

“We believe the best placement for these sensors is in the flight helmet,” said Dallas Snider, associate professor of information technology and computer science. “Sea3D allows us to scan and print replicas of the helmets and devices and experiment with sensor placement and integration.”

Sea3D’s very first customer was somewhat unexpected.

“We thought the first people to use this resource would be engineers or perhaps artists, but it was actually a private architectural firm, and they had us print a large building,” said Nicole Gislason, director of the Office of Workforce and Industrial Innovation. “Our second customer was IHMC, and we printed robot parts. Their team has since come back for extended use of the printers for robotics projects and also to create a modular artificial reef.”

The lab’s collection of printers, unlike anything that’s available to the public in the Southeast U.S., includes a carbon fiber printer; six large-format MakerBot printers; a Mojo printer that prints two types of plastic; and four resin printers that print medical grade items.

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“Sea3D is like a start-up within a public university, and it’s exciting to watch it unfold.”

—Nicole Gislason, director of the Office of Workforce and Industrial Innovation
Sea3D accommodates UWF students and faculty from academic disciplines including engineering, art, industrial and organizational psychology, business and healthcare. It also provides a space for business leaders and community members to collaborate with students, as well as putting real-world science on display for the thousands of local K-12 students who visit the Museum of Commerce each year.

“Sea3D is a hub for multidisciplinary research, invention and discovery in the high-demand field of additive manufacturing,” Gislason said. “It’s like a start-up within a public university, and it’s exciting to watch it unfold.”

Funded by an appropriation of $351,000 from the Florida Legislature and championed by Rep. Frank White, the lab’s opening marks the official launch of the UWF Innovation Network, which connects physical campus destinations along the Gulf Coast of Northwest Florida for innovation, collaboration, research and engaged learning to prepare students for the changing world and workforce of tomorrow.

Through a collaboration with FloridaMakes, a statewide, industry-led partnership that works to strengthen Florida’s high-wage manufacturing sector, Sea3D is well-positioned to foster connections within the state’s manufacturing industry.

“UWF will launch students into occupations and careers in areas that promote economic recovery, diversification and enhancement,” said UWF President Martha D. Saunders. “We’re building multidisciplinary innovative knowledge clusters focused on high-demand programs of emphasis.”

The knowledge clusters that make up UWF’s Innovation Network will include living and learning environments, disciplinary labs, K-12 outreach, research labs, internships, industry partners, projects with impact and leading experts.

“Education is the answer to almost every important question facing our region,” Saunders said. “We are creating a pipeline of talent development, and students in these programs will enter, and perhaps create, high-wage jobs that greatly impact the economy.”

Christopher Borthwick, a senior studio art major from Fort Walton Beach, works as a Sea3D innovation ambassador, a term coined for the student lab technicians. He was originally interested in working at the
lab because of his background in sculpture. Borthwick’s senior exit show featured a piece he created taking 3-D printed artifacts and welding them together.

“My goal was to go into digital art and new media practices, using 3-D scanning technology to scan my sculptures and scale them down,” Borthwick said. “But I found I’ve acquired this new skillset. Every day is like a crash course into this new equipment.”

On any given day in the lab, Borthwick works alongside his fellow innovation ambassadors lab techs, professors and researchers from the University and larger business community.

Much of the work revolves around problem solving with clients to help them ensure their jobs print correctly. Borthwick trains on new equipment, helps with the post-processing of projects and maintains the printers (even spending four hours one day taking a printer apart to install a new sensor). Sea3D has also allowed him to pursue certification in SolidWorks, a 3-D CAD, computer-aided design, engineering software.

“I’ve been doing a little research, and these skills are in demand. The jobs are popping up all over the place,” Borthwick said. “It’s been a very entrepreneurial experience working here. We teach ourselves to problem solve, tackle issues as a team and fill in the gaps. New media artists are collaborating with engineers, biologists, scientists and architects. It’s what we will encounter in the workplace—different people and skill sets, approaching things with an openness to learn.”

