UNIVERSITY of WEST FLORIDA

COMMENCEMENT

Sunday, April 24, 2016
UNIVERSITY of WEST FLORIDA

COMMENCEMENT

Sunday, April 24, 2016
COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Sunday, April 24, 2016, 2 p.m.
Pensacola Bay Center — Pensacola, Florida

The Processional*  
UWF Symphonic Band, directed by Rick Glaze

The Posting of the Colors*  
Army ROTC

The National Anthem*  
UWF Singers, directed by Peter Steenblik

Greetings from the Board of Trustees
Lewis Bear, Jr., Chair

Opening Remarks and Introductions
Judith A. Bense, President

Commencement Address
Paul Bowers, Chairman, President & Chief Executive Officer — Georgia Power, Alumnus

Let the River Run
by Carly Simon, arr. by Craig Hella Johnson
Presented by UWF Singers & Pensacola West Percussion Ensemble
Bolton Ellenberg, piano; Marcus Baker, bass
Directed by Peter Steenblik

Presentation of Master's Degree Candidates
John Clune, Associate Vice Provost for Academic Programs

Student Address
Daniel McBurney, SGA President

Presentation of Bachelor's Degree Candidates
College of Business – W. Timothy O'Keefe, Dean
College of Health – Ermalynn Kiehl, Dean
Hal Marcus College of Science & Engineering – Michael Huggins, Dean

Alma Mater**
UWF Singers, directed by Peter Steenblik

The Recessional
UWF Symphonic Band, directed by Rick Glaze
Brendan Kelly, Reader
Jocelyn Evans, Reader

*Please rise for the processional and remain standing until after the National Anthem.

**Audience will rise for the Alma Mater and remain standing until the procession has left the Center.
COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Sunday, April 24, 2016, 5 p.m.
Pensacola Bay Center — Pensacola, Florida

The Processional*
UWF Symphonic Band, directed by Rick Glaze

The Posting of the Colors*
Air Force ROTC

The National Anthem*
UWF Singers, directed by Peter Steenblik

Greetings from the Board of Trustees
Lewis Bear, Jr., Chair

Opening Remarks and Introductions
Judith A. Bense, President

Commencement Address
Paul Bowers, Chairman, President & Chief Executive Officer — Georgia Power, Alumnus

Let the River Run
by Carly Simon, arr. by Craig Hella Johnson
Presented by UWF Singers & Pensacola West Percussion Ensemble
Bolton Ellenberg, piano; Marcus Baker, bass
Directed by Peter Steenblik

Presentation of Doctor of Education Degrees
John Clune, Associate Vice Provost for Academic Programs

Presentation of Specialist’s & Master’s Degree Candidates
John Clune, Associate Vice Provost for Academic Programs

Student Address
Daniel McBurney, SGA President

Presentation of Bachelor’s Degree Candidates
College of Arts, Social Sciences & Humanities – Steven Brown, Dean
College of Education & Professional Studies – William Crawley, Dean

Alma Mater**
UWF Singers, directed by Peter Steenblik

The Recessional
UWF Symphonic Band, directed by Rick Glaze
Brendan Kelly, Reader
Jocelyn Evans, Reader

*Please rise for the processional and remain standing until after the National Anthem.

**Audience will rise for the Alma Mater and remain standing until the procession has left the Center.
Specialist's Degrees
Kym Y. Atwood, Ed.S.
Marsha Barnes, Ed.S.
Andrea Bishop, Ed.S.
Devin M. Blackmar, Ed.S.
Juliane Boretsky, Ed.S.
Nancy Lea Bridier, Ed.S.
Green Roberson, Ed.S.
Marcy C. Churchwell, Ed.S.
Christopher C. Duke, Ed.S.
Daniel de Souza Correia, Ed.S.
Wesley James Dulcette, Ed.S.
Jeffrey Keith Dyess, Ed.S.
Franklin Delmar Edwards Jr., Ed.S.
Paul Anthony Flores, Ed.S.
Paul D. Gibbon, Sr., Ed.D.
Mark Joseph Gough, Ed.S.
Maureen Walton Howard, Ed.S.
Travis W. Huffman, Ed.D.
Clifford K. Judd, Ed.S.
Lathy L. Kempf, Ed.S.
Kam Derek Kingland, Ed.S.
Eric Anthony Kollar, Ed.D.
Maria Cristina da Costa Leite, Ed.D.
Lauren Dibble Leffler, Ed.S.
Lataisha M. McGruder, Ed.S.
Melinda Gay McAdams Dixon, Ed.S.
Rosemarie Herbert Morris, Ed.S.
Charletha D'Lane Powell, Ed.S.
Richard Andrew Robinson II, Ed.S.
Roger Allen Rose, Ed.S.
Patricia Marie Shockey, Ed.D.
Lesley Sommerville Leonard, Ed.S.
Robyn L. Strickland, Ed.S.
Miguel Angel Villanueva Jr., Ed.S.
Lloyd Allen Wade, Ed.S.
John Edward Woods, Ed.S.
Robin Claire Zimmer, Ed.S.

