



PRESS RELEASE

Educational Fair and Expo Seeks Exhibitors

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PENSACOLA— An Educational Fair and Expo seeks exhibitors to provide information about their institutions, programs, scholarships or educational assistance. The purpose of the fair and expo is to create a supportive network involving educational institutions, community groups, parents and guardians to help children reach their full potential.

The event will be held at the Okaloosa-Walton College/UWF Fort Walton Beach Campus, 1170 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Oct. 15 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sponsored by "United: Our children – Our future" the event will include workshops on all levels of education and an exhibition area for community groups and institutions to showcase themselves. There is no cost to participate.

"United: Our children – Our future" is an effort of the University of West Florida Office of Diversity Programs, with an advisory council comprised of representatives from Okaloosa-Walton College, the Okaloosa County School District, the NAACP, Youth Village After School/Summer Programs, Striving for Perfection Ministries and Kappa Alpha Psi. Other organizations are invited to join this effort.

"United: Our children – Our future" believes school should not be the end of the educational trail for students. About 80 percent of all jobs require at least some education beyond high school, whether it's at a trade school, college or university.

"The Oct. 15 event is an opportunity for the entire community to gather and support our children in their educational pursuits," said Keith Goldschmidt, director for Administrative Programs and Community Relations for the Office of Diversity Programs. "Only through a combined community effort will each of us lending our talents and support be able to make significant improvement in how our children fare in school. With a supportive network of parents, guardians, family, friends, businesses, schools, community leaders, elected officials and civic groups, much can be accomplished."

To reserve a space as an exhibitor or for more information, contact the UWF

Office of Diversity Programs at (850) 863-0725 or e-mail diversity@uwf.edu.



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