—Christopher Borthwick, studio art major

To learn more, visit uwf.edu/sea3D.
Top Scholars* Thrive at UWF

Awarded with major scholarships, high-performing students shine

BY ASHLEY KAHN SALLEY

One visit to the University of West Florida, and you could understand why a scholar would choose to study here. The beautiful campus is only the beginning. UWF attracts high-performing students from across the country with its expansive course offerings, engaging research opportunities and immersive student life.

“Our scholarship packages are reflective of UWF’s commitment to being a spirited community of learners launching the next big thinkers that will change the world,” said Dr. Joffery Gaymon, vice president for enrollment and student affairs. “Top-performing students will find financial support for diving right into research, participating in a study abroad or being mentored by faculty committed to helping students take risks and think big.”

In Fall 2017, the University awarded nine students with scholarships valued at more than $50,000 each.

Why did you choose UWF?
The first thing that caught my eye was the incredible marine biology program. UWF’s proximity to the Gulf of Mexico makes it a perfect school to conduct marine research, and students have the opportunity to gain hands-on experience.

How has your scholarship changed your life?
UWF was my top choice among all the colleges I considered, but I would not have been able to afford attending the University if not for financial aid I’ve received. Now that I’m here, I’ve had several research opportunities come my way that have helped me a great deal in professional development.

Cara Womacks
National Merit Finalist

“It’s amazing that one scholarship has opened so many doors for me.”

Out of more than 1.6 million high school juniors who entered the 2017 National Merit Scholarship Competition, Cara Womacks met the requirements for a finalist standing, among only 1,500 other students across the U.S. A marine biology major, she is currently performing research on the biodiversity and geographical distribution of crabs in artificial reefs off the coast of Pensacola.
“Every single professor I’ve had has been willing to bend over backward to help me out. It really means a lot, especially in classes where the material is tough.”

William Philips was selected as a Pace Presidential Scholar through a one-day competition where incoming freshmen compete for UWF’s top scholarship awards. Majoring in biomedical sciences, Philips hopes to graduate among the top of his class before attending medical school and becoming a doctor.

“UWF has already offered multiple travel-abroad and research opportunities, which is so rare for undergraduate students, that I plan to take advantage of next year.”

Aleigh Rowe received one of UWF’s top scholarships as a John C. Pace, Jr. Honors Scholar. As a Kugelman honors student majoring in marine biology, Rowe said many of the classes she has taken have been beneficial in her search for an internship, allowing her to rise above the competition.

What did it mean to you to receive the Pace Presidential Award?

Honestly, it means to the world to me. Receiving this scholarship means that I don’t have to worry nearly as much about finances, and instead, I can focus on academics as well as other things I like to do.

What is one thing you didn’t know about UWF before coming here?

I did not realize how good our football team is and that the sports culture and spirit at our school is thriving.

What does your award mean to you?

Receiving the award was probably the best moment of my life, because it meant that I could graduate without debt, afford graduate school and, most importantly, my little sister would have enough money to go to college.

What opportunities has UWF provided you as a Top Scholar?

Through this scholarship, I was able to connect with a research mentor, who I now conduct research with every week. I plan to start volunteering in hospitals soon, and I know my connections at UWF will help me to get a foot in the door.
Engineering student with certification in Sustainable Energy seeking mentor and boss to shift paradigms.

THE RIGHT CANDIDATE IS CLOSER THAN YOU THINK.

Kelly isn’t afraid to put herself out there and challenge old methods. As the Operational Leader for the moving-line start-up at GE Renewable Energy, she helped lead her team to win a “Best of the Best” Award from GE in the category of Transforming the Way We Work. Kelly is ready. Are you ready for her?

Higher level graduates. Higher level candidates. Hire UWF.

*ACTUAL STUDENT*
Letter from the National Alumni Association Board President

FELLOW ALUMNI,

It’s an exciting time to be a part of the University of West Florida Alumni Association, as we grow in size and with pride. As we close the past half-century at UWF, we look forward to the next 50 years and what the future holds. With more than 80,000 alumni, we continue to look for ways to involve more alumni with the University through events and engagement opportunities.

Our Alumni Association Board welcomed three new members in March: Eric Brammer, Mikia Carter and Roy Oberto. I am thrilled to welcome them to our team.

