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University Parent Media works closely with institutions around the country to bring together the most relevant, timely information into one all-inclusive resource.

We have published this guide with the mission of helping you easily navigate the university and its surrounding community. Ultimately, we hope these resources help nurture your connection and involvement in your student's college years!

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- Hang on to your Guide! Inside you'll find information that's useful all-year long, including important phone numbers, web sites and calendars.
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From the President

On behalf of the University of West Florida, I would like to congratulate you on your student's success and welcome you to the UWF family. Over the next four years, your son or daughter will have many life-shaping and rewarding experiences. With your partnership, we can make this time both memorable and valuable for you and your student.

UWF provides many learning opportunities for its Argonauts both in and out of the classroom to help them as they prepare for their careers and life after college. This is also an important time of change for you, the family, and during this exciting time, you may face new feelings and challenges. I encourage you to take advantage of our Office of Family Programs to help you through these years of transition.

We also hope to provide you with the necessary resources so that you can assist your student. Please use this guide and Family Orientation for everything you need to know about UWF.

Your student's success is our top priority at the University of West Florida. We are pleased to have your family as part of our family and thank you for choosing UWF.

Go Argos!

Sincerely,
Dr. Judith A. Bense, Ph.D.
President ■



Welcome Argos!

Welcome to the University of West Florida family! I'm sure you have lots of questions about the university and what you can expect as a family member of a UWF student. This guide is designed to answer your questions and serve as a resource for you.

As the Vice President for Student Affairs, I am responsible for many of the services and programs students can access and participate in. There are 11 departments in the Division of Student Affairs:

- ▶ Career Services,
- ▶ Health and Counseling Services (including Student Health Center and Counseling and Wellness Services),
- ▶ Dean of Students (including student discipline and Student Government Association),
- ▶ Educational Research Center for Child Development,
- ▶ Housing and Residence Life,
- ▶ Intercollegiate Athletics,
- ▶ Recreation and Sports Services,
- ▶ Inclusion and Diversity Programs (including military connections and student disability resources),
- ▶ Student Transition Programs (including family programs),
- ▶ Testing and Technology and
- ▶ University Commons and Student Activities (including fraternities & sororities, student organizations and leadership development).

Simply, we provide opportunities for students to become involved in and connected to UWF while they are not in class. Our role is to maximize the success

of students and help them discover more about themselves and the world in which we live while they are "under our roof." Our professional staff, many of whom have master's and doctoral degrees in student affairs-related disciplines, also teach undergraduate and graduate courses and host practicum or intern students.

In addition to what our division does with and for students, we also want to establish relationships with the family members of our students. We know that you play an important role in the success of our students. Often times you will receive a text, Facebook or e-mail message from your student seeking your advice or counsel. Through the Office of Family Programs, this guide and our website, we want to arm you with the information and resources you need to answer questions or refer your student to the appropriate campus office or staff member. We care and are here to help; you are not alone.

This is an exciting time for you, your family and your student. Thank you for selecting UWF!

Sincerely,
Kevin W. Bailey, Ph.D.
 Vice President for Student Affairs ■



Office of Family Programs

The University of West Florida recognizes the importance of partnering with families to promote student development and success. In collaboration with the University community, the Office of Family Programs is dedicated to providing the support and resources necessary to encourage student success. If at any time you have questions or concerns regarding your student or the UWF experience, please do not hesitate to call the Family Assistance Line at (850) 474-2384 or e-mail our office at family@uwf.edu.



Family Association

All families are encouraged to sign-up for the dues-free Family Association in order to receive the most consistent

and up-to-date university news and information. As members, you will receive monthly e-newsletters that cover a variety of topics and include university updates. Your membership ensures that you stay connected to the University of West Florida! To join the University of West Florida's Family Association please visit www.uwf.edu/family.

Family Weekend

Mark your calendars! Family Weekend will be held September 23-25, 2011. All families of current UWF undergraduate students are invited to visit campus for a University-wide celebration! Events will include educational sessions, open houses, athletic events, receptions, social events and the chance to meet UWF faculty, staff, students, and other families. Family Weekend registration is now open and will close September 7, 2011. Visit www.uwf.edu/family for more information. ■



History and Tradition

The University of West Florida (UWF) was founded in 1955 when the Florida Legislature authorized the State Board of Education to locate a state university in Escambia County and Governor Bryant secured 2.5 million dollars for its inception. This decision made UWF the sixth state institution in the State University System of Florida. Ground was broken on April 16, 1965, and the first classes were held at Town and Country Plaza and Pensacola Junior College in 1965. Classes were held for the first time on the main campus in 1967, and from 1967 to 1983, UWF was structured as an upper division university, enrolling only third and fourth year students. In the fall of 1983 UWF enrolled its first freshmen class. The UWF main campus is located on a 1600-acre nature preserve sprinkled with nature trails and wildlife. In addition to the main campus, UWF also has campuses along the Emerald Coast of Northwest Florida.

