



PRESS RELEASE

UWF Disability Awareness Activities To Be Held October 13th and 14th

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PENSACOLA -- In honor of National Disability Awareness Month, the University of West Florida will host Disability Awareness activities Oct. 13 and 14 at the UWF Main Campus. On Oct. 13, activities will include informational exhibits and vendors from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the University Commons. In addition, a wheelchair basketball game between UWF faculty, staff and students and the Mobile Patriots will be held at 7 p.m. in the University Field House. The game will be announced by syndicated radio host Greg Smith, also known as "The Strength Coach." Smith will return the following day, Oct. 14, at 6 p.m. in the University Commons Conference Center with a presentation titled "How to Build Inner Strength and Team Strength for Peak Performance in the Game of Life." All events are free and open to the public.

"Disability awareness provides insight into how disabilities can easily translate into abilities with accommodations that provide equal access and equal opportunity," said Catherine Powell, director of the UWF American Disabilities Act (ADA) Compliance Office. "Inclusiveness is critically important if people with disabilities are to maximize their potentials through meaningful educational and employment experiences."

Disability Awareness activities Oct. 14 will also include students, faculty and staff participating in activities designed to simulate the experience of being a person with a disability. Beginning at 2 p.m. in the University Commons Conference Center, participants will engage in an open dialogue about their experiences and what can be done to remove artificial barriers and promote full access to all UWF academic programs and services. During this time, an ice cream social will be held as well.

For more information, contact Powell at cspowell@uwf.edu.



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