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Escambia County Public Schools' Foundation and UWF Launch Free Virtual Workshops

The Escambia County Public Schools Foundation has partnered with the University of West Florida to offer six workshops to help parents support their student and their student's teachers. "We are excited to partner with the University of West Florida," said Kristie Kelly, executive director at the Foundation. "Their faculty will share strategies to support your student's success in face-to-face, virtual and blended learning environments.

"We are also grateful for the grant funding provided by Wells Fargo & Company—an American multinational financial services provider."

The virtual sessions in this series, entitled "Supporting Your Student," will be on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month in February through April. Each session begins at 5 p.m. with a 30-minute workshop followed by 15 minutes for questions from parents. UWF faculty from the departments of teacher education and educational leadership and instructional design and technology are presenting the workshops.

"As a result of the pandemic, parents have suddenly found themselves thrust in the role of teacher without any formal training," said Dr. John Pecore, professor and associate chair of teacher education and educational leadership. "It has created a tremendous need that our faculty expertise can support. We are excited to offer this service to the community." Pre-registration is required. Please email foundation@ecsdfl.us for more information and to sign up for one or more workshops.

The dates, topics and presenters are listed below. A ZOOM link will be sent to those who have pre-registered. A reminder will also be emailed on the days of the events.

Feb. 9 from 5–5:45 p.m.
Communicating Regularly with Teachers
Presenters: Dr. Aneta Walker, Dr. James Dickson and Dr. Amany Habib

Feb. 23 from 5–5:45 p.m.
Setting Clear Expectations and Goals
Presenters: Dr. Elizabeth Bemiss and Dr. Kathleen Heubach

March 9 from 5–5:45 p.m.
Establishing Routines and Systems to Stay Organized
Presenter: Dr. Tim Morse and Dr. Holley Handley

March 23 from 5–5:45 p.m.
Encouraging and Motivating for Success
Presenters: Dr. Nguyen Nguyen and Dr. Jennifer Mesa

April 13 from 5–5:45 p.m.
Creating a Positive Environment for At-home Learning

Presenters: Dr. John Pecore, Dr. Melanie DiLoreto and Dr. Minkyong Kim

April 27 from 5–5:45 p.m.

Addressing the Unique Challenges of Children with Special Needs

Presenters: Dr. Keri Fogle and Dr. Shim Lew

About Escambia County Public Schools Foundation:

Since 1986, The Escambia County Public Schools Foundation has partnered with the District to enhance education in Escambia County by investing in our children's future to ensure they graduate on time and are college or career ready. The Foundation is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization comprised of local business and industry leaders, educators, and community volunteers with the goal of forming partnerships to fulfill their mission. For more information, visit <https://ecsd-fl.schoolloop.com/ecpsf>.

About UWF: Based in Pensacola, Florida, with additional locations in the region, UWF has awarded more than 100,000 degrees from over 70 undergraduate, graduate and doctoral programs. Its small class sizes ensure personalized, focused attention from some of the nation's most engaging professors. As the home of the Argonauts, UWF builds champions for life through our intercollegiate athletics program, leading the Gulf South Conference in all-time championships and all-sports trophies. A driver of economic impact in Northwest Florida and beyond, UWF generates approximately \$1 billion in total annual sales across the Florida economy. UWF is more than a university. It's a symbol of success, commitment to lifelong learning and change. For more information, visit uwf.edu.

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