Alma Mater

Text by: Dr. Mike Yots
Music by: Dr. Lynne Lauderdale
July 1989

*Where learning's light sends
 forth its beams
 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.*

Fast Facts about UWF (Based on 2010-2011 academic year)

- ✓ One of 11 members of the State University System of Florida
- ✓ Main campus in Pensacola, 1600-acre nature preserve
- ✓ UWF Online Campus- bachelor's and master's degree programs
- ✓ 11,599 students enrolled
- ✓ 9,554 degree-seeking undergraduates
- ✓ 2,045 degree-seeking graduate students
- ✓ 1,198 first-time in college students
- ✓ 1,788 students live on campus
- ✓ Students representing 49 states and 85 countries
- ✓ Students with Florida residency, 86.9 percent
- ✓ 303 Instructional/Research/Public Service Faculty - 81 percent hold terminal degrees
- ✓ Student to faculty ratio - 22 to 1
- ✓ Research grants - \$16 million at the end of Fiscal Year 2010



UWF's Mascot: The Argonaut

In October 1967, students at the newly opened University of West Florida voted to select the institution's mascot. Would competitors in the athletic arenas be known as the Seahawks, the Mariners, the Marlins or the Argonauts? Perhaps the students just liked the sound of the name, or perhaps they were wiser than their years, for the outcome gave birth to a prophecy that will define UWF forever. Their choice was the legendary Argonauts, the courageous Greek sailors who ventured across treacherous seas in search of the Golden Fleece. Remarkably, the history of UWF's athletic program has paralleled the story of those noble, ancient mariners. The journey is inspired and symbolic, like that of our namesake. The saga of the Argonaut is a voyage of excellence. ■



SGA Welcomes You to the UWF Family!

SGA strives to lead with integrity to build trust, to instill pride in our University and to ensure a united voice for all students.

Join us in our quest to make the University of West Florida the best school in the state!

For information about joining SGA:

Email: sga@uwf.edu or Visit: www.uwf.edu/sga
 Call: (850) 474-2393

Life at UWF

Academic Advising Center

uwf.edu/advising

The Advising Center assists freshmen and exploratory students with course selection for General Studies and prerequisites for their major. Students are assigned to an advisor after Orientation who will work one-on-one with each student. All freshmen will have an advising hold each semester until they transfer to their major department. Once a student has seen his/her advisor, the hold is lifted until the end of the drop/add period for the next semester.

Athletics

GoArgos.com

UWF has one of the premier athletic programs in all of NCAA Division II and boasts five national championships and over 50 conference championships. UWF sponsors 13 varsity athletic teams that compete in the Gulf South Conference and NCAA Division II. The Argonaut men's teams compete in baseball, basketball, cross country, golf, soccer and tennis; while UWF sponsors women's sports in basketball, cross country, golf, softball, soccer, tennis and volleyball.



Cashier's Office

uwf.edu/financial/student-services.cfm

Payments for tuition and fees, parking permits, housing, meal plans, nautilus card deposits, etc. may be made in person or by mail to the Cashier's Office which is located in building 20E. Students may pay with Visa, MasterCard or American Express through their Argus account. Payments made online are subject to a \$10.00 convenience fee. The Cashier's Office accepts Visa, MasterCard and American Express online via Argus but can no longer accept credit card payments via phone, fax or email. Account information is available online via Argus. UWF does not mail invoices or account statements.

Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

uwf.edu/registrar/ferpaParents.cfm

The "Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974" (FERPA) is the U.S. federal law that provides students the right to have some control over the disclosure of information from their educational records. Student educational records include academic, financial and disciplinary records. Directory information (address, phone number, dates of attendance, etc.) may be released without a student's consent. Students may request privacy on directory information so that it will not be released without their permission.

