



Policy

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TO: University of West Florida Community

FROM: Dr. Morris L. Marx, President

SUBJECT: Alma Mater

Policy/Purpose: To establish the official Alma Mater of the University of West Florida

During the summer of 1989, Loren Bahnick, a senior majoring in Accounting and Chairman of the President's Leadership Council, encouraged Dr. Lynne A. Lauderdale of the Department of Music and Dr. Algirt M. (Mike) Yots of the Department of English to compose an Alma Mater for the University, there being no musical emblem of the University. A group of university officials and students heard the proposed Alma Mater on July 25, 1989, and generally approved the composition. The proposed Alma Mater was heard by the President's Leadership Council on August 30, 1989, and on September 6, 1989, that body formally proposed to the President that the Lauderdale-Yots song be adopted as the official Alma Mater. The piece was first performed publicly during the Second Anniversary Performance of RadioLive over WUWF (88.1 FM) on September 7, 1989, by the University of West Florida Singers.

This memorandum establishes the composition with music by Dr. Lynne Lauderdale and lyrics by Dr. Mike Yots as the official Alma Mater of the University of West Florida.

**The University of West Florida
Alma Mater
text by
Dr. Mike Yots
set to music by Dr.
Lynne Lauderdale
July 1989**

Where learning's light sends forth its beams
Through darkness of our youth,
There you, West Florida, home of dreams
Prepare the way of truth.

You guide us toward tomorrow's shore
With knowledge of our past;
Your power in us rests secure,
And evermore will last.

Your stately mansions were our home
Where minds and hearts are free.
And though we may far from you roam,
We'll always honor thee.

Approved: Date: 6/26/02
Dr. Morris L. Marx, President