



# PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

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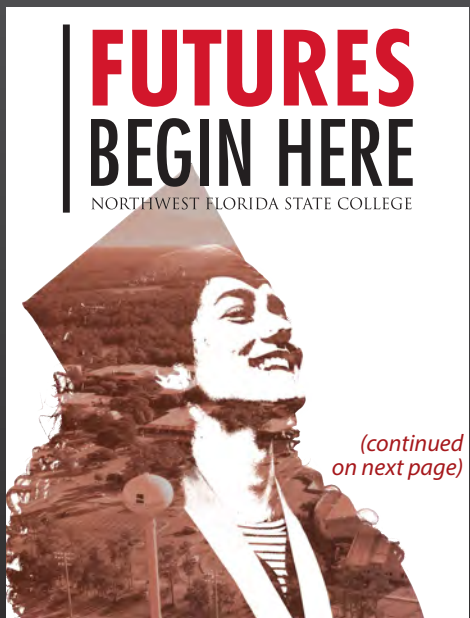
## TOP 5 REASONS TO BEGIN HERE

As challenges unfold around us due to the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, our thoughts are with you and your families. We sincerely hope that you are safe and well.

In response to the pandemic, NWFSC transitioned to a modality that supports remote operations to ensure the health and well-being of our entire Northwest Florida State College family and our external constituents. We have developed a high-quality online learning delivery system as well as comprehensive, virtual wrap-around services to ensure our students continue receiving the BEST collegiate experience.

Amidst the uncertainty the world is currently facing, NWFSC is working diligently to continue providing a safe, affordable foundation upon which you can build your career and the next chapter of your life. Our College is strongly committed to launching and maintaining relevant, high-quality academic programming that strengthens the economic vitality of Northwest Florida.

We want you to **BEGIN HERE** at Northwest Florida State College.



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## STUDENT EMERGENCY FUND ASSISTS NWFSC STUDENTS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

At Northwest Florida State College we are more than a College, we are a community. During these times of uncertainty, NWF State College is working tirelessly to remove barriers so that all students continue to receive the highest quality education during the unprecedented challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In 2018, the NWFSC Foundation established the Student Emergency Fund, which gives the College the ability to provide financial assistance to students whose lack of basic necessities and/or ability to function creates a hardship.

While external support funds the Student Emergency Fund annually, our current need far surpasses our available resources. The cost of housing, food and technology to learn remotely, may make it impossible for our students to stay enrolled. Your support will help provide stability and hope during these unpredictable times.

Gifts can be made online at [nwscfoundation.org/emergencyfund](http://nwscfoundation.org/emergencyfund).



*Donating to our Student Emergency Fund could be a student's ticket to graduation. In just 14 days, our Northwest Florida community has raised nearly \$10,000! Your giving truly makes an impact, thank you!*

## NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE DONATES PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Beginning Monday, March 30, all Northwest Florida State College in-person classes and student support services move to an online/virtual platform. As a result, many of our health science programs are left with a surplus of personal protective equipment (PPE). Supplies such as exam gloves, sterile gloves, masks and gowns were gathered from the Emergency Medical Technician/Paramedic, Dental Assisting, Radiography and Nursing Programs and donated to the Florida Department of Health in Okaloosa County's Emergency Support Function – 8 (ESF-8).

"DOH-Okaloosa relies on local partnerships to help us keep Okaloosa County healthy," said Carrie Ziegler Assistant Director of the Florida Department of Health in Okaloosa County. "This generous donation from Northwest Florida State College will be distributed to healthcare partners serving our community."

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I want to share my **Top 5 reasons** why students in Northwest Florida should choose our College to attain their educational and career goals!

**1. NWFSC is nationally recognized for our academic, arts, environmental, and athletic programs.** The Aspen Institute recognized our college as one of the top 150 community colleges in the nation in 2015, 2017 and 2019. NWFSC's Welding Program is recognized as an Accredited Test Facility (ATF) by American Welding Society. Our Nursing program consistently ranks among Florida's top 10 amongst all Florida colleges and universities according to percentage of licensure pass rates by RegisteredNursing.org (currently #8). Our Teacher Education program received an "A" grade in the area of Early Reading Instruction for the 7th year in a row from the National Council on Teacher Quality's Teacher Prep Review. I can't leave out our multiple conference championships in women's and men's basketball as well as baseball! Our Mattie Kelly Arts Center productions are recognized as some of the highest quality productions in the country. Last, but certainly not least, our environmental work through CBA and the Mattie Kelly Environmental Institute are vital to the sustainability and protection of our environment.

**2. NWFSC is accessible, affordable and offers flexible learning formats.** Tuition cost at NWFSC is among the lowest in Florida. Our students receive an exceptional education for a fraction of the cost at a public university. NWFSC offers six locations throughout Okaloosa and Walton Counties to support our students' needs for a flexible schedule with an average class size of 18 students. Not to mention, we offer 1,000+ classes each semester in traditional, online and hybrid formats. NWFSC offers ninety-nine degrees, certificates, and diplomas online.

**3. NWFSC is adding new programming to meet our region's needs.** The Walton Works Project in DeFuniak Springs establishes a Center of Excellence for 10 new workforce programs - public safety, cybersecurity, drone technology, and building trades, preparing students to earn industry-recognized credentials including state licenses and certifications. The Aviation Center of Excellence will be located in the Crestview Technology Air Park and will provide FAA, industry-recognized certifications in airframe mechanics, powerplant mechanics and professional pilot technology. Finally, our new Physical Therapist Assistant and Medical Laboratory Technician programs will take flight in the next few months providing outstanding education for high demand careers in the growing health care industry.

