

Recent UWF Accomplishments under President Bense

- UWF received the 2015 Carnegie Community Engagement Classification on our first application.
- Implemented the performance improvement plan and had \$3.8 million in funding restored.
- UWF's performance metrics improved by 16 points this year to 37 points for the 2015-2016 budget cycle.
- UWF received the highest honors for being military and veteran friendly from multiple veteran magazines and organizations.
- Created the Innovation Institute and the Complete Florida Program.
- Created the Business Enterprises Inc.
- UWF created the University College.
- Opened new state of the art nursing lab.
- Transitioned the Florida Virtual Campus into the Innovation Institute.
- Reopened Arcadia Mills in Santa Rosa County
- Signed a new partnership with the National Park Service and Gulf Islands National Seashore for research and student engagement.
- Started a football program.
- UWF's Office of Economic Development and Engagement administered a significant State-funded grant program to promote economic development and employment in Florida.
- Scholarship Fundraising has increased significantly:
 - Total privately funded Scholarships Awarded
 - 2012-2013 Estimate: \$1,197,000
 - Total number of scholarships awarded: 1,023
 - Number of students receiving scholarships: 899
 - Total gift & State Match awarded: \$1,231,818.36
 - 2013-2014: \$1,258,515.51 with state match
 - Total number of scholarships awarded: 1036
 - Number of students receiving scholarships: 902
- Recognitions include the following:
 - President Bense was elected as the Chair of the NCAA Division II President's Council
 - Ranked No. 5 in the U.S. for first-time pass rates by small accounting programs on the CPA exam by the National Association of State Boards of Accountancy
 - Designated as a "Best Southeastern College" by the Princeton Review
 - Named a top military-friendly school by G.I. Jobs magazine
 - Ranked No. 22 on the "Best for Vets: Colleges 2014" rankings by Military Times
 - Ranked No. 13 in the "Top Colleges for Future Service Members in Florida" by The College Database
 - Listed in Princeton Review's "Guide to 311 Green Colleges"
 - Listed in the "Great Colleges to Work For" by The Chronicle of Higher Education (2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2014)
 - Named No. 38 for Best Online Bachelor's Programs for Veterans by the U.S. News and World Report (2014)

- UWF Masters in Public Health Program ranked in top 10 Nationwide
- College of Business maintains the prestigious AACSB Business Accreditation
- Next Exit History TM 2.0 has become the featured mobile app of Viva Florida 500, the State's official celebration of Florida's 500th anniversary.