

Anniversary Celebration

April 2013 - August 2014

April 17, 2013

50th Anniversary Kick-off Assembly
& Doolittle Raiders Exhibit Dedication

June 2013 - May 2014

OWJC – NWFSC History Exhibit
Heritage Museum of Northwest Florida
115 Westview Avenue, Valparaiso, FL 32580

October 12, 2013

50th Anniversary Gala

Spring 2014

Niceville Campus Open House . . . & more!

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APRIL 17, 2013

1963	<i>Okaloosa-Walton Junior College</i>	OWJC
1988	<i>Okaloosa-Walton Community College</i>	OWCC
2003	<i>Okaloosa-Walton College</i>	OWC
2008	<i>Northwest Florida State College</i>	NWFSC

Continuing the Vision . . . Improving Lives!

50TH ANNIVERSARY GALA • OCTOBER 12, 2013

Mattie Kelly Arts Center, Niceville Campus

MISSION STATEMENT

Northwest Florida State College improves lives. We deliver outstanding educational programs that are relevant, accessible, and engaging for students of all ages and provide exceptional cultural, athletic, and economic development activities for the communities served. We commit to excellence, creativity, integrity, and service.

VALUES

Opportunity meeting each student's educational need at his or her level of ability

Excellence achieving the highest standards

Learning acquiring new skills, insights, and ideas

Success preparing students for the future

Creativity finding innovative ways to accomplish our objectives

Community listening and responding to community needs

Teamwork supporting and respecting each other and those we serve

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NWFSC Board of Trustees 50th Anniversary Resolution

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WHEREAS, the District Board of Trustees changed the official name of the college to NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE on July 8, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the college recognized the need for expanded credit and non-credit opportunities in Walton County and thus constructed the South Walton Center, which opened for classes January 6, 2009, as the college's seventh area location; and

WHEREAS, the college has provided a wide variety of non-credit and postsecondary vocational credit programs to area citizens over the years, including college preparatory, adult basic education, literacy, adult vocational, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL), GED preparation, continuing education, and personal enrichment courses and professional skills training; and

WHEREAS, the college has awarded more than 35,440 degrees and certificates to students and has served more than 350,160 individuals since its inception, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees designated the calendar year 1989 to commemorate the college's 25th anniversary and the period of April 2003 to May 2004 to commemorate the college's 40th anniversary;

BE IT RESOLVED that Northwest Florida State College be commended for its stellar 50 years of service to provide educational opportunities from GED to Bachelor's degrees, cultural enrichment, and more to improve the lives of its students and the regional citizenry; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that: Northwest Florida State College will officially celebrate its 50th Anniversary from April 17, 2013 through August 30, 2014 with special recognitions and events and that all official college publications reflect this milestone in the history of NWFSC.

ADOPTED BY the Board of Trustees in Regular Session on this 19th day of February, 2013.

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Attest: Northwest Florida State College

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Northwest Florida State College 50th Anniversary Kick-Off Assembly & Doolittle Raiders Exhibit Dedication

April 17, 2013

Pre-Ceremony Music Northwest Florida State College Jazz Ensemble
Fred Domulot, Director

OWJC to NWFSC History Displays, Arena track level
Doolittle Raiders Silver Goblets Display, Arena track level, NW corner
B-25 Photo & Art Collection, Raider Room

Salute to Doolittle Raiders 39th IOS, Hurlburt Field
Lt. Col. J. Kiley Weigle

Welcome Dr. Ty Handy, NWFSC President

Presentation of the Colors Honor Guard, Eglin Air Force Base

National Anthem Deversy5
Javonte Coleman, Nathan Fife, Ashley Meyer, Mallory Olds & Sivu Schlegel,
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Invocation Rev. Mark L. Fitzhugh, Rector
St. Simons on the Sound Episcopal Church

50th Anniversary Brian Pennington, Chairman
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Doolittle Raiders Exhibit Dedication Dr. Ty Handy & NWFSC Board of Trustees
Lt. Col. Richard E. Cole
Lt. Col. Edward J. Saylor
SSgt. David J. Thatcher

Doolittle Raider Foundation Scholarship Presentations Lt. Col. Richard E. Cole

Closing Remarks Dr. Ty Handy

Photo Opportunity As time allows, there will be an additional opportunity
for the audience to take photos of the Doolittle Raiders
from the stands at the close of the ceremony

Doolittle Raiders Exit Arena Audience please stand in honor of our guests

NWFSC Doolittle Raiders Exhibit Open - Raiders Arena Lobby Hours Exhibit Open:
10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. April 17
Permanent hours:
Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 p.m.

Doolittle Raiders History Exhibit

We gratefully acknowledge the generosity of donors whose gifts help us honor the heroes of the past and pay tribute to the Raiders' proud heritage.

