

# The Farm

## News Briefs from Southern Miss

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### Saunders Assumes New Role at UWF

The culmination of the whirlwind that has been the last several months in the professional career of Martha Saunders occurred on 2-Jan-2013 when she officially assumed her new role as provost of the University of West Florida.



The screenshot shows the University of West Florida website's page for the Division of Academic Affairs - Office of the Provost. The page features a navigation menu on the left with categories like Home, About Us, Academic Budget, Academic Programs, Academic Visioning, Accreditations, Awards & Recognition, Divisional Links, Faculty Resources, Policies & Procedures, Technology Fee, Contact Us, Provost, Office Staff, Organizational Chart, Services, Other Links, and Academic Dates. The main content area is titled 'Provost' and includes a portrait of Martha Saunders, her name and title, and her contact information: Phone: (850) 474-2035, Fax: (850) 474-3131, and Email: msaunders@uwf.edu. Below the portrait, there is a paragraph of text announcing her appointment on January 2, 2013, and a paragraph detailing her previous experience as chancellor for the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and provost/vice president for Academic Affairs at Columbus State University. A final paragraph mentions her career at UWF starting in 1984.

The insert above shows how Saunders' new role is presented on the UWF website, complete with new phone, fax and e-mail address. Although only time will tell how Saunders performs in this capacity, sources speculate that a large number of eyes will be turned in her direction over the next few years given how disastrously her last year as USM's president (2011-12) turned out.

### Did USM Lose by Winning?

Coming off its 31-Dec-2012 [contest against](#) William Carey, Donnie Tyndall's USM men's basketball team took on Dillard on 3-Jan-2013 at Green Coliseum. Dillard, a small school from

New Orleans, entered the contest at only 1-7 on the 2012-13 season. As the scoreboard inserted below shows, USM defeated little DU by the mindboggling score of 135-41.



Many USM fans are, on various internet message boards, laughing at the school's 94-point victory margin from a game in which USM eclipsed the 100 points barrier only three-fourths of the way into the game. USMNEWS.net sources take a different view, however, in speculating that fallout from national media is sure to follow from what many will view as an egregious lack of sportsmanship on USM's part.