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Join Us for an Evening of Strengthening Leadership
Through Connection & Conversation!

NWFLC 2026 Annual Summer Event

April 24 | 6 pm - 9 pm | Fort Walton Beach

The Northwest Florida League of Cities invites you to our **2026 Annual Summer Event**, held at the beautiful **Hilton Garden Inn Fort Walton Beach** on **Friday, April 24**, from **6 pm to 9 pm CDT**. Enjoy a **reception, dinner, and an engaging keynote presentation** featuring insights from statewide leaders.

This event is being held in partnership with the John Scott Dailey Institute of Government at Florida State University.



Agenda | Emerald Breeze Ballroom (Located on the 1st Floor)

6:00 pm – 6:30 pm | Networking Reception — Albatross Room
6:30 pm – 9:00 pm | Dinner & Keynote Presentation —
Aurora/Poseidon Rooms

[Click Here to Register Now!](#)

**** REGISTRATION FEE MUST BE PAID IN FULL PRIOR TO THE EVENT ****

All registration fees must be paid in full prior to the event.

Cancellation Policy: To receive a full refund, cancellation requests must be submitted in writing by Friday, April 17, 2026, to jlanderson@fsu.edu. Cancellations received after the deadline may be subject to a \$25 processing fee.

No-Show Policy: Registrants who do not attend and fail to cancel by April 17, 2026, will be charged the \$80 registration fee as a no-show charge.



Event Location

Hilton Garden Inn Fort Walton Beach
1297 Miracle Strip Parkway,
Southeast
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

Parking

Complimentary daily parking will be available for all attendees.

Traffic Advisory

Due to high traffic volume, please allow extra time for your arrival. For any questions, contact the hotel at **850.362.1000** before your visit.

[Hotel Reservations](#)



If you need overnight accommodations, we have secured a small room block at **\$184/night**. The hotel deadline is **Wednesday, April 3, 2026**.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



Shellie Phelps-Whitfield

Creative Consultant, Biggest Fish Consulting

Shellie Phelps is an inspirational national public speaker and cheerleader for small towns. As a consultant, she focuses on building diverse, creative dream teams who can collaborate across organizational and city limit lines. Incorporating the arts to tell a community's unique story is at the heart of every one of her team-building missions, helping to breathe new life into small towns across the U.S.

Shellie is an award-winning artist, seasoned art educator, and former Chamber Director in Wetumpka, Alabama. Over the past five years, she has had the distinct privilege of working with communities featured on HGTV's hit show, Home Town Takeover. Shellie has three grown

children and currently lives in Slapout, Alabama, where she recently completed her first book.

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