America celebrates Independence Day in a big way! We carefully plan ahead of time where and how to spend the Fourth of July with our friends and family. We plan our menu, go to the market and get the drinks. Some of us celebrate with barbecues, picnics, bonfires, fireworks, music or on the beach; you name it! We are free to spend the day as we wish, while showing our patriotism and celebrating the freedoms that we enjoy. In Carbondale, a Saturday before Fourth of July, some people go to the Farmer’s Market for fresh vegetables, fruit, seafood, meat or sausages. Hamburgers, sausages, bratwursts, potato salad, coleslaw, corn on the cob, and fruit pies are a sure thing on our menu. With the excitement of the holiday coming soon, we asked our WED colleagues about their celebrations.

Sally A. Haynes, liaison at Naval Station Mayport, shared her story with us:

“Mayport does Freedom Fest every year. It is a major family event on the base. I have joined in this fun every year for as long as I can remember. It is a fun day. The live music is the best part. If I can’t make it to Freedom Fest, I watch it from my apartment. Then they do fireworks at Jacksonville Beach on the Fourth of July right outside my window! They alternate the Air Show between Jax Beach and NAS JAX each year. The Blue Angels fly right over my apartment. I love it but my critters (Furbabies) not so much! I just turn the TV up loud for them. My critters hide and will not come near me for days after! For a week afterward, every time a plane, jet or helicopter goes over the house, they scramble, hide and won’t come out! It’s very traumatic for them.”

Wait! Do you know who worked to formulate the Declaration of Independence? Can you name the Continental Congress’ “Committee of Five” who crafted the document and the year that the Declaration of Independence was officially adopted? The first three people who submit these two answers correctly will receive a prize!

Have a happy and safe Fourth of July!
As you know, or most of you know, Dr. Christopher Keith Waugh has been offered a position as professor and head of the Department of Adult and Career Education at Valdosta State University in Valdosta, GA.

While we are sad at his departure, we want to thank Dr. Waugh for his 20 years of service to the Department of Workforce Education and Development. During those years, Dr. Waugh has led and kept the department together in his various capacities. In 1997, he came as the base coordinator at McGuire AFB, where he spent two years before transferring to the Carbondale campus. Later, he served as director of the OCDP, director of the WED graduate program, and twice as department chair. Dr. Waugh has said that it is very difficult for him to leave, and he considers us not just colleagues, but friends and family. This is a reciprocal feeling because we came to know an honest and patient person who loved to teach, but who also stepped up to the plate as a leader when needed.

We congratulate Dr. Waugh for his recent accomplishments and wish him well in his new endeavors.

So long, Dr. Waugh!

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**FALL SEMESTER REGISTRATIONS**

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**What Makes NAS Pensacola Extended Campus Unique**

Naval Air Station Pensacola (NASP), located on the Florida Panhandle, is a unique military installation due to the location’s primary focus as the Navy’s premier aviation training command. This location acts as the initial entry training facility for most naval aviation specialties (for officers and enlisted personnel) and all primary enlisted Marine Corps aviation occupational specialties. In fact, NASP is referred to as the “Cradle of Naval Aviation.” Many of our Salukis that attend classes through our extended campus are instructors for their military occupational specialty. The aviation community is a culture that values and supports higher learning, especially in Workforce Education and Development (WED) because it relates to their profession.

Pensacola is a major tourist attraction largely due to its crystal-clear water and sugar-white beaches. Fortunately, NAS Pensacola has its own secluded beaches and marinas accompanied by plenty of other outdoor venues. Enjoy a bird’s-eye view by climbing to the top of the Pensacola Lighthouse or gain an appreciation for naval aviation at the most visited aviation museum in the country, the National Museum of Naval Aviation. You can also explore examples of military engineering of the 1840s by touring Fort Barrancas and Fort Pickens, and make sure you wear your hearing protection as you watch the Blue Angels during their practice sessions.
NAS Pensacola Graduate and Staff in the Spotlight

After 22 months of hard work and sacrifice, all while executing the leadership duties and functions expected of a chief petty officer in the U.S. Navy, Wilbert Hadnot earned his bachelor’s degree in Workforce Education and Development (WED). Wilbert acknowledged that he could not have completed his degree without the unending support of his family and colleagues, with special thanks going to his wife.

“Very special thanks go to my wife and best friend, Crystal, who has always encouraged me to challenge myself and has pushed and supported me to achieve all of my goals,” Wilbert said.

One of his most gratifying experiences in this journey was the unforgettable relationships he built with his site professors, Alexandra Steiner and Christina Parker. Wilbert added that the weekend of his first class, Caroline Norris-Watson was hired as site advisor. Caroline devoted countless hours toward ensuring that all SIU students were taken care of through her continuous encouragement and support.

Wilbert stated that, “Discipline and hard work will pay off and the road to completion was not easy, but look at me now – it is definitely doable. Just set your mind on the goal and believe in yourself.” He celebrated his accomplishment with family and friends.

Caroline Norris-Watson is the site liaison and program advisor at NASP. As a Marine veteran and military spouse, she is familiar with the military lifestyle. Coincidentally, more than a decade ago Caroline began her education journey in the same building in which she is currently working. Her passion for education and assisting students comes from her eight years of teaching in California, North Carolina and Florida. Caroline has been with SIU Carbondale for almost two years, and recognized in fall 2016 for attaining the most significant growth in enrollment in the WED program.

I needed a master’s degree from an accredited and reputable university in short time, and I found the SIU WED program was the best fit. I am not the only one who has benefitted from the WED program. I told my enlisted friends about the bachelor’s degree program. Two of them graduated with honors and used the degree to become successful officers in the U.S. Air Force. When I hire people and see that the applicant went through the WED program, that person gets put at the top of the list. I know how hard they worked and what it took to earn the degree. WED is challenging, but the rewards are worth it! – Vincent Flango, M.Ed., PMP, Project Manager/Principal Instructional Designer at General Dynamics in Orlando, Florida
June 2017 — Important Dates

Tuesday, 7/4: Independence Day Holiday – Administrative closure

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Instructional Designer – Evernote, Redwood City, California  
Training Specialist – Smartronix, Inc, California, Maryland  
Curriculum Developer – Tyler Technologies, Inc., Troy, Michigan  
Human Resources Generalist – TalkingRain Beverage, Preston, Washington  
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