Master's Degrees
Saud Fatima Anis, M.P.H.
Ciara Lynn Bacon, M.Ed.
Stephanie N. Bailey, M.Ed.
Kenneth C. Baker, M.Ed.
Vanessa Barbara Baker, M.Ed.
Patricia Renaud Barlow, M.A.
Donna Rene Barrentine, M.S.
Ashley Nicole Barstow, M.A.
Katlin Lorraine Bass, M.S.W.
Lindsay Marie Bassett, M.S.W.
Anthony Bazalaki, M.P.H.
Sara Jillian Beale, M.P.H.
Rhonda Rhondas Beasley, M.P.H.
William Gary Beasley, M.S.
Kashay Aloe Beek, M.Ed.
Samuel Douglas Beek, M.S.
Nakara Niala Bellevue, M.Ed.

Jennifer Irene Bellairs, M.Ed.
Amandine Pauline Bello, M.A.
Pilar Bendolph, M.S.W.
Jennifer Ann Benincasa, M.P.H.
Jessica Marie Benison, M.Ed.
Gloria Cuevas Binney, M.B.A.
Ashley Lauren Blackwell, M.Ed.
Catherine Marie Blumenreiter, M.Ed.
Kelly Susan Bombrant, M.Ed.
Misty Dawn Bozassco, M.S.
Abigail Walton Bradley, M.Ed.
Morgan Dorothy Bradley, M.B.A.
Andrew Michael Brannham, M.P.H.
James Allen Bray, M.Ed.
Nikki Francesca Brigham, M.P.H.
Sarah Nowadly Brown, M.Ed.
Allison Renea Brown, M.S.W.
Amanda Lynn Brunson, M.S.W.
Kylie Renee Bunn, M.P.H.
Cody Dwayne Byloma, M.Ed.
Camila Elinez Cabral, M.S.
Molly M. Caffelle, M.S.
Tamitha Robinson Humphrey, M.S.W.
James Anthony Cagnina, M.S.
Andrey Mac Carroll, M.A.
Rebecca Lynn Carter, M.Ed.
Reba Juanita Chavis, M.S.W.
Timothy Hyunchen Cho, M.P.H.
A. Ruth Sentell Christie, M.A.
Valerie Noelle Christou, M.Ed.
Khina Dan Chou, M.A.
Tina Anne Marie Churchill, M.S.
Juliana Hope Clark, M.Ed.
Troy Vandicar Clark, M.S.A.
Tiffany Darschelle Clarke, M.S.A.
Emily Taylor Colley-King, M.Ed.
Cherish College-Smith, M.Ed.
Daisy Beth Confusione, M.A.
Nicole Leigh Conway, M.S.
Jayna Michelle Cooper, M.Ed.
Philip Michael Coppola, M.S.
Halle Nicole Corbit, M.P.H.
Katrina Ann Court, M.Ed.
Mariel D. Crawford, M.S.
Jeneice Precious Diane Hall, M.S.
David Alan Hall, M.S.A.
Megan Wall Guidish, M.Ed.
Jennifer Ann Guffey, M.Ed.
Kelly Lynn Grugan, M.Ed.
Richard Timothy Grossart, M.D., M.P.H.
Tara Helene Drangle, M.Ed.
Jonathan Lee Draper, M.B.A.
Chadwick Kenneth Dunn, M.A.
Yana V. Eliseev, M.A.
Heba M. Eltitte, M.S.A.
Laura Michelle Emel, M.A.
Lisa Goeller Entrenkin, M.Ed.
Paul Thomas Estrevin, M.Ed.
Andria Rozelle Estridge, M.A.
Lamar Trinell Estridge, M.A.
Maggie Jewell Eustatius, M.A.
Matthew Gerard Farhat Jr., M.Ed.
Elizabeth Nancy Farsolas, M.B.A.
Jennifer Lyn Fekelman, M.A.
David Joseph Feliciano, M.A.
Erin Christine Fieder, M.Ed.
Surgery Fagrava, M.A.
Jenice Denise Finnie, M.Ed.
Valerie Gisela Fisher, M.S.W.
Sonia Beatriz Flick, M.S.W.
Mariessa Margaret Flood, M.Ed.
Lucy Escamilla Flournah, M.Ed.
Sarah Terrell Fouger Fox, M.Ed.
Michelle A. Frazer, M.Ed.
Cristina Formeta, M.Ed.
David N. Fulton, M.Ed.
Amanda Haley Gayer, M.S.A.
Michelle Renee Gaudette, M.S.
Sherri Lynn Guymore, M.Ed.
Giuliana Gazzabon Schiappa, M.A.
Lauren Frances Gehaiks, M.Ed.
Sharon Irene Geither, M.D.
Benjamin Randall Gibson, M.B.A.
Marguerite Donovan Gilson, M.A.
James T. Gilson, M.D., M.P.H.
Joanne Gilday, M.Ed.
Ian Joshua Gold, M.Ed.
Daniel B. Gomez, M.A.
Vitaly Borisovich Gonschenko, M.S.
Brantley Grafe, M.Ed.
Christopher Devon Graham, M.Ed.
Laurie W. Graham, M.Ed.
Scott Wallace Grand, M.B.A.
Thomas Ashley Green, M.Ed.
Jasmine Francine Greenway, M.S.
Jennifer Casey Gregory, M.A.
Allison Marie Grier, M.A.
Richard Timothy Grossart, M.D., M.P.H.
Kelly Lynn Grugan, M.Ed.
Jennifer Ann Guffey, M.Ed.
Megan Wall Guidish, M.Ed.
David Alan Hall, M.S.A.
Derek Hall, M.Ed.
Jenice Precious Diane Hall, M.S.
**SPRING 2016 DEGREE CANDIDATES**