In order for UWF to release non-directory information to a third party, the student must elect to release access to their information through their ARGUS ►



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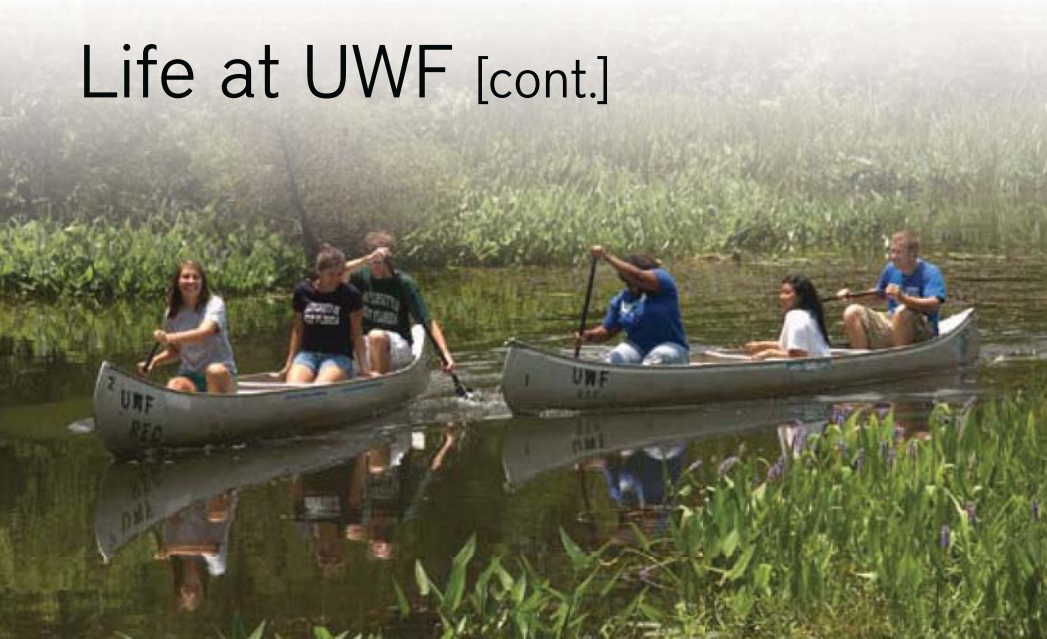
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account or provide written permission to the Registrar's Office. Students may choose the specific areas to release, such as academic and financial. FERPA may allow disclosure to a parent without written consent for a dependent student defined by current federal tax regulations. Please refer to the Catalog or the UWF website for more information on privacy and access to student records.

Financial Aid

uwf.edu/finaid

The Financial Aid Office staff strives to assist students with locating federal, state and institutional funding to help them pay for college expenses. The staff, located in building 18, is willing to provide answers to all of your financial aid questions. All students are encouraged to apply annually for financial assistance. The entire application process can be completed on-line by visiting UWF's Financial Aid website. Applying early each year is encouraged.

Nature Preserve

uwf.edu/recreation/Facilities/TrailMaps.cfm

UWF's main campus is located on 1600

acres of nature preserve which is home to a variety of diverse and challenging trails often enjoyed by running, walking, hiking, cycling, geo-cache and equestrian enthusiasts. A half-mile boardwalk, known as the Edward Ball Nature Preserve Trail, is also located on the main campus and is home to mammals, birds, fish and reptiles, including an occasional American alligator.

Nautilus Card

uwf.edu/idcard

The Nautilus Card is your student's official university identification card that serves as a library card, access card, copy card, meal plan card and a declining balance card. Funds may be deposited to the Nautilus Card and used to make purchases at the UWF Bookstore, Dining Services, the Ticket Center, Postal Services, and various vending machines and laundry facilities. Students may also use the card to pay fees or fines at the Cashier's Office and to purchase additional print pages. Deposits may be made at the Cashier's Office, via the student's Argus account or at one of the automatic deposit machines conveniently located around campus. Excess financial

aid funds may be placed on the Nautilus Card after all tuition and fees have been paid. Account information may be viewed online via the student's Argus account.

University Police

uwf.edu/uwfpolice

The Department provides a full range of public safety services to the university community and its guests 24-hours a day, seven days a week, year-round. UWF police officers are certified state officers through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Division of Criminal Justice Standards and Training. Some services offered by the UWF Police are:

- ▶ **ArgoAlert** – A method via-text messages that notifies the UWF community of any emergency. How to respond and evacuation procedures are included when needed. Your student can sign-up to receive ArgoAlerts at www.uwfemergency.org.
- ▶ **Emergency Call Box System**– Blue-lights are strategically placed in several outside locations on campus.
- ▶ **Escort Service** – The campus escort service is available to ensure the safety of all university students, personnel and visitors upon request. ■

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Division of Academic Affairs

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Our Vision: UWF aspires to greatness by empowering each individual with knowledge, skills and opportunity to contribute responsibly and creatively to a complex world and by fulfilling its promise as the intellectual center of Northwest Florida.