**4. NWFSC students are guaranteed admission to a Florida University after earning an Associate in Arts degree from NWFSC.** Our College holds articulation agreements to ensure our credits transfer seamlessly to Florida public universities. NWFSC also has university partnerships with out-of-state Northcentral University, Troy University Online, and Western Governors University. It just makes sense to begin your higher education career at the Safest College in Florida!

**5. NWFSC's Raider Central is a one-stop-shop for all Student Success Services.** Students are greeted by a dynamic video display board and then by our information desk concierge who determines which one of our navigators you are here to see - admissions, registration, financial aid or advising. Our Student Success team boasts a customer service rating of 95 and are dedicated to the success of our students. We know you by name, not by your student number!

Futures **BEGIN HERE** at Northwest Florida State College!

Dr. Devin Stephenson, President  
#TheBestisOurStandard

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Coordinating efforts with ESF-8 ensures these supplies will be dispersed to agencies with the greatest need. "We are all in this together," said NWFSC President Dr. Devin Stephenson.

For more information regarding Northwest Florida State College's response to COVID-19/ Coronavirus, please visit [www.nwfsc.edu/coronavirus](http://www.nwfsc.edu/coronavirus).



Sergeant Jo Culberson, NWFSC Campus Safety and Security and Dr. Charlotte Kuss, Dean of Health Sciences help load donations of personal protective equipment to Mr. Shayne Stewart, DOH Public Health Preparedness Branch Director

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# RAIDER CENTRAL

## NWFSC'S ONE-STOP SHOP

ADMISSIONS, REGISTRATION, FINANCIAL AID  
AND ACADEMIC ADVISING



ONLINE LIVE CHAT & PHONE CENTER



1 STAFF

5

LOCATIONS



PROFESSIONAL, SKILLED STAFF

ON-THE-SPOT SURVEYS



NPS FOR STUDENT SUCCESS NAVIGATION STAFF IS

95

The NPS (Net Promoter Score) measuring customer experience for Raider Central is 88 (scale for both is +100 to -100 and the national average for like services in 2019 was 51)

## 2020 NWFSC SCHOLARS AWARD

### SELECTION CRITERIA:

- Minimum of overall 3.5 GPA
- Minimum of 24 total credit hours
- Involvement in at least one NWF State College extracurricular activity or membership in at least one student club/organization
- Participation in at least one community event or membership in at least one community organization

Nicole Andujar, Monica Beales, Olivia Beales, Noah Bresler, Hannah Brown, Mackenzie Burgoyne, Julianna Cannon, Morgan Chipman, Carol Ingram, Shelby Jones, Ashley Matyac, Madeline McNutt, Rebecca Miller, Danielle Muir, Matthew Nguyen, Toby Ratcliffe, Marie Ream, Racheal Spence, Christina Walden, Katherine Weiss and Charles Yancey II

## CONGRATULATIONS!

## 2020 ARNIE HART

### JURIED STUDENT EXHIBITION

Although the Mattie Kelly Art Center Galleries was not able to hold a physical exhibition of student work, a digital exhibition is available online at: <https://www.facebook.com/MattieKellyArtsCenterGallery/>

Professor Carrie Fonder, the guest judge for this year's annual Arnie Hart student art show, remarked several times about how much great work there was to see, and how difficult that made her job of decision making. The judge selected artwork that showed skill, commitment to the art process, and, very importantly: promise and potential.

**A** **BEST-IN-SHOW**  
Natalia Light, 'Comfort Zone', Mixed Media

**B** **1ST PLACE: THREE-DIMENSIONAL**  
Aubrey Walton, 'Woman in Fashion', Mixed Media

**C** **1ST PLACE: TWO-DIMENSIONAL**  
Savanna Sims, 'Dookie Cookie', Oil on Canvas Paper



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## FOUNDATION

### JACKSON FAMILY ESTABLISHES SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT

Niceville native Scott Jackson and his wife Wanda, have established a scholarship endowment to honor their family with a \$20,000 bequest to Northwest Florida State College (NWFSC).

Jackson is a Niceville High School graduate and alumnus of NWFSC, having earned both an Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degrees from then Okaloosa-Walton Junior College. In 2011, Jackson returned to NWFSC as a member of the Foundation's Board of Directors. During his tenure he served as Treasurer, Vice Chair and Chair, leaving a legacy of thoughtful leadership.

The Scott Jackson Family Scholarship Endowment will provide scholarship support for students enrolled at Northwest Florida State College.



*Scott and Wanda Jackson pose with their family in Niceville recently.*



### EGLIN FEDERAL CREDIT UNION GIVES \$5,000 TO STUDENT EMERGENCY FUND

In response to Northwest Florida State College's efforts to support students during the COVID-19 pandemic, Eglin Federal Credit Union (EFCU) has taken action by donating \$5,000 to the NWFSC Student Emergency Fund.

Eglin Federal Credit Union's support will help students who face circumstances that threaten their continued success at NWFSC. EFCU has been an ally of the College since 1996 with a giving history of over \$50,000 and has two scholarship endowments established through the Northwest Florida State College Foundation.