Avery Erin Spears, B.S.
Samantha Spight, B.S.
Joshua Trevor Spies, R.S.
Gregory T. Strip, B.S.
Brenna D’layn St.Ore, S.
Ryan James Stabile, B.A.
Brittani B. Stansell, B.A.
Monique Celeste Stafford, B.S.
James Michael Stanford, B.S., B.A.
Malika M. Staple, R.S.
Colleen Ellen Starrs, R.S.
Fanny Sara Antonio Starmann, R.S., B.A.
Lindsey Christine Starn, B.A.
Jessica Steele, B.A.
Sam Martin Stein, R.S.E.E., R.S.C.E.
Jake Stephens, R.S.
Megan Paige Stephenson, B.A.
Amanda Incie Stettler, B.S.
Alexander William Stevens, B.S.
Anthony Jay Stevens, R.S.E.E., R.S.C.E.
Deanne Coudier Stevens, R.S.
Jared Cameron Stevenson, B.S.
Rosalyn Yvonne Stevenson, B.S.
Thomas Edward Stombaugh, B.S.
Daniel Nathan Stout, B.S.
Melissa Renee Straughn, B.S., B.A.
Ashley L. Strickland, B.A.
Joanna L. Warner, B.F.A.
Casey Leigh Warner, B.A.
Jared Scott Wark, B.A., B.A.
Laura Lee Ward, B.A.
Carlisa Ward, B.A.
Chelsea Sinkfield, B.A.
Charles Edward Walsingham, B.S.
Janine Enilda Velez Vazquez, B.A., B.A.
Amelia Maria Velasco, B.M.
Landon Conner Townsend, B.A.
Brandon James Tyler, R.S.
Hollie Bree Uoquhart, R.S.
Katherine Macie Yacaro, B.S.
Kelsey Yach, B.S.
Maria-Alexandra Valeriano Bubick, R.S., B.A., R.S.
Katherine Nicole Whilden, B.S.
Nicholas Kyle Warren, B.A.
Melissa Janine Yvonne Vanquz, B.A., R.S.
Bridget Eloise Verardi, R.S.
Antoinette Renee Verime, R.S.
FABE Aubrey Anne Vespa, B.S.N.
Amanda Elizabeth Vetra, B.S.N.
Samantha Eilar Elizabeth Verukin, B.S.
Mark Alan Vain, R.S.E.
Kaitlyn Jane Vicente, B.S.
Justin T. Virtue, B.A.
Jimmy Vuong, B.S.
Melissa Lynn Johnson, B.S.
Kristen Karla Washworth, B.A.
Connor D. Wagner, R.S.
Joshua Wagner, B.S.
Ryan Patrick Wahl, B.A.
Andrew Allian Walden, B.A.
David Edward Waldorf, S.E.E.
Christopher James Waldron, B.A.
Trevor Daniel Walker, B.S.
Charles Edward Walsingham, B.S.
Marla Lynn Wanoski, B.A.
Carlisa Ward, B.A.
James Tyler Ward, B.S.
Lauren Shea Tinsley, R.S.
Tommy Thomas To, B.S.R.A.
Cameron Bromm Tullot, B.S.
Carole Ann Toler, R.S.
Corwin John Toulker, B.S.R.A.
Tereah Leigh Tsouma, R.S.
Ariel Joy Towend, R.S.
Landon Conner Townsend, B.A.
Christian Ah-Tuy Tran, R.S.
Christopher Van Tran, B.S.
Brian Huy Tran, R.S.
Jeff Gordon Tratt, R.S.
Rachel Naomi Trebesch, R.S.
Verna Trinidad-Ferrer, R.S.
Nora Catherine Trotman, B.A., B.A.
Lindsey Elaine Trafto, R.S.B.A.
Reid C. Turner, B.S.
Tyler S. Turner, B.A.
Sarah Anne Tuttett, R.S.
Brandon James Tyler, R.S.
Hollie Bree Uoquhart, R.S.
Katherine Macie Yacaro, B.S.
Kelsey Yach, B.S.
Maria-Alexandra Valeriano Bubick, R.S., B.A., R.S.
Katherine Nicole Whilden, B.S.
Nicholas Kyle Warren, B.A.
Melissa Janine Yvonne Vanquz, B.A., R.S.
Bridget Eloise Verardi, R.S.
Antoinette Renee Verime, R.S.
FABE Aubrey Anne Vespa, B.S.N.
Amanda Elizabeth Vetra, B.S.N.
Samantha Eilar Elizabeth Verukin, B.S.
Mark Alan Vain, R.S.E.
Kaitlyn Jane Vicente, B.S.
Justin T. Virtue, B.A.
Jimmy Vuong, B.S.
Melissa Lynn Johnson, B.S.
Kristen Karla Washworth, B.A.
Connor D. Wagner, R.S.
Joshua Wagner, B.S.
Ryan Patrick Wahl, B.A.
Andrew Allian Walden, B.A.
David Edward Waldorf, S.E.E.
Christopher James Waldron, B.A.
Trevor Daniel Walker, B.S.
Charles Edward Walsingham, B.S.
Marla Lynn Wanoski, B.A.
Carlisa Ward, B.A.
James Tyler Ward, B.S.
Lauren Shea Tinsley, R.S.
Tommy Thomas To, B.S.R.A.
Cameron Bromm Tullot, B.S.
Carole Ann Toler, R.S.
Corwin John Toulker, B.S.R.A.
Tereah Leigh Tsouma, R.S.
Ariel Joy Towend, R.S.
Landon Conner Townsend, B.A.
Christian Ah-Tuy Tran, R.S.
Christopher Van Tran, B.S.
Brian Huy Tran, R.S.
Jeff Gordon Tratt, R.S.
Rachel Naomi Trebesch, R.S.
Verna Trinidad-Ferrer, R.S.
Nora Catherine Trotman, B.A., B.A.
Lindsey Elaine Trafto, R.S.B.A.
Reid C. Turner, B.S.
Tyler S. Turner, B.A.
Sarah Anne Tuttett, R.S.
Brandon James Tyler, R.S.
Hollie Bree Uoquhart, R.S.
Katherine Macie Yacaro, B.S.
Kelsey Yach, B.S.
Maria-Alexandra Valeriano Bubick, R.S., B.A., R.S.
Katherine Nicole Whilden, B.S.
Nicholas Kyle Warren, B.A.
Melissa Janine Yvonne Vanquz, B.A., R.S.
Bridget Eloise Verardi, R.S.
Antoinette Renee Verime, R.S.
FABE Aubrey Anne Vespa, B.S.N.
Amanda Elizabeth Vetra, B.S.N.
Samantha Eilar Elizabeth Verukin, B.S.
Mark Alan Vain, R.S.E.
Kaitlyn Jane Vicente, B.S.
Justin T. Virtue, B.A.
Jimmy Vuong, B.S.
Melissa Lynn Johnson, B.S.
Kristen Karla Washworth, B.A.
Connor D. Wagner, R.S.
Joshua Wagner, B.S.
Ryan Patrick Wahl, B.A.
Andrew Allian Walden, B.A.
David Edward Waldorf, S.E.E.
Christopher James Waldron, B.A.
Trevor Daniel Walker, B.S.
Charles Edward Walsingham, B.S.
Marla Lynn Wanoski, B.A.
Carlisa Ward, B.A.
James Tyler Ward, B.S.
Lauren Shea Tinsley, R.S.
Tommy Thomas To, B.S.R.A.
Cameron Bromm Tullot, B.S.
Carole Ann Toler, R.S.
Corwin John Toulker, B.S.R.A.
Tereah Leigh Tsouma, R.S.
Ariel Joy Towend, R.S.
Landon Conner Townsend, B.A.
Christian Ah-Tuy Tran, R.S.
Christopher Van Tran, B.S.
Brian Huy Tran, R.S.
Jeff Gordon Tratt, R.S.
Rachel Naomi Trebesch, R.S.
Verna Trinidad-Ferrer, R.S.
Nora Catherine Trotman, B.A., B.A.
Lindsey Elaine Trafto, R.S.B.A.
Reid C. Turner, B.S.
Tyler S. Turner, B.A.
Sarah Anne Tuttett, R.S.
Brandon James Tyler, R.S.
Hollie Bree Uoquhart, R.S.
Katherine Macie Yacaro, B.S.
Kelsey Yach, B.S.
Maria-Alexandra Valeriano Bubick, R.S., B.A., R.S.
Katherine Nicole Whilden, B.S.
Nicholas Kyle Warren, B.A.
Melissa Janine Yvonne Vanquz, B.A., R.S.
Bridget Eloise Verardi, R.S.
Antoinette Renee Verime, R.S.
FABE Aubrey Anne Vespa, B.S.N.
Amanda Elizabeth Vetra, B.S.N.
Samantha Eilar Elizabeth Verukin, B.S.
Mark Alan Vain, R.S.E.
Kaitlyn Jane Vicente, B.S.
Justin T. Virtue, B.A.
Jimmy Vuong, B.S.
Melissa Lynn Johnson, B.S.
Kristen Karla Washworth, B.A.
Connor D. Wagner, R.S.
Joshua Wagner, B.S.
Ryan Patrick Wahl, B.A.
Andrew Allian Walden, B.A.
David Edward Waldorf, S.E.E.
Christopher James Waldron, B.A.
Trevor Daniel Walker, B.S.
Charles Edward Walsingham, B.S.
Marla Lynn Wanoski, B.A.
Carlisa Ward, B.A.
James Tyler Ward, B.S.
Lauren Shea Tinsley, R.S.
Tommy Thomas To, B.S.R.A.
Cameron Bromm Tullot, B.S.
SUMMER 2016 DEGREE CANDIDATES

