My Fellow Argonauts,

The 2014-2015 school year was very eventful for the Student Government Association. As you look through this report, you will see the numerous things that the Student Government Association has done to increase student representation, promote student traditions and pride and create A Better UWF. All of our Student Government Association representatives are here to serve you and enhance your collegiate experience, and a look through this report will give you a glimpse of the hard work and accomplishments that happened throughout the 2014-2015 school year.

If you have any questions or would like to get more involved, visit our office in the University Commons or email us at sga@uwf.edu. We are always happy to hear from our students.

GO ARGOS!

Devonte Wilson
Student Body President

VISION

The University of West Florida SGA will lead with integrity to build trust, promote pride, and ensure a united voice for all students.

OUR VALUES

Accessibility
To promote transparency and visibility by marketing SGA events, increasing voter turnout, and gaining the trust of every student.

Accountability
To lead with the spirit of our constitution and statutes by maintaining awareness of the student voice and constantly assessing our organization.

Inclusiveness
To promote the development of an environment in which every student has an equal opportunity to share his or her unique interests and values within a welcoming community.

Integrity
To provide responsible leadership by evaluating its actions through the application of ethical principles.

Pride
To support and enhance student life by promoting a sense of spirit and tradition, helping to ensure that students become true Argonauts.
**SGA Service**

Angie Schiller served on the Executive Board of the Staff Senate.

Courtney Miller served on the following committees: Leadership Gauntlet, Environmental Health & Occupational Safety Committee, Student Life & Services Facility Committee, CSAA Program-second year cohort representative and Division of Student Affairs Social Committee.

SGA students served on a number of university standing committees, divisional committees, and search committees, specifically Jake Hebert-Vice President of Administration Services/CFO Search Committee, Daniel McBurney-Faculty Senate, Devonte Wilson-Foundation Board, and Ethan Friedland-Board of Trustees and Internal Vice Chair for the Florida Student Association (FSA) Board of Directors.

SGA President Ethan Friedland appointed more than 50 students to sit on 25 University Standing Committees.

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**Awards/Recognitions**

Robin Zimmern, Assistant Dean of Students, participated in the Leadership Pensacola (LeaP) program.

Angela Schiller, Budget Coordinator, received the Nautilus Excellence Award for her outstanding performance this year with the A&S process.

Chris Thrashe, SGA Budget and Allocations Committee Chair, received the new Cannon Citation award.

Devonte Wilson, SGA Vice President, received the Kenneth L. Curtis award.

Robin Zimmern, Assistant Dean of Students, served as the Chair of the Student Affairs Professional Development Committee.

Angela Schiller, Budget Coordinator, served as Staff Senate Treasurer.

Courtney Miller, SGA Graduate Assistant, served as the President for the Student Affairs Graduate Association (SAGA).
Leadership Development

- The SGA Executive Board participated in several SGA Strategic Planning meetings and the Joint Board Strategic Planning Retreat.
- SGA ran its emerging leadership program, the Freshmen Committee.
- Ethan Friedland, SGA President, and Devonte Wilson, SGA Vice President, attended College Leadership Florida.
- All SGA staff participated in a monthly leadership/professional development program based on Dr. Tim Elmore’s book Habitudes — The Art of Leading Others.
- All SGA staff participated in workshops, a part of the Best Part of Waking Up Series hosted by the Student Affairs Professional Development Committee.
- All SGA staff participated in the Assessment Boot Camp hosted by the Student Affairs Professional Development Committee.

Professional Development & Community Engagement Activities

Conference Attendance and Presentations (Students and Staff)

- SGA Executive members participated in monthly Florida Student Association meetings around the state.
- Ethan Friedland and Devonte Wilson attended College Leadership Florida, August 2014, in Orlando.
- Courtney Miller attended the Southern Association for College Student Affairs (SACSA) Annual Conference, November 2014, in Louisville, Ky.
- Robin Zimmern, attended the ACUI/NASPA Women’s Leadership Institute, December 2014, in Laguna Niguel, Calif.
- Jenny Hamilton, Courtney Miller, Angie Schiller and Robin Zimmern attended the NASPA National Conference, March 2015, in New Orleans.
SGA Programs

- SGA Budget and Allocations Committee allocated **$3,446,961 to student organizations and University departments** through the annual Activity and Service Fee budget process for FY 2014-2015.
- SGA Budget and Allocations Committee allocated **$29,437.98 in Travel Grants** and **$32,813.00 in Project Grants**.