College of Arts and Sciences

uwf.edu/cas

The College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) houses the Departments of Environmental Studies, Mathematics & Statistics, Chemistry, Philosophy & Religious Studies, History, Government, English & Foreign Languages and Communication Arts as well as the Division of Anthropology and Archaeology (Florida Public Archaeology Network), School of Fine and Performing Arts (Music, Art, Theatre), School of Allied Health and Life Sciences (Biology, Clinical Laboratory Sciences, Nursing, Public Health), School of Psychological and Behavioral Sciences, and the School of Science and Engineering



(Computer Science, Electrical & Computer Engineering, Physics). In addition, the Honors Program, Advising Center, Student Success Program and University General Studies curriculum are part of CAS.



College of Business

uwf.edu/cob

The College of Business (COB) is comprised of three departments: Accounting and Finance, Management and Management Information Systems and Marketing and Economics, and offers a total of seven undergraduate majors. All COB programs are accredited by AACSB International - The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. Fewer than 15% of business schools worldwide have earned this symbol of the highest standard in management education.

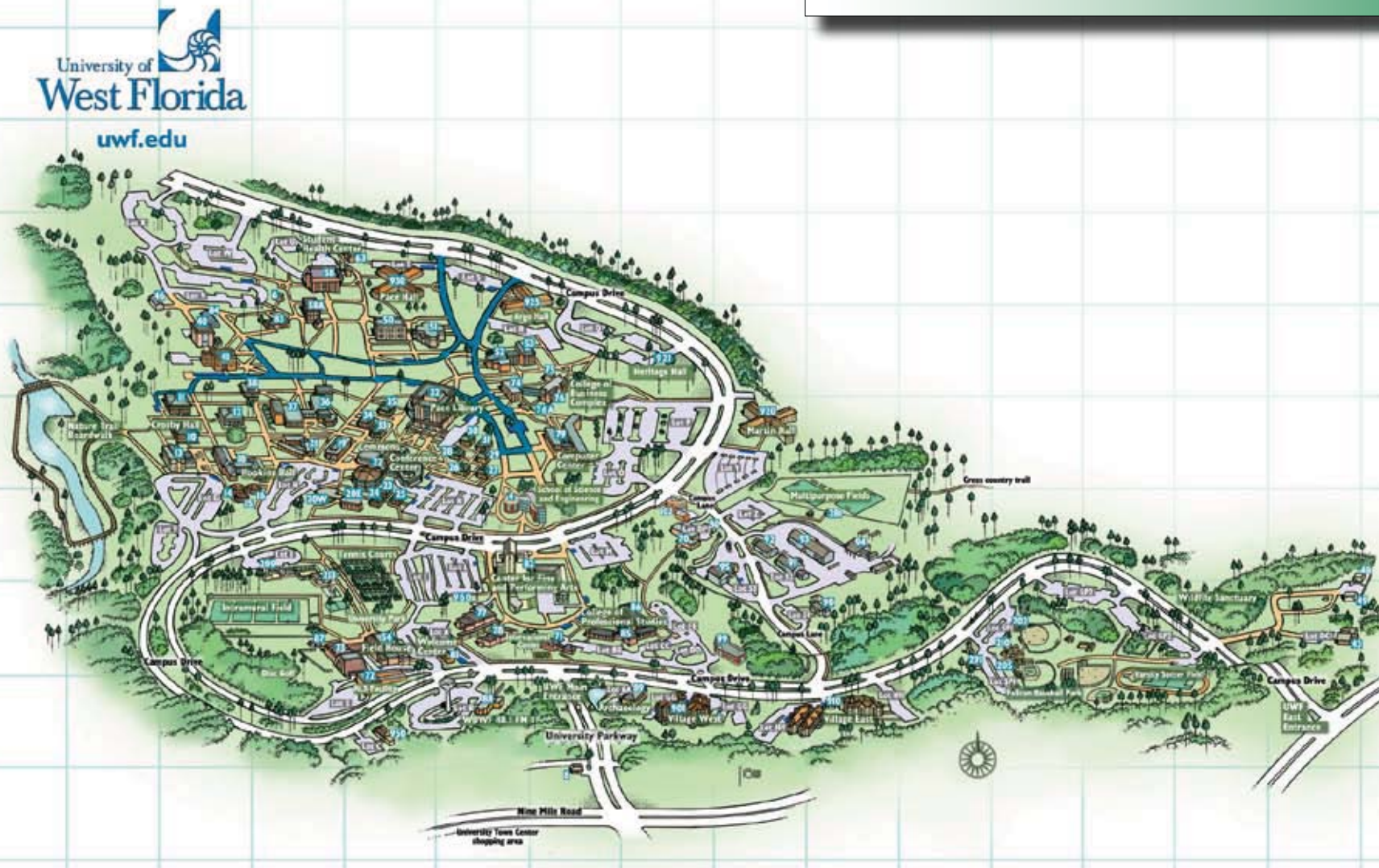
College of Professional Studies

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The College of Professional Studies (COPS) is comprised of the School of Education and the School of Justice Studies and Social Work, and the Departments of Engineering and Computer Technology, Graduate Education, and Health, Leisure, and Exercise Science. COPS builds for tomorrow through a commitment to two goals: service to others and scholarship. ■



UWF Campus Map



Division of Student Affairs

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Our Vision: The Division of Student Affairs will be student-centered educators and servant leaders who meet the comprehensive needs of students at UWF.