Nicholas James McLellan, B.A.
Sam Davis McLeod, B.S.
Robin Tyler Medearis, B.A.
Yanisa Montour, B.S.
Gertrude Olivia Moore, B.A.
Willy Scott Mortand, B.S.E.E.
Hannah Nicole Morrison, B.A.
Laura Mae Nelson, B.S.
Chrissy Ann Nieren, B.A.
Deborah Hildreth Nimitz, B.A.
Keanna Lynn Nimphaimanatham, B.S. **
Jess Alexander O’Leary, B.A.
Stephanie Katriyn O’Quinn, B.S.
Jordan Marie Owens, B.A., B.A.
Aubrey Noel Padgett, B.S.
Christopher Shad Padgett, B.S.
Tiffany DeLeigh Parker, B.A.
Chelsea Ann Parris, B.S.B.A.
Jerrod Lebaron Patterson, B.F.A.
Meaghan Makala Paul, B.S.
Amanda Lynn Paulk, B.S.
Alexandra Elizabeth Pearson, B.A.
Andrea Ivette Perez, B.A.
Emily Maegan Pettigrew, B.S.
Michael Dane Piro, B.A.
Sean M. Plunkett, B.S.
Amanda Jordan Post, B.A.
Bridget Catherine Frenzell, B.S. **
Matthew Aaron Ramirez, B.S.B.A.
Shannon L. Ramsdell, B.S.
Bryan Michael Rans, B.S.B.A.
Samantha Ann Hay, B.S.B.A.
Kendall Troy Register, B.M.
Shawn Richardson, B.S.B.A.
Catalina Dawn Richter, B.S.
Breanna Starr Riddell, B.A. *
Colby Howard Rigby, B.S.
Allison Starlene Robins-NeSmith, B.S.
Tisha Crystal Robinson, B.A.
Frederick Martin Rock III, B.S.
Farrah Payton Rodriguez, B.S.
Amelia Jordan Rolin, B.S.
Candy Lynn Roosa, B.A.
Isabella Rosario, B.A.
Emily Fay Ryles, B.A.
 Chloe Nicole Saunders, B.S.
Lauren Irene Sauveur, B.A.
Savannah Kate Sharpe, B.S.
Treyeese Jai Shield, B.A.
Hunter-Lynne Silco, B.A.
Sydney Marie Singlety, B.S.
Jenna Renee Skeel, B.S.
Jacob Matthew Slupeski, B.A.
Kenietra-Simone Smalls, B.S.W.
Moseray Dugha Smart, B.S.B.A.
Brian David Smith, B.A.
Stephanie D Smith, B.S.
Jonathan Michael Snyder, B.S.
Elizabeth Shea Steele, B.A.
Chandler Andrea Stephano, B.A.
Shelley Stitham, B.S.B.A. ▲
Dylan Jeffrey Stovall, B.A.
Jennifer Marie Summers, B.A.
Grace A. Tennyson, B.A. ***
Ramiya Zhane’ Thomas, B.A.
Theahmad Tashad Thomas, B.A.
Andrei Turrou Tillman, B.S.
Lauren Gayle Timms, B.S.
Catherine Ann Talin, B.S.
Sari-Jai Tahari Walker, B.A. ✦ ✦
John Douglass Wallop, B.S.
George Vernon Walters, B.S.
Jared Keith Wampler, B.S.
Ryan Christopher Ward, B.A.
Alicia Lana Wastiewski, B.S.B.A.
Carol C. Watkins, B.S.
Gabrielle Katherine Webb, B.S.
Joseph E. Weintraub, B.S.B.A., B.S.B.A.
Chelsea Renee West, B.A.
John David West, B.A.
Jessica Lynn Whetzel, B.S.
Emily Raye White, B.A.
Katherine Sonya White, B.S.B.A.
Shareef Anjumani White, B.A.
Carly Jamaica Evans, B.S.
Joanna Paige Williams, B.S.
Jonathan Kyle Williams, R.S.
Ryan Daniel Willis, B.S.
Chelsi R.E. Wixam, B.S.
Olivia Grace Wise, B.A.
Rebecca Elizabeth Worley, B.A.
Holly Celeste Worley, B.A.
Lisa Justine Wright, B.S.N.
Catherine Hejin Yoo, B.S.
CANDIDATE ELIGIBILITY & HONORS