UWF also held its first Day of Giving on April 19, allowing us to engage alumni everywhere, online. The initiative raised the visibility of the University and gave alumni the opportunity to contribute to their choice of 14 different funds, supporting a UWF cause they were passionate about. We thank everyone who participated for making an immediate and genuine impact on the University. Our goal was to attract 500 unique donors during the campaign, and we surpassed this with more than 900 donors.

Fall will also bring the return of UWF’s football team and another opportunity to spread Argo pride as the team looks to build on its incredible success in 2017. I encourage all UWF alumni to cheer on the Argos at a home game and save the date for the UWF Homecoming game on Saturday, Oct. 13.

Reach out to us to get involved and meet fellow alumni. A new year offers more exciting opportunities for alumni to connect in our city and across the nation.

Go Argos!

Brett A. Barrow ’87
President,
UWF National Alumni Association
Distinguished and Spirited

Alumni and friends recognized for outstanding achievements

BY JENNIE MCKEON ’09

University of West Florida alumni and supporters have brought pride and visibility to the University through their successes and accomplishments in Northwest Florida and beyond. To honor these outstanding individuals impacting their communities and respective fields, UWF hosted the inaugural Spirit of UWF Awards and the annual Alumni Awards during the 2017 Homecoming Week.

The Alumni Awards recognize those who excel in representing the UWF Alumni Association, the University, their respective communities and more than 80,000 UWF alumni worldwide. Those eligible for nomination include UWF alumni, friends, faculty and staff.

Pam Giganti-Bunge ’90 was recognized as one of the distinguished alumni. The former communication arts major is an Emmy-award winning journalist. For 15 years, she led the morning anchor team on WTVJ NBC 6 in Miami and currently hosts “Your South Florida” on South Florida PBS.

Giganti-Bunge said she was “pleasantly surprised” to be nominated for an alumni award. The veteran news anchor credits her success to the education she received at UWF.

“UWF provided an environment conducive to be successful,” she said. “Yes, we are small, but we are special. I am a testament to the education I got there.”

As an alumna, Gigante-Bunge said she’s “proud to be an Argonaut” and never misses a chance to talk about or visit her alma mater.

“It’s a gem in our state,” she said. “I was honored and thrilled to visit and see how
much the University has grown.”

Harrison Peters ’99 was also named a distinguished alumnus. For the past 20 years, he’s worked in education and is currently the Chief of Schools for Hillsborough County Schools in Tampa where he oversees the day-to-day operations of the county’s 240 schools.

As a UWF student, Peters said programs such as CROP, College Reach-Out Program, and the University’s writing lab helped him make the most of his education. He dropped out of UWF as a freshman and enlisted in the U.S. Navy. After he was honorably discharged, he was welcomed back to the University.

“I am thankful that UWF took a chance on me,” he said. “As a career educator, I strive to create the same opportunities for the students I serve, that UWF afforded me.”

At UWF, Peters found the support he needed following a challenging time in his life. It was a humbling experience to come back to the University to be recognized. “It made me proud,” he said. “I am so thankful that UWF saw me not for who I was but who I could be.”

The Spirit of UWF Awards celebrate and strengthen collaborations between the University and the larger communities that UWF serves. Those eligible for nomination include businesses, organizations, agencies and individuals, along with UWF administrators, staff, faculty and students.

Barbara Albrecht ’87 was named a Spirit of UWF Award recipient. She was recognized for public service and education. She serves as the watershed coordinator for the UWF Center for Environmental Diagnostics and Bioremediation as well as director of the Panhandle Watershed Alliance.

Albrecht said it was a “wonderful feeling” to be named among the Spirit of UWF award winners. Her collaboration with the University goes back to her days as a student. “I had some wonderful professors at UWF and kept connected with their research through my work in research at Sabine Island and later at the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry,” she said. “I’m building bridges with many groups whom I’ve worked with in my past, whom I’ve developed long-term relationships with and care deeply about their mission, culture and trust.”