Dean of Students

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The Dean of Students Office (DOS) serves as an important resource for students, families, administration, and our faculty colleagues. The DOS provides support to students and families with personal or University concerns, facilitates educational opportunities for students to develop appropriate community behaviors and personal values, and offers assistance in navigating the administrative processes of the University.

Department of Student Transition Programs

uwf.edu/transitionprograms

The Department of Student Transition

Programs is home to New Student Orientation, Argo Link, Argo Camp, Delphi (First-Year Experience Living-Learning Community), Oracle (Second-Year Experience Living-Learning Community), Off-Campus Student Services and the Office of Family Programs. The department strives to ease the transition for students and their families in, through and out of UWF.

Inclusion Services and Programs

uwf.edu/sdrc

The Department of Inclusion Services and Programs focuses on creating a more inclusive campus environment. The primary programs encompassed in the department are: the Student Disability Resource Center (SDRC)



which promotes disability awareness and aids in making academic programs and services accessible to qualified students with disabilities; the Common Ground Inclusion and Diversity Training group which provides peer training and dialogue to create safe spaces to discuss issues of difference and inclusion; and Military Connections which helps promote a military-friendly environment and plans and implements campus events that recognize and encourage veterans and their families.

Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities

uwf.edu/osrr

The Office of Student Rights and Responsibilities (OSRR) is the primary office where student conduct issues are resolved. The University provides a process for addressing and adjudicating incidents of non-academic student misconduct. To that end, the OSRR seeks to enhance the educational mission of the University by promoting an educated, caring, fair and disciplined community.

Student Government Association

uwf.edu/sga

The Student Government Association (SGA) is a group of students charged to represent and advocate on behalf of the student body. SGA is primarily responsible for providing students with the

opportunity to participate in the decision-making processes of the University. They do so by initiating action on behalf of the student body and by ensuring student representation on various University committees. In addition, SGA members are available to hear students' suggestions about ways to improve UWF.

University Commons and Student Activities

uwf.edu/ucommons

Often referred to as the campus living room, the Commons is the place to go for a bite to eat, to work on homework, watch a movie, catch a show, check your mail or e-mail, attend a club meeting, play a game of pool, try the latest video game, or just hang out with friends. The University Commons and Student Activities is the place to be on campus.

Greek Affairs

uwf.edu/greekaff

Membership in a Greek organization is one of the most significant experiences for a college student and Greek Life at UWF will definitely be an experience that students will never forget! Being Greek at UWF means being a part of an involved, motivated, passionate and caring community. It means brotherhood or sisterhood, scholarship, philanthropy and service, leadership and so much more. ▶



Student Affairs [cont.]

Career Services

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Career Services is focused on providing students with the tools they need to obtain career-related experience while in school and assists students with the full-time job search upon graduation. Career advisors assist students with major/career exploration, resume and cover letter writing, interviewing, job search strategies and evaluating a job offer. Volunteer UWF!, a unit within Career Services, helps connect students with service opportunities in the community.

Counseling and Wellness Services

uwf.edu/cws

Counseling and Wellness Services (CWS) is comprised of two departments: Counseling Services and Wellness Services. These departments work collaboratively to create a culture at UWF in which students strive for mental and physical health. Counseling Services is the place on campus for students to go if they are experiencing personal, vocational, psychiatric or academic problems. Services are free and confidential. Wellness Services is active on campus in providing health promotion services in the areas of alcohol misuse/abuse prevention, sexual health promotion and sexual assault prevention. CWS also advises the UWF Peer Educators who strive to impact their peers regarding healthy choices in positive and fun ways.



Health Center

uwf.edu/healthcenter

The UWF Health Center is here to provide basic medical services to all currently enrolled students. The health fee covers the office visit, with minimal fees charged for lab work, vaccines and some procedures. The Health Center is typically open Monday – Wednesday and Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm and on Thursday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Housing and Residence Life

uwf.edu/housing

The Department of Housing and Residence Life provides safe, welcoming and affordable living for students. Returning students serve as Resident Assistants to build community and assist residents in creating a positive and academically supportive environment.