This program includes names of students who are candidates for bachelor’s, master’s and specialist’s degrees during spring and summer semesters 2016 or who have completed requirements for doctoral degrees. Students who earn at least 40 semester hours in graded courses in residence at the University of West Florida are eligible for Honors Graduation. Grade point averages required for honors are: cum laude, 3.5; magna cum laude, 3.7; summa cum laude, 3.9. Honors listings in this program are based on the accumulated averages earned during all enrollment periods prior to the current term and are designated as follows:

- cum laude*
- magna cum laude**
- summa cum laude***

Other symbols following student names indicate special affiliations as follows:

- John C. Pace Jr. Scholars 
- Kugelman Honors Scholars ❖
- Alumni Ambassadors ●
- Army ROTC Cadets ◈
- Air Force ROTC Cadets ◆
- TRIO ▲
- 21st Century Scholars ➤
- Emerge Scholar ❂

Academic Abbreviations

Degrees awarded by the University of West Florida
- B.A., Bachelor of Arts
- B.F.A., Bachelor of Fine Arts
- B.M., Bachelor of Music
- B.M.E., Bachelor of Music Education
- B.S., Bachelor of Science
- B.S.B.A., Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
- B.S.C.E., Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering
- B.S.E.E., Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering
- B.S.N., Bachelor of Science in Nursing
- M.A., Master of Arts
- M.Acc., Master of Accountancy
- M.B.A., Master of Business Administration
- M.Ed., Master of Education
- M.P.H., Master of Public Health
- M.S., Master of Science
- M.S.A., Master of Science in Administration
- M.S.N. Master of Science in Nursing
- M.S.W., Master of Social Work
- Ed.S., Specialist in Education
- Ed.D., Doctor of Education
The academic regalia worn today at the University of West Florida originated in the universities of the Middle Ages when a warm gown and hood were useful for scholar and cleric in unheated buildings. The distinctive gown also served to set the student apart from his fellow citizens of the community. Until the Civil War, students at most American universities wore caps and gowns daily while in residence. These varied in design until they were standardized in 1894. At that time it was decided that all robes would be black; bachelors’ gowns of silk with long closed sleeves; doctors’ gowns also carried three velvet bands around each sleeve above the elbow. Hoods, made of the same materials as the gowns, were varied in length with the degree. The lining of the hood indicated the academic discipline in which the degree was earned. In the recent years several universities have decided to return to a distinctive gown design, particularly in the color of the garment. However, there has been no change in the standard colors that represent the disciplines. At the University of West Florida, each bachelor’s degree candidate or graduate wears a blue and green tassel on the cap (mortar board). The tassels of master’s and specialist’s degree candidates and graduates represent the college awarding the degree: white, arts and sciences; light brown, business; and light blue, professional studies. Doctoral degree recipients wear a gold tassel. In addition, baccalaureate graduates who have earned a 3.5 accumulative grade point average or higher are entitled to wear gold honor cords on their gowns.