Currently, Albrecht is working to introduce landscape conservation projects to the region and community. Her approach is to “cross-pollinate the community and UWF.” “The University has some amazing new educators and programs,” she said. “These relationships with other groups and connecting-the-dots through community projects are the key to keeping UWF in the forefront as a resource in the community.”

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What inspired you to dedicate your career to Eglin Air Force Base?

After graduating from the University, I was lucky enough to be able to choose between four job offers. I chose Eglin because I saw great potential. As I started doing more and more work that made safer weapons, I felt committed. People will have accidents when working with munitions, but my team minimizes collateral damage. This work saves lives and allows the Air Force to continue to work safely on any mission.

What did your award mean to you?

My career achievement award was especially meaningful because it was given on the peer level. I've had a chance to work alongside world-class researchers and engineers, so much of my success goes to the strong people I choose to work with. A popular expression is, “If you love what you do, you never have to work a day in your life.” I can confidently say this is true for me.

Why would you recommend UWF to potential students?

The University manages to maintain a small community feel with the combination of opportunities that a big university can give you. With the addition of our athletics expansion, it truly is the best of both worlds. I credit UWF, and my involvement in Greek life and the Student Government Association, for helping me push past my comfort zone and meet a variety of people, which has helped me advance in my career. When it came time to volunteer for committees or lead new projects, I was the first one to raise my hand and dive in. Because of that, I encourage other students to become involved with organizations on campus and experience more than just the great academic offerings at UWF.
Tell us about your organization.
Kasie Helpz Kidz is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that I started in 2008. I was a two-time childhood cancer survivor, therefore I wanted to give back and turn a negative experience into a positive one. My organization raises money to help cover medical bills and travel expenses for pediatric cancer patients. We’ve helped over 8,000 children nationwide.

How did you decide to start a nonprofit?
It started with a donation of 400 teddy bears. When I was in high school, I wrote a letter to a company asking them to do something for children in the hospital. One day, I found a huge box of teddy bears on my porch, and that’s how it began. One of my professors heard about what I was doing. Her students helped with public relations strategy and a logo design, and later, a larger campaign.

What has benefitted you the most from your time at UWF?
All of my public relations and marketing classes have helped me, especially as I travel and speak on behalf of Kasie Helpz Kidz. My professors served as mentors and influenced and encouraged me as I embarked on my career. I also studied abroad in Sweden for seven months. Experiencing and adapting to another country has helped in my full-time job, which is in social media marketing for an international company.

To learn more, visit KHKidz.org.
Smile!

Whether we gather at a golf tournament, recognition dinner, network event or tailgate, our events provide the perfect opportunity to show our appreciation of your continued support. They are also a wonderful chance for you to socialize with fellow alumni, current students, staff, faculty and friends of the University.

Don’t miss out! We continue to add new events to the mix. For a look at upcoming events, visit alumni.uwf.edu.

To view more, visit uwf.edu/snapshots.
Alumni celebrate a football victory at the UWF vs. Florida Tech game.

Rose Castro and Jane Kugelman at the 2017 Donor Dinner and Capital Campaign Closeout Celebration.

Howard Reddy sings to a crowd of attendees at the private event celebrating Fred Levin’s Tanglewood estate gift to the University.

The UWF Department of Theatre receives a $25,000 check from Pensacola comedian James Terryl “T. Bubba” Bechtol in honor of his son Robert Clayton “Carter” Bechtol, who graduated from the program in 1998.

Donors Ashley Pope and Alessa Bastron mingle at the 2017 Donor Dinner and Capital Campaign Closeout Celebration.

UWF administration, faculty, staff and students attend Day at the Capitol in Tallahassee, Florida.
1970s

'74 Kenneth Moore, M.S. Aeronautical Systems; was appointed to a second term on the LeTourneau University Board of Trustees.


'76 Keith Bledsoe, B.A. Music; was inducted into the Florida Vocal Association Hall of Fame.

'77 Frank Lewis, M.S. Aeronautical Systems; was presented with the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award by Marquis Who’s Who. Individuals profiled are selected on the basis of current reference value, including factors such as position, noteworthy accomplishments, visibility and prominence in a field.