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WHEREAS, the college recognized the need for expanded cultural opportunities for students and the general public and thus constructed an arts complex, now named the Mattie Kelly Fine & Performing Arts Center, which opened for classes in January 1996 and held its first public performance in January 1997, serving more than 1.5 million patrons since its inception; and

WHEREAS, new construction and major renovation from 1996 to 2012 has provided students and the public enhanced access to higher education opportunities and services through facilities including the Niceville campus Learning Resources Center, astronomical Observatory, Marie Snow Greene Visual Arts Building, Mary Lou O'Connor Child Development Center, Robert E. Greene, Jr. Science Building, Community Services Complex (Okaloosa County 911/Emergency Operations Center and Raiders Arena), Student Services Center and Activities Center, as well as the Robert L.F. Sikes Education Center expansion in Crestview and the South Walton Center in Walton County; and



WHEREAS, the Collegiate High School was established in 2000 at the Niceville campus and is consistently among the state's top performing high schools, providing opportunities for 10th, 11th and 12th grade students to earn college credits and an Associate degree simultaneously; and

WHEREAS, through a cooperative effort with the University of West Florida, baccalaureate degree opportunities were first offered at the college's Niceville campus in 2000; and

**Okaloosa-Walton
COLLEGE**

WHEREAS, the State Board of Education authorized OWCC to develop baccalaureate degree programs in April 2003, and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges awarded the college Level II accreditation status in December 2003 to award baccalaureate degrees, and the college began baccalaureate programs of study starting fall semester 2004; and

WHEREAS, the official name of the college was changed July 1, 2004, to OKALOOSA-WALTON COLLEGE to reflect the new accreditation to award bachelor's degrees; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Legislature passed the "State College Bill" establishing the Florida College System in 2008, which was signed by Florida's governor on June 12, 2008, at a ceremony held at the college's Niceville campus; and

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WHEREAS, Dual Enrollment, a state program enacted by the Florida Legislature in 1971, began at the college in 1972 to enable high school students to earn college credits while still in high school; and

WHEREAS, a 2 + 2 program was established with the University of West Florida in winter semester 1982, with start-up monies being appropriated by the 1983 Legislature for a Joint Center in Fort Walton Beach; and

WHEREAS, recognizing the importance of providing direct on-site college education and services at the local military bases, the college established centers at Eglin Air Force Base and Hurlburt Field in 1983; and

WHEREAS, the Northwest Florida Symphony Orchestra at Okaloosa-Walton Junior College was established in August 1987; and

WHEREAS, the official name of the college was changed March 15, 1988, to OKALOOSA-WALTON COMMUNITY COLLEGE; and

WHEREAS, local community leaders partnered with the college to establish the OWCC Foundation in November 1988 to provide charitable and educational aid to the college for enhanced educational opportunities, instruction, and other related activities, resulting in more than \$16 million in scholarships and support to the college since its inception; and

WHEREAS, by Congressional Act, H.R. 5291 - Congressman Earl Hutto, land has been designated for a permanent site of the Okaloosa-Walton Community College/University of West Florida Joint Center in Fort Walton Beach on October 18, 1988 with construction groundbreaking in August 1990 and the new joint campus opening for classes in August 1992; and

WHEREAS, the college has provided higher education opportunities and adult basic education instruction in north Okaloosa County for more than thirty years and purchased the Robert L.F. Sikes City of Crestview Library building in 1993 to provide a permanent college instructional location in the area, named the Robert L.F. Sikes Education Center; and

WHEREAS, the college offered an intercollegiate athletics program from 1969-1978 and re-established athletics teams in 1991 which have consistently earned numerous state, regional and national titles, including the Men's Basketball 1994-95 National Junior College Athletics Association Championship; and



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WHEREAS, the establishment of a junior college to be located in Okaloosa County was authorized by the 1963 Legislative Session, House Bill 831, April 1963, and became part of the Florida Statutes in Chapter 63-445; and

WHEREAS, the first junior college Advisory Committee was appointed by the Governor's Office in December 1963, the Charter President was appointed effective February 14, 1964, and the college was officially named OKALOOSA-WALTON JUNIOR COLLEGE on March 10, 1964; and

WHEREAS, OWJC was authorized by the State of Florida in the fall of 1964 and was granted accreditation status from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges in December 1965; and

WHEREAS, the first classes offered through Okaloosa-Walton Junior College began August 24, 1964, with 767 students in attendance on a temporary campus in Valparaiso, Florida; and

WHEREAS, through Congressional action H.R. 4905 - Congressman Robert L. F. Sikes, on August 2, 1965, and the U. S. Senate Bill 2346 - Senator Spessard Holland, on August 30, 1965, the permanent site for the main campus in Niceville was approved by the Board of Public Instruction and ownership transferred from the U. S. Government (Eglin AFB) to the Okaloosa County Board of Public Instruction for exclusive use of OWJC; and

WHEREAS, in the college's first year of operation, OWJC students selected the "Raiders" as the college's official mascot name, in honor of the Doolittle Raiders, WWII heroes, who trained for their historic mission at Eglin; and

WHEREAS, the first commencement of 85 charter students took place on May 1, 1966, in Perrine Park, Valparaiso; and

WHEREAS, governance of OWJC was transferred from the Okaloosa County Board of Public Instruction to the OWJC Board of Trustees on July 1, 1968, and the college moved to a new permanent campus in Niceville in December 1968; and

WHEREAS, a HUD grant was approved for the establishment of the OWJC Chautauqua Neighborhood Center in DeFuniak Springs with a groundbreaking ceremony held on September 4, 1970; and