Members of honor societies are identified by the following additions to their regalia:

**HONOR SOCIETIES & CLUBS**

- **Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)**
  - blue stole
- **Alpha Phi Sigma**
  - gold cord/medallion
- **Alpha Sigma Lambda**
  - pin/ribbon worn on upper left of robe
- **Iota Phi Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi**
  - red and white stole
- **Beta Gamma Sigma**
  - blue and gold ribbon
- **Clinical Laboratory Sciences**
  - purple stole
- **Delta Sigma Pi**
  - purple and gold stole
- **Emerge Scholar**
  - royal blue sash
- **Gamma Beta Phi National Honor Society**
  - black and gold cord and stole
- **Golden Key National Honor Society**
  - blue/gold cord or medallion
- **Kappa Delta Pi**
  - gold and violet honor cord
- **Kappa Tau Alpha**
  - honor pin
- **Lambda Epsilon Chi**
  - honor pin
- **Nursing**
  - white stole with UWF and RSN
- **Military Veteran**
  - red, white and blue honor cord
- **Omicron Delta Kappa Circle, International English Honor Society**
  - red and black cord
- **Sigma Tauer Delta**
  - international English Honor Society red and black cord
- **Sigma Theta Tau**
  - lavender and white honor cord
- **Student Nurses’ Association**
  - white honor cord
- **Upsilon Pi Epsilon (UPE) International Honors Society for the Computing Disciplines**
  - white stole with gold logo/lettering and/or maroon and white honor cord
- **UWF Speech and Debate Team**
  - navy blue woven with royal blue cord

**ACADEMIC REGALIA**

The color lining the hood indicates the following:

- **Arts and Humanities,** White
- **Business,** Drab
- **Communication,** Crimson
- **Criminal Justice,** Midnight Blue
- **Education,** Light Blue
- **Engineering,** Orange
- **Law,** Purple
- **Library Science,** Lemon
- **Music,** Pink
- **Nursing,** Apricot
- **Philosophy/Political Science,** Dark Blue
- **Public Administration,** Peacock Blue
- **Public Health,** Salmon Pink
- **Science,** Science Gold
- **Social Work,** Citron Yellow

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Honor Society</th>
<th>Color or Item</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)</td>
<td>blue stole</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Alpha Phi Sigma</td>
<td>gold cord/medallion</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Alpha Sigma Lambda</td>
<td>pin/ribbon worn on upper left of robe</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Iota Phi Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi</td>
<td>red and white stole</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Beta Gamma Sigma</td>
<td>blue and gold ribbon</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Clinical Laboratory Sciences</td>
<td>purple stole</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Delta Sigma Pi</td>
<td>purple and gold stole</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Emerge Scholar</td>
<td>royal blue sash</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Gamma Beta Phi National Honor Society</td>
<td>black and gold cord and stole</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Golden Key National Honor Society</td>
<td>blue/gold cord or medallion</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kappa Delta Pi</td>
<td>gold and violet honor cord</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kappa Tau Alpha</td>
<td>honor pin</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Lambda Epsilon Chi</td>
<td>honor pin</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nursing</td>
<td>white stole with UWF and RSN</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Military Veteran</td>
<td>red, white and blue honor cord</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Omicron Delta Kappa Circle, International English Honor Society</td>
<td>red and black cord</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Order of Omega</td>
<td>gold and white honor cord</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Phi Alpha</td>
<td>gold and blue ribbon with brass medallion</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Phi Alpha Theta</td>
<td>blue and red honor cord</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Phi Eta Sigma</td>
<td>gold key</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Phi Kappa Phi</td>
<td>braided navy and gold cords/ or gold stole with navy emblem</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pi Mu Epsilon</td>
<td>honor pin/ribbon</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Phi Theta Kappa</td>
<td>gold and blue ribbon</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Psi Chi</td>
<td>gold honor cord and stole</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sigma Tau Delta</td>
<td>International English Honor Society red and black cord</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sigma Theta Tau</td>
<td>lavender and white honor cord</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Student Nurses’ Association</td>
<td>white honor cord</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Upsilon Pi Epsilon (UPE) International Honors Society for the Computing Disciplines</td>
<td>white stole with gold logo/lettering and/or maroon and white honor cord</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>UWF Speech and Debate Team</td>
<td>navy blue woven with royal blue cord</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**Academic Hood Colors**

- Arts and Humanities, White
- Business, Drab
- Communication, Crimson
- Criminal Justice, Midnight Blue
- Education, Light Blue
- Engineering, Orange
- Law, Purple
- Library Science, Lemon
- Music, Pink
- Nursing, Apricot
- Philosophy/Political Science, Dark Blue
- Public Administration, Peacock Blue
- Public Health, Salmon Pink
- Science, Science Gold
- Social Work, Citron Yellow
Dr. Kuiyuan Li was awarded the Distinguished University Professor designation largely at the unanimous recognition of the faculty in the Mathematics and Statistics Department where Dr. Li served as chair for an impressive eight years. Dr. Li used his position wisely to promote the individual development of faculty in the department and under his leadership the department became recognized as one of the strongest math program deliverers in the State of Florida. An outstanding teacher, Dr. Li maintained a robust research agenda that often involved collaborations with other faculty in the department. His exemplary service drove the decision to confer the DUP status in 2010.