'77 Michael Smith, B.A. Accounting; was appointed chief claims officer of Chubb Limited.

'78 Randall Etheridge, B.A. Political Science; joined Noticed®, an invitation-only service for distinguished professionals. Etheridge has been chosen as a Distinguished Lawyer™ based on peer reviews and ratings, dozens of recognitions and accomplishments achieved throughout his career.

'79, ’84 & ’02 Sandra Ames, B.A. English Education, M.Ed., Ed.S.; was selected as the Escambia County School District’s “Outstanding Assistant Principal of the Year.”

'79 Marvin Eichorn, B.A. Accounting; was elected as the 2018 board chair of the Tennessee Hospital Association and has been named the COO for Ballard Health.

1980s

'80 Linda Buck, B.A. Art Education & B.A. Studio Art; was recognized by the American Law Society. The American Law Society’s Board of Directors selectively chooses lawyers who show a history of greatness and consistency.

'84 Stanley Harper, B.A. Communication Arts; was a guest hosted by XO Keith Hoffert on BRX Business Radio X talk show on Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2017.

'84 Stanley Harper, B.A. Communication Arts; assisted in a yearlong project to host the first Florida Japan Aerospace and Aviation Summit.

'84 Kenneth Ford, M.S. Systems Analysis; was inducted into the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame.

'84 & ’87 Elizabeth Walters, B.A. Political Science & M.A. Political Science; was named chair of the Florida Board of Bar Examiners.

'84, ’86 & ’00 Tori Whitfield, B.A. Theatre, M.A. Communication Arts & Ed.D.; addressed students at James Madison University during the College of Arts and Letters Commencement ceremony.

'85 Doug Marshall, B.A. Accounting; was hired as president and CEO by the Presbyterian Home for Children in Talladega, Alabama.

'86 & ’88 Robert Doyle, B.A. Accounting & M.Acc; was appointed to the Treasury Investment Committee.

'87 Kenneth Whitlow, B.S. Management; was named vice president of student affairs and dean of students at Shorter University.

'88 Anthony Dill, B.A. Interdisciplinary Humanities; has retired from the Georgia Army National Guard after more than 30 years of military service in both the active Army and National Guard.

'88 Wanda King, M.S. Health Education; was recognized by Continental Who’s Who among Pinnacle Professionals in the field of government relations.

'89 Janet Pilcher, M.Ed. Educational Leadership; was named Advocate of the Year during the 2018 Pensacola Area Commitment to Excellence, also known as PACE, Awards for the Greater Pensacola Chamber of Commerce.

1990s

'89 & ’92 Susan Sanders, B.A. Elementary Education & M.A. Elementary Education; was selected as the Escambia County School District’s “Outstanding Principal of the Year.”

'90 Greg Caples, B.A. Accounting; was named chief executive officer of Coliseum Northside Hospital.

'90 Vikki Garrett, B.S. Management & MPA; announced her bid for the Florida House of Representatives District 1 open seat.

'90 Cathy Summer, B.A. Elementary Education; received an “Amazing Teacher” award from the Holmes County Times-Advertiser and Washington County News.

'91 Brian Wyer, B.S. Management; was named executive director of the Gulf Coast African American Chamber of Commerce.

'91 Constance Reed, B.S. Teacher Education; was elected to the Dental Assisting National Board, Inc. Board of Directors.

'91 & ’97 Rita Dotson, B.S. Sports Medicine & M.S. Sports Medicine; was honored by the U.S. Tennis Association Florida at Futures Pro-Am. Dotson received the Champion of Tennis award for her unending support of youth. The award is presented to those who have volunteered for USTA Florida and worked hard to promote and develop tennis in the community.

'92 Darlene Dickey, B.A. Criminal Justice; was a speaker at the UWF Careers in Law panel held by the UWF Department of Legal Studies department.

'92 John Clancy, MBA; was named president and CEO of Tristate Veterans Community Alliance.

'93 JT Young, MBA; was selected as president and CEO of Memphis Light, Gas and Water.

'94 Kenneth Everill, MBA; was announced as president for Triple/S Dynamics.