Housing options for first-time students include the Southside Halls and traditional residence halls – Argo, Martin and Pace. Southside is home to the themed halls: Wellness, ROTC, Global Living, Outdoor Experience and Fine and Performing Arts, while Martin Hall houses first-year students in the Delphi first-year experience living-learning community. The Honors Program resides in Pace Hall.

Second-year students can take advantage of living in our newest residence, Heritage Hall, and the University Village Apartments. Heritage Hall is home to Oracle, our second-year experience living-learning community.

Recreation and Sports Services

uwf.edu/recreation

Recreation and Sports Services manages the area known as University Park. The 108,000 square foot Health, Leisure and Sports (HLS) Facility houses the indoor recreation facilities which include an indoor track, basketball, volleyball and badminton courts, multipurpose rooms that are home to group fitness and sport clubs, and a 36-foot high climbing wall. Services offered include massage therapy, personal training, fitness assessments, group fitness classes, open recreation and a variety of informational sessions throughout the year. The Aquatic Center, also located in University Park, houses an Olympic-sized pool, whirlpool and dry sauna. Outdoor facilities include tennis courts, an 18-hole disc golf course, a sand volleyball court and several basketball and racquetball courts. ■



How to Speak UWF

AFS — Academic Foundations Seminar is a three credit hour course offered for first-time in college students to give them insight into different programs and opportunities UWF has to offer and to help ease their transition into University life.

Argo Air — UWF's wireless network.

Argo Bucks — Flexible dollars that come with each meal plan. They expire at the end of each semester and are accepted like cash in all dining locations. If your student's Argo Bucks run low, you may add additional dollars to their Nautilus Card "Food Account."

Argo Camp — An optional three-day, two-night retreat for incoming freshmen that takes place the week before classes begin in August. Argo Camp provides guidance and helps campers navigate the social and emotional changes that will occur in their transition to UWF.

Argo Galley — A sports grill themed restaurant located in the University Commons that offers continental breakfast, lunch and dinner. The Galley is the place to be with great food and fun events!

Argo Link — An incentive based program for freshmen that is designed to encourage involvement on campus. First-time in college students will earn points for attending Argo Link events and prizes will be awarded to students with the highest point values.

Argo PALs — Peer Assistant Leaders who work with the Delphi Living-Learning Community in Martin Hall and help first-year students adjust academically to UWF.

Argo Pulse — The lifeline for involvement at UWF. This website, located at <http://argopulse.uwf.edu>, provides access to students to keep updated on the most current information on student involvement and student organizations.

Argonaut — UWF's mascot. The myths of ancient Greece tell of Jason and the Argonauts, adventurers who left the comforts of a familiar land and sailed off to distant worlds in search of the Golden Fleece.

Argus — The website, or web portal, that contains all of the information and online services students need to be an active member of the UWF community. Students can use Argus to register for classes, access eLearning, check grades, search the library, view their account balance, pay fees and manage email.

Auditorium — A general purpose facility located in the University Commons that is suitable for a variety of activities including comedians and other performances, luncheons, banquets, exhibits and receptions.

CAB — The Campus Activity Board is a student-run organization dedicated to programming the best in entertainment for students, faculty and staff.

Cannon Greens — Grassy area between the University Commons and the John C. Pace Library.

CFPA — The Center for Fine and Performing Arts is home to the Art, Music and Theatre Departments.

Colors — Blue and Green

Commons — Often referred to as the University living room, the University Commons houses facilities, services, and events designed to help students become engaged in campus life. The Nautilus Market, Argo Galley, University Bookstore and Post Office are also located in the Commons.

Common Read — A book selected for the entire freshmen class to read that is distributed at New Student Orientation.

Delphi — The first-year experience living-learning community located in Martin Hall is designed to create a strong link between

students' lives in the residence hall and their learning experiences in the classroom.

Drop/Add Week — The first week of the semester during which students can drop and add classes without penalty.

eLearning — UWF's online courses are made available through eLearning, which is hosted by Desire2Learn, one of the leaders in the online learning field. eLearning is widely used by UWF instructors to hold fully online courses and to supplement traditional courses with online content.

Great Hall — A public use space in the University Commons that is available for special events, activities or everyday use.

Higher One Debit Card — Each registered, degree-seeking student will receive a Higher One debit card. Students may choose to have their financial aid disbursements and other university refunds deposited directly to their Higher One account. Students are able to use their Higher One debit card anywhere MasterCard is accepted.