- **Freshmen Committee** received more than 40 applications. The SGA Freshmen Committee selected 18 students, and seven students graduated from the program.
- The **Mentor/Mentee Program** matched Freshmen Committee members with current SGA members to promote retention, organizational unity and leadership development.
- Freshmen Committee hosted the **Oxfam Hunger Banquet** to promote awareness regarding world hunger.
- SGA Freshmen Committee created and distributed 50 **college survival kits** to freshmen students before spring break.
- SGA held **annual elections** March 30-April 1, 2015, receiving 1,918 total student votes.
- SGA collected 16 **Green Fee proposals**. In partnership with SEAS students, these proposals were approved and provided to the Student Life and Services Facility Committee.
- SGA provided **exam snacks** in the library for students during finals week in the fall and spring semesters.

- Throughout the year, SGA had more than **20 guest speakers** present during Senate meetings about relevant issues and new programs on campus.
- Office of Student Life hosted **Paint Your Pride**, providing the opportunity for more than 20 student organizations to leave their mark by creating an organization ceiling tile.
- Six SGA members participated in **Rally in Tally**, hosted by the Florida Student Association (FSA), March 18, 2015, in Tallahassee.
- University Outreach Committee awarded Dr. Daniel Durkin-Social Work, Dr. Erica Taylor-Biology, Dr. Stephen Snyder-Management and MIS, and Ms. Shannon Holst-English and World Languages, the **Distinguished Teaching Award**.
- University Outreach Committee awarded and presented **SGA Distinguished Staff Awards** at Nautilus Excellence Awards to Karli Sherman-UCSI, Andrew Hancock-Athletics, Dove Day-Admissions and Tara Kermiet-UCSI.
- SGA Student Outreach Committee conducted a **campuswide survey on smoking** with more than 150 responses.
- SGA members **traveled to Emerald Coast campus** to continue to strengthen campus relationships.
- The Office of Governmental Affairs hosted an **Amendment 2 Medical Marijuana Forum** to engage students.
- SGA provided feedback on the new design of the **Nautilus Card**.
Collaborative Programs

- Worked with Student Transition Programs, providing the opportunity for each incoming freshman to sign the UWF Academic Honor Code, which was presented during Convocation and will hang in Integrity Hall.
- Hosted Argopalooza + T-Shirt Swap along with Athletics and University Commons & Student Involvement during Argo Arrival on Sept. 1, 2014.
- Collaborated with the Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities for Academic Integrity Week, Sept. 8-12, 2014.
- Hosted an Academic Town Hall meeting partnering with academic affairs including Provost Saunders and all college deans on Nov. 12, 2014.
- Organized Blizzard Bash with UCSI, Recreation and Athletics, held Jan. 22, 2015.
- Planned the UWF Leadership Gauntlet, a collaborative effort with Housing, UCSI and Recreation, held Feb. 6-7, 2015.
- Hosted the baseball tailgate with the Campus Activity Board and Student Alumni Association on Feb. 19, 2015.
- Hosted a voter registration drive through a partnership with Escambia County Elections on April 2, 2015.
- Supported the #ArgosPostResponsibly campaign from the Office of Equity, Diversity & International Affairs by providing funding for promotional items.
- Helped promote the new online format for Student Assessment of Instruction (SAI) in partnership with Academic Affairs.

Use of Technology

SGA uses the following:

- Facebook group page, Facebook events, Twitter, Instagram, ArgoPulse, SGA website (uwf.edu/sga), Trello and Campus Labs.
- Adobe Creative Suite to create professional, design savvy marketing and promotional materials.
- iPads for easier student surveying/polling and other meetings and events.
- Turning Point Technology’s clickers to electronically call roll and tally votes during Senate meetings.
- Daktronics Venus 1500 software to update the digital marquee.
- Google Chromebooks during the budget process, other meetings and events.
Chelsea Kendrick
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Over the past four years, Chelsea Kendrick has been invested in the success of the Student Government Association (SGA). She began her journey in the organization as the Diversity Coordinator and Director of Student Life during her freshman year at the University of West Florida. As she continued to grow in her leadership skills, she took on new roles, including serving as Chief of Staff, Senator, intern and, this past year, the Student Outreach Chair.