'95 Jennie Kinsey, B.A. Theatre; was a speaker at the UWF Careers in Law panel held by the UWF Department of Legal Studies.

'95 Sean Counihan, B.S. Physical Education; was promoted to U.S. Army Colonel. He currently serves as a joint operational plans officer assigned to the U.S. Africa Command in Stuttgart, Germany.

'95 & ’97 Gerald Johnson, B.A. Accounting & MBA; was announced as Frazier & Deeter audit principal.

'95 & ’00 Yvonne Drake, B.S. Business Administration & MBA; was accepted into the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

'96 Mark Saturno, MBA; was named president of the Esterline Simulation Visual Systems business unit.
"96 Kevin Brown, MBA; was ordained and consecrated as the 11th bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Delaware.

"96 Matthew Boyer, B.S. Leisure Studies; was named director of university recreation at Central Washington University.

"97 Shawnda Grace, B.S. Biology; was named manager of Citizens National Bank’s West Meridian.

"98 Bradley Hull, MBA; was named CFO of Saint Thomas Regional Hospitals.

"99 Edward Sherwood, B.S. Marine Biology; was selected as the next executive director of the Tampa Bay Estuary Program by the group’s policy board.

2000s

"00 Nicole Huffman, B.A. Legal Administration; joined Carr Allison as counsel in the Gulfport, Mississippi office after serving as vice president of litigation for one of the nation’s largest providers of skilled nursing services, headquartered in Florida.

"00 Kristi Davison, B.A. Psychology; adopted a baby boy, Brodie Davison, with husband, Christopher Davison '02, during Mother’s Day weekend in 2017.

"00 Brandon Noel, B.S. Marine Biology; joined the Girls Preparatory School to teach biology and help coach middle school softball.

"00 Suzanne Hollingsworth, B.A. Social Work; was named “Teacher of the Year” at Beulah Elementary School.

"00 James Labar, M.A. Public History; was appointed as housing policy advisor for the state of Oregon.

"01 Stuart Manley, B.S. Health Leisure Exercise Science; played in the Open Championship and shot an opening-round 68 at Royal Birkdale Golf Course in Southport, England.

"01 Jennifer Wakefield, B.A. Communication Arts; was named senior vice president of marketing for the Greater Richmond Partnership.

"02 Debra Brousseau, M.Ed. Educational Leadership; was hired as the director of marketing for LandrumHR.

"05 Kasey Feltner, B.S. Information Technology; joined Smolker, Bartlett, Loeb, Hinds & Sheppard. As a member of the firm’s litigation practice group, Kasey focuses on a broad range of complex, commercial litigation matters.

He is actively involved in preparation for and attendance at trial, evidentiary hearings, motions hearings, mediations and depositions.

"05 & ’07 Brian Jones, B.A. Criminal Justice & M.S. Criminal Justice; was named director of the North Carolina Private Protective Services. Private Protective Services is the agency within the Department of Public Safety that supports the Private Protective Services and Alarms Systems Licensing Boards. The boards are charged with administering the licensing, education and training requirements of the persons, firms, associations and corporations engaged in private protective services and alarms systems professions within North Carolina.

"06 Wendy Wills, B.A. Communication Arts; was named to the Science Park Employees Federal Credit Union Board.

"06 Bethany Snowden, B.S. Marine Biology; participated in Miami University’s Earth Expeditions global field course in Belize. She studied coral reefs, manatees, howler monkeys, jaguars and other wildlife while learning the methods communities are using to sustain them in Belize.

"06 Matthew House, B.A. International Studies; launched a debut book on his misadventures in Europe and Africa. In “Soldier and Spouse and Their Traveling House,” U.S. Army Captain Matthew Alan House whisks the reader through the amusing ways in which he and his wife explored two continents during their off-duty weekends while being stationed abroad.

"06 Keisha Lamothe, B.A. Communication Arts; was named on “More than 70 women of color who should be speaking at marketing conferences” list on thethedrum.com.

"07 Brett McCullough, B.S. Health Leisure Exercise Science; was named as the baseball coach for Pine Forest High School.