Japan House — A symbol of the University's commitment to international education and friendship among people from all over the world. Established in 2004, the Japan House is located at the main entrance to campus and is the premier center for Japanese culture and education in the Northwest Florida region.

Learning Center — Free academic support services and tutorial assistance in all subject areas offered at UWF. Located in building 52, room 151.

MathStat Lab — Free tutorial assistance in several mathematics and statistics courses provided by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics and located in building 4, room 302.

Nautilus Market — UWF's all-you-care-to-eat and meal/block plan dining facility located in the University Commons.

Nautilus Shell — In 1967 the Nautilus shell was emblazoned on the University's first insignia. Harold Bryan Crosby,

UWF's first President, fostered the University's guiding principles of growth through education as embodied in the symbol of the Nautilus shell.

Off-Campus Student Services — A resource that offers students a user-friendly, searchable database to help find off-campus housing in the greater Pensacola area. The site, located at <http://offcampushousing.uwf.edu>, includes properties for rent and sale, as well as message boards to find roommates, buy and sell furniture, and other features.

Oracle — The second-year experience living-learning community located in Heritage Hall is designed to create a strong link between students' lives in the residence hall and their learning experiences in the classroom.

SAIL Lab — The Student Access Information Lab, or SAIL Lab, is located in Building 79 and is a general purpose computer lab for students that houses approximately 100 computers as well as printing and copying capabilities.

Sky Lab — Located on the fifth floor of the Library, this area is provided as a general purpose computer lab for students.

The Voyager — UWF's student-run, award winning school newspaper. The Voyager has been the voice of UWF students, faculty and staff since 1968.

UWF ID — A unique identification number assigned by the University to every student.

Welcome Week — University-wide programming effort that is planned by a committee of representatives from both Student Affairs and Academic Affairs. The purpose of Welcome Week is to provide a selection of fun and interactive programs during the first ten days of the fall semester.

Writing Lab — Services include paper reading/critiquing and tutoring in grammar, mechanics and sentence structure. The Lab is located in building 51, room 157 and is open to both on-campus and online students at UWF. ■

Welcome to Pensacola!

Dear Families,

Congratulations on your students' admission to the University of West Florida. They will spend the next four years in a beautiful community where millions of visitors come to vacation. When you visit, we hope you'll take advantage of our many attractions, most of which are absolutely free. We are home to some of the most beautiful beaches in the world. Gulf Islands National Seashore on Perdido Key and Pensacola Beach is actually the longest stretch of protected seashore in the country, where national park rangers offer free programs and tours.

Besides natural beauty, our community is rich in history. Pensacola was the first European settlement in the United States, founded by the Spanish in 1559. You can explore our history at various sites such as the National Naval Aviation Museum, Historic Pensacola Village, Pensacola Lighthouse and pre-Civil War brick fortresses.

Downtown Pensacola is a hub for culture and dining. Home to the "Big Five" arts disciplines, you'll find an opera, symphony, community theater, ballet and museum of art. Downtown Pensacola also hosts special events throughout the year as well as offers exciting nightlife, dining and shopping. We encourage you to check our calendar of events at www.VisitPensacola.com.

We hope the next four years brings your student much success. We welcome you and your family to the Pensacola Bay Area!

Regards,

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30 Fun, Free Things To Do In Pensacola

1. Play on our stunning, white sandy beaches
2. Visit the National Naval Aviation Museum - one of the world's largest air and space museums
3. Learn about Pensacola's rich history at the T.T. Wentworth, Jr. Florida State Museum
4. Enjoy an outdoor summer concert under the oak trees at Evenings in Old Seville
5. Learn about sea life at Gulf Islands National Seashore ranger-led programs
6. Watch the world-famous Blue Angels practice most Tuesday and Wednesday mornings
7. Kick back and enjoy a fabulous Gulf Coast sunset
8. Explore nature at the Edward Ball Nature Trail located at the University of West Florida
9. Head to the Gulfside Pavilion on Pensacola Beach for Bands on the Beach concerts
10. See Veterans Memorial Park, the nation's only replica of Washington D.C.'s Veterans Memorial
11. Uncover history at the Pensacola Colonial Archaeological Trail
12. See the only natural bluffs in Florida at Bay Bluff Park located along Scenic Highway
13. Go bird watching at Project GreenShores, a habitat restoration project on Pensacola Bay
14. Stroll through the Pensacola Historic District and Palafox Place shops, galleries and restaurants
15. Visit Quayside Art Gallery, the largest co-op in the Southeast with three floors of original art
16. Search for sand dollars, seashells and hermit crabs at Pensacola Beach and Perdido Key ▶



