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Begin Florida Archaeology Month with Scavenger Hunt Race Downtown *Dash through the Past Run/Walk Scavenger Hunt to kick off Archaeology Month Celebration*

PENSACOLA – Feb. 16, 2015 - The Florida Public Archaeology Network and UWF Historic Trust will host Dash Through the Past, a run/walk scavenger hunt race in downtown Pensacola in celebration of Florida Archaeology Month, on March 7 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. This is the first official event in Pensacola to celebrate Florida Archaeology Month throughout March 2015.

Dash through the Past will begin and end at the FPAN Coordinating Center at 207 East Main Street in downtown Pensacola (next to the Fish House). This race through historic, downtown Pensacola offers individuals or teams of two a chance to compete over a two-mile course challenge for prizes. Prizes this year are courtesy of the UWF Historic Trust, Pensacola Archaeological Society, Florida Public Archaeology Network, UWF Archaeology Institute, and the Fish House Restaurant.

Registration starts at 9:00 a.m. and the hunt begins at 10:00 a.m. Each participant will receive a map and a list of challenges on the day of the race. There is no set route or order in which challenges must be completed. Prizes will be awarded to first place and runner up. Participants will also have a chance to pick up a free copy of the 2015 Florida Archaeology Month poster.

Florida's diverse history and prehistory stretches back over 12,000 years. Every March, statewide programs and events celebrating Florida Archaeology Month are designed to encourage Floridians and visitors to learn more about the archaeology and history of the state, and to preserve these important parts of Florida's rich cultural heritage. Plan to attend some of the many events throughout Florida during March 2015 by visiting <http://www.flarchmonth.org/>.

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About the [University of West Florida](#): Founded in 1963, the University of West Florida is a vibrant, distinctive institution of higher learning with undergraduate, graduate and targeted research programs. With multiple locations in Northwest Florida, the University serves a student population of more than 12,000. Dedicated to helping students realize their full potential, UWF favors small class sizes with quality teacher-scholars who deliver personalized, innovative, hands-on learning and leadership opportunities.

About the [Florida Public Archaeology Network](#): The Florida Public Archaeology Network is dedicated to the protection of cultural resources, both on land and underwater, and to involving the public in the study of their past. Regional centers around Florida serve as clearinghouses for information, institutions for learning and training and headquarters for public participation in archaeology.