The Next 50 Years

Martha Saunders
Provost and Executive Vice President
August 16, 2016
From breaking ground
to ground-breaking research
1967

From 1,200 students
2017
to 12,000+
From growing pines (in the wild)
to growing minds (on a state-of-the-art) campus
From a graduating class of 58
to a worldwide alumni network of 78,000+
50 years ago, this was just a pine forest.
Today, it's a brain trust.
1967

50 years ago, this economic engine was just revving up.
Today, the University of West Florida pumps $1.47 billion into Northwest Florida’s economy each year – that’s $4 million dollars a day.
50 years ago was just the beginning.
Here's to the next 50 years of creation, innovation and transformation.
Our Past

CHANGE
Our Future

CHANGE
FROM HERE TO THERE

ENROLLMENT

SELECTIVITY

FACULTY

LABS & OFFICES
HOW?
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
TALENT
DIVERSITY
“I have the flexibility, encouragement and support to respond to my student’s individual needs in a way that encourages growth and learning—not just for them, but for me, too.”
ERICA TAYLOR
Scholars Program Director, UWF Hal Marcus
College of Science and Engineering
"The support and mentorship I’ve gotten from the faculty and leadership at the University of West Florida has been invaluable to my success. Knowing that my colleagues are behind me has allowed me to be all that I can be for my students."
JILL VAN DER LIKE, DNP, MSN, RNC
Nursing Skills & Simulation Learning Center Coordinator, School of Nursing
I chose the University of West Florida over Michigan State for 35 reasons.

And, I remember all of their names.
SCOTT B. KELLER, PH.D.
John C. Pace Distinguished Business Professor,
Department of Marketing & Economics
My field lab consists of nearly 6,000 acres of public land and 19,000 acres of water along 52 miles of Gulf and bay shoreline. All at my fingertips.
ALEXIS JANOSIK, PH.D.
Assistant Professor
Department of Biology
“My undergraduate students and I are modernizing and revolutionizing power distribution to create smarter energy grid technologies, together.”
BHUVANASWARI RAMACHANDRAN, PH.D.
Assistant Professor
Department of Electrical & Computer Engineering
“The respect and collegial environment at the University of West Florida is unlike anywhere else I’ve experienced. The location is just icing on the cake.”
I had the opportunity to start an undergraduate chemistry scholars program and research lab from scratch.

Two years later, my students rank second in the nation, tied with Stanford, for most awarded scholarships.
KAREN S. MOLEK, PH.D.
Administrative Fellow for Student Engagement
Department of Chemistry
Current Economic Impact

$1.47 Billion
UNIVERSITY of WEST FLORIDA

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