Dr. Al Cuzan received the recognition of earning the Distinguished University Professor status in 2012. Dr. Cuzan's eminence in political science research was a primary consideration in this decision. His development of systems to produce accurate political forecasting has earned him a national reputation for applying political theory to practical problems. Known for his rigor and challenging assignments, Dr. Cuzan's courses generate positive reviews from students for the life skills they teach in addition to political science content. He served as chair of the Political Science Department for over twenty years, making his tour of service one of the longest in UWF history.

Dr. Hedi Salanči-Rubardt was awarded the Distinguished University Professor title in 2012 based on her international renown as a harpsichord virtuoso and the endurance of her teaching style. Dr. Salanči-Rubardt's teaching techniques have transformed music majors into world class performers primarily through her strong emotional investment in the students and the music. Her quality of performance has been recognized throughout the world based on invitations to deliver teaching experiences and provide judging of high level competitions. Her creative achievements as a teacher and a performer are without parallel.

Dr. William Huth received the Distinguished University Professor award in recognition of his extensive trajectory in the area of research, and academics in general. He has made significant research contributions in different areas of economics – including subfields such as labor economics, financial economics and the economics of natural resources. His focus on research is evidenced by the continuous efforts in writing grant proposals and the high success rate in securing funds awarded by a number of government agencies and organizations such as the Florida Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, NOAA and National Sea Grant, or the Florida Geological Survey. Dr. Huth has also served as the UWF Associate Vice Provost for Research and Graduate Studies, and as the Executive Director of the UWF Research Foundation. His achievements as a researcher are well established among the economics profession.

Dr. Athena du Pré was granted the title of Distinguished University Professor in 2014 in recognition of her reputation as a health communication scholar and her dedication to teaching. Her health communication textbook is used in hundreds of medical schools, nursing schools, business schools, and communication departments around the world. She is also author or co-author of numerous other books, including the latest edition of the all-time best selling communication text in the country. As an educator, Dr. du Pré is known for challenging students to improve the world while they learn leadership skills. In the last five years, students in her classes have raised more than $100,000 for local nonprofit organizations. Her proudest accomplishment is that the UWF student body has twice honored her with a hefty title.

Dr. Raid Amin received the recognition of Distinguished University Professor largely because of his impressive research agenda, which includes students from the Department's undergraduate and graduate programs. Dr. Amin and his students have published articles in areas of applied statistics and disease surveillance. Recently, one of these articles received recognition for its groundbreaking research on human and shark interactions and was featured in various popular media outlets. Additionally, Dr. Amin consults for local hospitals advising physicians and epidemiologists' research projects. Dr. Amin is also committed to including accessible applications in the undergraduate statistics curricula, and to building robust statistics graduate courses.

Dr. E.O. Wilson, Doctor of Science
Chiang Ching-kuo, Doctor of Laws
1980 Dr. Thomas Murphy, Doctor of Science
1981 Eudora Welty, Doctor of Literature
1982 Dr. Jean J. Kirkpatrick, Doctor of Laws
1983 Dr. Mark Stephen Wrighton, Doctor of Science
1969 Adm. (U.S.N. ret.) Philip F. Ashler, Doctor of Laws
1970 Dr. John Broward Culpepper, Doctor of Laws
1971 Capt. Harold B. Grow, Doctor of Laws
1973 Dr. John Stuart Allen, Doctor of Laws
1974 Mayhew Wilson “Pat” Dodson, Doctor of Laws
1975 Dr. Richard E. Morley, Doctor of Laws
1977 Leif Erickson, Doctor of Letters
1978 The Hon. Reubin O'D. Askew, Doctor of Laws
1979 Dr. D.O. Wilson, Doctor of Science
1980 Dr. Thomas Murphy, Doctor of Science
1981 Eudora Welty, Doctor of Literature
1982 Dr. Jean J. Kirkpatrick, Doctor of Laws
1983 Dr. Mark Stephen Wrighton, Doctor of Science
1969 Adm. (U.S.N. ret.) Philip F. Ashler, Doctor of Laws
1970 Dr. John Broward Culpepper, Doctor of Laws
1971 Capt. Harold B. Grow, Doctor of Laws
1973 Dr. John Stuart Allen, Doctor of Laws
1974 Mayhew Wilson “Pat” Dodson, Doctor of Laws
1975 Dr. Richard E. Morley, Doctor of Laws
1977 Leif Erickson, Doctor of Letters
1978 The Hon. Reubin O'D. Askew, Doctor of Laws
1979 Dr. D.O. Wilson, Doctor of Science
1980 Dr. Thomas Murphy, Doctor of Science
1981 Eudora Welty, Doctor of Literature
1982 Dr. Jean J. Kirkpatrick, Doctor of Laws
1983 Dr. Mark Stephen Wrighton, Doctor of Science
1969 Adm. (U.S.N. ret.) Philip F. Ashler, Doctor of Laws
1970 Dr. John Broward Culpepper, Doctor of Laws
1971 Capt. Harold B. Grow, Doctor of Laws
1973 Dr. John Stuart Allen, Doctor of Laws
1974 Mayhew Wilson “Pat” Dodson, Doctor of Laws
1975 Dr. Richard E. Morley, Doctor of Laws
1977 Leif Erickson, Doctor of Letters
1978 The Hon. Reubin O'D. Askew, Doctor of Laws
1979 Dr. D.O. Wilson, Doctor of Science
1980 Dr. Thomas Murphy, Doctor of Science
1981 Eudora Welty, Doctor of Literature
1982 Dr. Jean J. Kirkpatrick, Doctor of Laws
1983 Dr. Mark Stephen Wrighton, Doctor of Science
1969 Adm. (U.S.N. ret.) Philip F. Ashler, Doctor of Laws
1970 Dr. John Broward Culpepper, Doctor of Laws
1971 Capt. Harold B. Grow, Doctor of Laws
1973 Dr. John Stuart Allen, Doctor of Laws
1974 Mayhew Wilson “Pat” Dodson, Doctor of Laws
1975 Dr. Richard E. Morley, Doctor of Laws
1977 Leif Erickson, Doctor of Letters
1978 The Hon. Reubin O'D. Askew, Doctor of Laws
1979 Dr. D.O. Wilson, Doctor of Science
1980 Dr. Thomas Murphy, Doctor of Science
1981 Eudora Welty, Doctor of Literature
1982 Dr. Jean J. Kirkpatrick, Doctor of Laws
1983 Dr. Mark Stephen Wrighton, Doctor of Science
1969 Adm. (U.S.N. ret.) Philip F. Ashler, Doctor of Laws
1970 Dr. John Broward Culpepper, Doctor of Laws
1971 Capt. Harold B. Grow, Doctor of Laws
1973 Dr. John Stuart Allen, Doctor of Laws
1974 Mayhew Wilson “Pat” Dodson, Doctor of Laws
1975 Dr. Richard E. Morley, Doctor of Laws
1977 Leif Erickson, Doctor of Letters
1978 The Hon. Reubin O'D. Askew, Doctor of Laws
1979 Dr. D.O. Wilson, Doctor of Science
1980 Dr. Thomas Murphy, Doctor of Science
1981 Eudora Welty, Doctor of Literature
1982 Dr. Jean J. Kirkpatrick, Doctor of Laws
1983 Dr. Mark Stephen Wrighton, Doctor of Science