"07 Christopher Bryd, B.S. Administration; published first book in August 2017 titled “Book of Action: How to be an action-oriented person to achieve success.”

"07 Whitney Fike, B.A. Communication Arts; was named communications manager at International Paper in Cantonment, Florida.

"07 Stuart Holmes, B.S. Business Administration; was appointed as vice president and chief financial officer at Outokumpu Americas.

2010s

"09, ’12 & ’14 Christopher Satterwhite, B.A. History, M.A. English & M.A. History; was named “Public Citizen of the Year” by the Northwest Florida chapter of the National Association of Social Workers at their 2018 Social Work Celebration Luncheon.

"10 Sarah Maxwell, B.S. Environmental Studies; was named education coordinator of the Trinidad History Museum.

"10 & ’12 Matthew Shull, B.S. Mathematics & M.S. Mathematical Science; was honored at an All Hands ceremony on Nov. 30 as Civilian of the Quarter for the third quarter of 2017.

"11 Brett Bartek, B.S. Interdisciplinary Science; participated in Miami University’s Earth Expeditions global field course in India.

"11 & ’13 Rebekah Bydlak, B.A. Political Science & M.A. Political Science; filed to run for Florida State House’s District 1 seat, becoming the first candidate to enter the race to succeed Rep. Clay Ingram, who is term-limited.

"11 & ’14 Amanda Cullen, B.A. Anthropology & M.A. Anthropology; spoke at the 2017 San Diego Comic-Con about the importance of researching games and impact of games on learning outcomes and inclusive environments.

"12 Nathan Nugent, MPA; was named regional surgeon of Canadian Forces Environmental Medicine Establishment.

"12 Ginny Cranor, B.S. Nursing; was named chief of the Pensacola Fire Department. She is the first female fire chief in the department’s 208-year history.

"12 Leah Courtney, B.A. International Studies; joined Florida TaxWatch as the communications coordinator for Florida politics.

"12 Brian Miller, B.A. History; was named to the Forbes “30 Under 30” list for Law and Policy.

"12 Carlos Tobar, MSA Public Administration; was selected as manager of Baldwin County, Georgia.

"12 & ’14 Carrie Boynton, B.S. Business Administration & M.Acc; was promoted to manager at James Moore & Company, P.L.

"13 Miranda Taylor, B.A. Philosophy; earned a J.D. from Cumberland School of Law and passed the Alabama Bar.
'13 & '16 Phillip Hills, B.A. Criminal Justice & M.S. Criminal Justice; was hired by the Secret Service to be an agent in Seattle, Washington.

'14 Ross Jeske, M.Ed. Educational Leadership; was appointed assistant principal of Spessard Holland Elementary in Polk County, Florida.

'14 Caleb Lovely, B.A. Music Education; secured a $107,700 IMPACT 100 grant for Warrington Middle School's Young, Gifted and Underprivileged as part of the Warrington Arts Development Project.


'16 Marlene Taveras, M.Ed. Educational Leadership; was appointed assistant principal of Wahneta Elementary in Polk County, Florida.

'16 James Redovian, B.S. Sport Management; was added to baseball coaching staff at Tennessee Technological University.

'17 Gabriela Cintron, B.A. Psychology; won first place and $2,500 in an internet song contest. The song is called The Big Five or the Five Factor Theory. The theory itself identifies five essential characteristics that seem to be present in all people and in all cultures. This song is specifically about the five factors of personality, which have the acronym of OCEAN, which stands for “openness, conscientiousness, extraversion, agreeableness and neuroticism.”

