Dear 2016 Graduates,

Today marks a momentous milestone in your life. Today, you end one journey, but you're just getting started on another that will be exciting, daunting and above all, memorable.

This Commencement is particularly special to me, as it also marks an important milestone in my life. I've had the honor of attending 16 commencement ceremonies as the President of the University of West Florida, and this, my 17th, is my last. Today, I’m preparing to celebrate a new beginning right alongside you, as I step down to take a year sabbatical before returning to the University as a faculty member once again.

Over the last 50 years, the University has undergone a profound transformation— one we’ve dubbed Sea Change. And just as we’ve changed to become synonymous with the forward-thinking, innovative side of Florida, you’ve undergone your own transformation during your years at UWF— from bright-eyed student to confident graduate.

You’ve put in hard work to get where you are today, whether you’ll leave this ceremony with your bachelor’s, master’s, specialist or doctoral degree. You’ve no doubt overcome obstacles along the way — juggling heavy course loads, battling doubts as you determine what you want to do in life, possibly dealing with financial challenges in the name of higher education and a bright future. I can assure you, none of your efforts were in vain. You set a high goal for yourself, and you accomplished it. That is no small feat.

Today, you join more than 80,000 UWF alumni as you enter the world, ready to make waves. During your time at the University, it was our mission to provide you with the knowledge and skills you’ll need to succeed in the path you choose to follow. Now, you have the opportunity to use everything you’ve learned at UWF, in the classroom and across campus, as you pursue your unique purpose.

Although you’re leaving the University, it is my hope that you will continue to embody the values and traditions represented here. And most of all, that you will always feel at home when you return to campus.

On behalf of the University of West Florida community, congratulations on this incredible achievement. We are so proud of you. Go Argos!

Sincerely,

Judith A. Bense
University of West Florida President
COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

December 10, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.
Pensacola Bay Center — Pensacola, Florida

The Processional*
Dale Riegle and the Perdido Brass Ensemble

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

Commencement Address
Judith A. Bense, President

Fly to Paradise, by Eric Whitacre
UWF Singers, Directed by Peter Steenblik

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

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

Student Address
Jacob Hebert, SGA President; Chair, BOG Florida Student Association

Presentation of Bachelor’s Degree Candidates, College of Arts Social Sciences and Humanities
Steven Brown, Dean

Presentation of Bachelor’s Degree Candidates, College of Education and Professional Studies
William Crawley, Dean

Alma Mater**
UWF Singers, Directed by Peter Steenblik

The Recessional
Dale Riegle and the Perdido Brass Ensemble

Readers
Brendan Kelly, Vice President, University Advancement
Joce lyn Evans, Associate Dean, College of Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities

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December 10, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.
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Undergraduates

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- 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
- Emerge Scholar

Academic abbreviations:

- 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.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
MEMBERS OF HONOR SOCIETIES ARE IDENTIFIED
BY THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONS TO THEIR REGALIA:

Artificial Intelligence Research Group
  blue stole
Alpha Phi Sigma
  gold cord/medallion
Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)
  blue stole
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
CIS-Cybersecurity Program
  blue stole
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 and gold ribbon
Kappa Delta Pi
  purple and gold stole
Kappa Tau Alpha
  pin
Lambda Epsilon Chi
  pin
Nursing
  white stole with UWF and BSN
Military Veteran
  red, white and blue honor cord
Omicron Delta Kappa Circle
  light blue/white/black cord
Order of Omega
  gold and white honor cord
Phi Alpha
  gold and blue ribbon with brass medallion
Phi Alpha Theta
  blue and red honor cord
Phi Eta Sigma
  gold key
Phi Kappa Phi
  braided navy and gold cords/or gold stole with navy emblem
Pi Mu Epsilon
  honor pin/ribbon
Phi Theta Kappa
  gold and blue stole
Psi Chi
  gold honor cord and stole
Sigma Tau Delta International
  red and black cord
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
  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

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.

ACADEMIC HOOD COLORS

THE COLOR LINING THE HOOD INDICATES THE FOLLOWING:

White  Arts and Humanities
Drab  Business
Crimson  Communication
Midnight Blue  Criminal Justice
Light Blue  Education
Orange  Engineering
Purple  Law
Lemon  Library Science
Pink  Music
Apricot  Nursing
Dark Blue  Philosophy/Political Science
Peacock Blue  Public Administration
Salmon Pink  Public Health
Science Gold  Science
Citron Yellow  Social Work
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 programs 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 as 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 Salaniki-Rubardt was awarded the Distinguished University Professor title in 2012 based on her international renown as a harpsichord virtuoso and the exuberance of her teaching style. Dr. Salaniki-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 physician’s 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.

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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.

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