Dr. Athena du Pré received the recognition of earning the Distinguished University Professor status in 2012. Dr. Cuzan's eminence in political science research was a primary consideration in this decision. His development of systems to produce accurate political forecasting has earned him a national reputation for applying political theory to practical problems. Known for his rigor and challenging assignments, Dr. Cuzan's courses generate positive reviews from students for the life skills they teach in addition to political science content. He served as chair of the Political Science Department for over twenty years, making his tour of service one of the longest in UWF history.

Dr. Hedi Salanči-Rubardt was awarded the Distinguished University Professor title in 2012 based on her international renown as a harpsichord virtuoso and the endurance of her teaching style. Dr. Salanči-Rubardt's teaching techniques have transformed music majors into world class performers primarily through her strong emotional investment in the students and the music. Her quality of performance has been recognized throughout the world based on invitations to deliver teaching experiences and provide judging of high level competitions. Her creative achievements as a teacher and a performer are without parallel.

Dr. William Huth received the Distinguished University Professor award in recognition of his extensive trajectory in the area of research, and academics in general. He has made significant research contributions in different areas of economics – including subfields such as labor economics, financial economics and the economics of natural resources. His focus on research is evidenced by the continuous efforts in writing grant proposals and the high success rate in securing funds awarded by a number of government agencies and organizations such as the Florida Department of Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, NOAA and National Sea Grant, or the Florida Geological Survey. Dr. Huth has also served as the UWF Associate Vice Provost for Research and Graduate Studies, and as the Executive Director of the UWF Research Foundation. His achievements as a researcher are well established among the economics profession.

Dr. Athena du Pré was granted the title of Distinguished University Professor in 2014 in recognition of her reputation as a health communication scholar and her dedication to teaching. Her health communication textbook is used in hundreds of medical schools, nursing schools, business schools, and communication departments around the world. She is also author or co-author of numerous other books, including the latest edition of the all-time best selling communication text in the country. As an educator, Dr. du Pré is known for challenging students to improve the world while they learn leadership skills. In the last five years, students in her classes have raised more than $100,000 for local nonprofit organizations. Her proudest accomplishment is that the UWF student body has twice honored her with a Distinguished Teaching Award.

Dr. Raid Amin received the recognition of Distinguished University Professor largely because of his impressive research agenda, which includes students from the Department's undergraduate and graduate programs. Dr. Amin and his students have published articles in areas of applied statistics and disease surveillance. Recently, one of these articles received recognition for its groundbreaking research on human and shark interactions and was featured in various popular media outlets. Additionally, Dr. Amin consults for local hospitals advising physicians and epidemiologists' research projects. Dr. Amin is also committed to including accessible applications in the undergraduate statistics curricula, and to building robust statistics graduate courses.
ALMA MATER

Where learning’s light sends forth its beam
Through darkness of our youth,
There you, West Florida, home of dreams
Prepare the way of truth.
You guide us toward tomorrow’s shore
With knowledge of our past;
Your power in us rests secure,
And evermore will last.
Your stately mansions were our home
Where minds and hearts are free;
And though we may far from you roam,
We’ll always honor thee.

Composer: Lynne Lauderdale, D.M.A.
Lyricist: A. Michael Yots, Ph.D.