- 17. Play a game of disc golf at Shoreline Park in Gulf Breeze
- 18. Play tennis at Bayview Park overlooking Bayou Texar
- 19. Tour Fort Barrancas and Advanced Redoubt at NAS Pensacola
- 20. Enjoy one of our many festivals such as the Pensacola Seafood Festival
- 21. Attend a Mardi Gras parade in February and catch lots of moonpies, beads and toys

- 22. Enjoy free admission on Tuesdays at the Pensacola Museum of Art
- 23. Get spooked at St. Michael's Cemetery, a burial ground since the late 18th century
- 24. Learn to cook at the Sweet Tea, Southern Cooking series at The Fish House
- 25. Bring your pets to the dog beach at Bayview Park on Bayou Texar
- 26. Enjoy free samples at Joe Patti's Seafood, one of the largest markets in the Southeast

- 27. Kayak the beginning of the Florida Paddling Trail
- 28. Attend Gallery Night, where shops and galleries showcase art and offer wine
- 29. Bring a picnic to Sounds of Summer, a concert series on Portofino Boardwalk
- 30. Swim in the sparkling Gulf of Mexico or in Santa Rosa Sound

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Pensacola Bay Area: At A Glance

LOCATION The Pensacola Bay Area is "Florida's First Beach," located in the northwest corner of Florida along the Gulf Coast between Orange Beach, Ala., and Fort Walton Beach, Fla., with an airport and access to I-10 and I-65.

AREA SNAPSHOT The Pensacola Bay Area offers visitors the best of both worlds: 52 miles of sun-drenched, sugar-white beaches alongside a historic town rich with culture and Southern hospitality. It's the perfect blend for an ideal getaway.

PENSACOLA Resting on the banks of Pensacola Bay, the quaint downtown takes visitors back in time. Pensacola offers visitors 450 years of history, innovative coastal cuisine, art and culture, unique shopping and many festivals throughout the year celebrating everything from music and food to art and Mardi Gras.

PENSACOLA BEACH Located on Santa Rosa Island, one of the world's longest barrier islands, Pensacola Beach has an old Florida feel with natural beaches, local hang outs, first-rate fishing and historic Fort Pickens.

PERDIDO KEY BEACH Spanish for "lost island," Perdido Key encompasses federal and state parks abundant with wetlands, estuaries and wildlife.

RICH HERITAGE The "City of Five Flags," Pensacola has been ruled by Spain, Britain, France, the Confederacy and the United States. Pensacola, discovered by Spanish explorers in 1559, was the first major settlement attempt in the United States. The city's rich history lends itself to fascinating historical and archaeological sites, allowing visitors to absorb its colorful past. History comes to life in Historic Pensacola Village, Museum of Commerce, St. Michael's Cemetery, Pensacola Lighthouse, Fort



Barrancas and Fort Pickens. Pensacola also boasts a rich military heritage with Naval Air Station Pensacola, the world-famous Blue Angels and the National Naval Aviation Museum, one of the world's largest air and space museums.

ECO EXCURSIONS Travelers relish the outdoors from the rustic woodlands and creeks of the "Canoe Capital of Florida" to the glistening Gulf of Mexico. The Nature Conservancy designated the Florida Panhandle as a national hot spot for biodiversity, and Gulf Islands National Seashore is the largest national seashore and second-oldest. Ranger-led programming includes snorkeling adventures, barrier island walks and various tours.

WORLD-CLASS DIVES With an active scuba diving population since the 60s, the area was the best-kept secret in the diving world until the 2006 sinking of the Oriskany – the world's largest artificial reef. Divers can also explore many other wrecks, including the USS Massachusetts, one of the oldest existing American battleships, and the Antares, a 400-foot freighter, which attracts moray eels, red snapper, grouper, cobia and amberjack. The sites present opportunity for spear fishing dives, underwater photography and even underwater weddings. ■



Academic Calendar

Fall Semester 2011

Date	Event
August 22	First day of classes
September 5	Labor Day- no class
September 23-25	Family Weekend
November 11	Veteran's Day- no class
November 24-25	Thanksgiving- no class
December 2	Last day of classes
December 5-10	Final Exams
December 10	Commencement

Spring Semester 2012

Date	Event
January 9	First day of classes
January 16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day – no class
March 18-25	Spring Break – no classes
April 27	Last day of classes
April 30-May 5	Final Exams
May 5	Commencement

Dates are subject to change

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Advising	474-3170	Nautilus Card	474-3324
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Bookstore	474-2150	Police	474-2415
Career Services	474-2254	Post Office	474-2436
Cashier's Office	474-3110	Recreation	474-2586
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Professional Studies	474-2769	Student Employment (OPS)	474-2694
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