In Memoriam

'68 Marcus Bonner, B.S. Industrial Technology

'69 Roger Robuck, B.S. Cell & Molecular General Biology

'70 Kenneth Fillingim, B.S. Systems Science

'70 James Gray, B.S. Management

'70 Michael O'Brien, M.S. Aeronautical Systems

'70 Henry Willett, B.S. Management

'71 Robert Kent, B.S. Marketing

'71 Billy Pounders, B.S. Management

'71 Malcolm Hayles, B.S. Management

'72 Clarence Robert Carr, B.A. Interdisciplinary Humanities

'72 Kendall Roose, B.A. Art Education

'72 Ted Ezell, B.A. Political Science

'72 Marianne Lancaster, B.A. Communication Arts

'73 Diane Calhoun, B.A. Studio Art

'73 Jack Greenway, B.S. Physics

'74 Laurie Fike, B.A. Elementary Education

'74 Lester May, B.S. Marine Biology

'74 Wayne Alford, B.S. Management

'74 & '88 Carolyn Knefely, B.A. Political Science & M.A. History

'74 & '79 Welborn Darden, MBA, B.S. Systems Science & B.A. Accounting

'75 John Hollingshead, B.A. Interdisciplinary Social Science

'76 Alvis Ford, B.S. Technical Vocational Studies

'76 Fonda Robertson, B.A. Elementary Education

'77 James Comerford, B.S. Management

'77 Stephen Belin, B.S. Management

'77 Robert Burgett, B.A. Criminal Justice

'77 Gregory Hector, B.A. Special Education

'77 & '89 Edward Jordan, B.S. Health Education & M.S. Physical Education

'78 Patricia Sullivan, B.S. Physical Education

'78 Richard Johnston, B.A. History

'78 Edmund Armstrong, B.S. Technical Vocational Studies

'79 Bobby Morgan, B.S. Systems Science

'79 Johnny Stacey, B.A. Philosophy

'79 Johnny Bartlett, B.A. Accounting

'79 Verva Bell, B.S. Physical Education

'79 Robert Jackson, MBA

'79 William Moses, B.A. Accounting

'80 Pete Singletary, MBA

'80 & '83 George Geer, B.S. Systems Science & M.S. Systems Analysis

'81 Robert McGuire, B.S. Marine Biology

'81 Marsha Daehler, B.S. Management

'81 John Watson, M.Ed. Educational Leadership

'81 & '85 Stephen Brasher, B.S. Technical Vocational Studies

'83 Sammy Altop, B.S. Technical Vocational Studies

'83 Donna Guzinski, B.A. Accounting

'84 John Sweet, B.A. Theatre

'86 John Kania, B.S. Technical Vocational Studies

'87 Peggy Threatt, B.A. Legal Administration

'87 Larry Rappe, B.A. Social Work

'88 Daragh Reed-Gray, M.Ed.

'88 Todd Padgett, B.S. Management

'88 Nona Lucas, B.S. Management

'89 Marjorie Miller, M.A. Elementary Education

'90 Rae Johnson, B.A. Special Education

'90 Angelia Osterman, B.S. Management

'90 Timothy Lyons, B.A. Accounting

'92 Lisa Lewis, B.A. Legal Administration

'92 Margaret Henkle, MPA

'92 Judith Crabtree, B.S. Nursing

'94 Mark Unrine, B.S. Environmental Resort Management and Planning

'96 Betty Zimmers, M.A. Psychology

'96 Michael Flynt, MPA

'96 Jennifer Hagan, B.A. English

'96 William Smyre, B.A. Psychology

'97 Frances Timmons, B.S. Business Administration

'97 & '99 Susan Myers, Ed.S. & Ed.D.

'99 & '17 Paul Fleischman, B.S. HLES & B.S. Nursing

'01 John Boswell, B.A. Communication Arts

'05 Andrew Mckenzie, B.S. Information Technology

'05 Lauren Dewise, B.A. Education

'06 Trudi Gaines, Ed.D.

'07 David Bailey, B.S. Computer Science

'11 Brittany Wildhaber, B.A. Psychology

'17 Jonathan Rasch, B.S. Electrical Engineering

STUDENTS enjoy a ride on the bike-friendly campus in the 1970s.
The Nautilus is Evolving.

SO ARE WE.

Since the University of West Florida’s founding, the Nautilus Shell has been the institution’s official emblem. Today, the nautilus re-emerges as a reminder to keep striving and pushing for greatness. Its meaning has evolved into an icon that represents the history and soul of our rich and storied past—and a future brimming with possibility and potential. Today, it stands as a symbol of evolution and the power each of us has to impact the community and the world.