



DIVISION OF ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENT AND STUDENT AFFAIRS



Welcome to the Division of Academic Engagement and Student Affairs (DAESA) at the University of West Florida, we're excited you're here! This document contains links*, information, and even a new employee checklist that we hope you find helpful as you get acclimated to your role within DAESA.

**Some of the links lead to internal UWF portals, to which you won't have access until you have UWF credentials. You're encouraged to check back here to access those links when you start in your new role.*

[New Employee Checklist](#)



WELCOME

TO THE DIVISION OF ACADEMIC ENGAGEMENT AND STUDENT AFFAIRS

Congratulations on your decision to join one of the most dynamic, collaborative, forward-thinking, innovative, and spirited teams around!

The Division of Academic Engagement and Student Affairs (DAESA) is the epicenter of student success at UWF. The Division is home to more than 30 departments and major programs, approximately 185 workforce staff, and over 300 student employees. Five strategic priorities guide our work:



DAESA's impact is vast! Our programs and services engage students from the start of their academic journey to beyond graduation. We also work closely with Deans, Department Chairs, faculty, staff, parents/families, donors, and community partners.

As you prepare for your first day, I encourage you to take some time to get to know us. Check out our Divisional webpage, take a look at our [most recent Impact Report](#), and review the "[New Hire](#)" information available on HR's website.

We can't wait to welcome you to campus! When you arrive, be on the lookout for opportunities to meet your colleagues and get involved.

Go Argos!



Dr. Gregory Tomso
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GUIDING PRINCIPLES

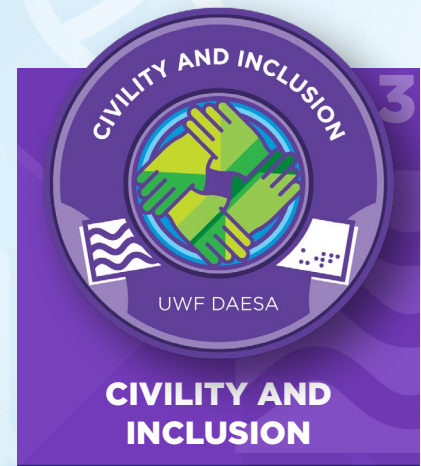
MISSION

The Division of Academic Engagement and Student Affairs (DAESA) advances the mission of UWF by supporting student wellbeing, providing transformative educational experiences, and offering a wide variety of academic support services.

VISION

All UWF students are successful, healthy, and fully engaged in their academic and professional journeys.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



DAESA STAFF ENGAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Throughout the year, DAESA offers various opportunities to expand the knowledge and skills of our teams with programs and activities that aim to promote ongoing learning, exchange of ideas and social networking. The DAESA engagement and development opportunities are offered by committees responsible for developing and implementing programs and activities that align with the Division's strategic priorities, consider the professional development needs of staff, recognize outstanding work in the division and build community.

The information and updates in our bi-weekly newsletter, DAESA news, is mostly crowd-sourced from people and offices within the division. Once you're in your new role, and are ready to share information about engagement or development opportunities that you or your office are working on, please submit it to the newsletter using this [form](#).

COMMITTEES

Social Committee

Social committee past activities and contributions to DAESA:

- Organization of division-wide gatherings
- Reverse trick-or-treating
- First day of school celebration
- Birthday cards and well wishes
- DAESA g-chat

Professional Development Committee

Professional development committee past activities and contributions to DAESA:

- Understanding the Metrics Workshop
- Inclusive Mindset for Committed Allies Workshop

VOLUNTEER

Volunteer opportunities will be published in DAESA News and the @UWF newsletters.

ON-CAMPUS AMENITIES

Library

Post Office and passport facility

On-campus dining

- Nautilus Market
- Twisted Taco
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- Chick-Fil-a
- Pace Library Coffee House - Proudly Brew Starbucks
- Argo Express
- Switz Cafe - Proudly Brew Starbucks
- Argo Refuel
- Bento Sushi and P.O.D.

Recreation and Wellness Health, Leisure and Sports Facility

Aquatic Center

Outdoor trails and equipment rentals

Events for Faculty and Staff

See ODC calendar and the DAESA news bi-weekly newsletter



PROFESSIONAL ADVANCEMENT

HR Professional Development

UWF is committed to empowering each individual we serve with knowledge and opportunities to contribute responsibly and creatively to a complex world. Professional Development Programs offered by Human Resources meet this value by offering a wide variety of courses.

Workshops providing specific procedural and technical training in areas of university policy and procedures, supervisory and interpersonal skills development and personal improvement.

The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) offers monthly webinars on a variety of topics such as communication, stress management, coping skills, parenting, relationships, healthy living and more.

Educational Opportunities

The University of West Florida offers many different educational opportunities for employees. Through the **Employee Tuition Fee Waiver Program**, employees can take up to six credit hours of course work at UWF per term without payment of tuition. At the University of West Florida, there is a variety of graduate programs available to take such as Masters in Art in **Strategic Communication and Leadership** as well as a Masters in Education in **College Student Affairs Administration**.

For additional information regarding the benefits and perks of working at UWF, visit the **Faculty & Staff Benefits webpage**.

BEYOND UWF: PENSACOLA LIFE



The UWF main campus is located 10 miles north of beautiful downtown Pensacola. The city of Pensacola offers visitors and locals a rich heritage, fresh coastal cuisine, art and culture, unique shopping and many festivals throughout the year celebrating everything from music and food to the arts.

Pensacola is the home of the U.S. Navy Blue Angels as well as some of the best beaches in the nation where visitors can enjoy sugar-white sands and crystal clear waters; UWF is 30 minutes away from Pensacola beach. The National Naval Aviation Museum and Pensacola Historic District are also among visitors' favorite spots.

