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UWF Innovation Institute and FloridaShines host statewide 3-D printing contest

Pensacola, Fla. – Dec. 6, 2016 –The University of West Florida Innovation Institute and FloridaShines have kicked off a 3-D printing contest for Florida students of all ages.

The contest opened on Nov. 21 and will last through Dec. 31, and it is an opportunity for the beginner, enthusiast or 3-D hobbyist to share their interest and learn more about 3-D printing. The contest is open to all currently enrolled students at Florida's public, private, charter and home schools – from kindergarten to graduate school.

"At the Institute we focus on areas of high social importance - with particular emphasis on education - to explore, design, prototype and deliver innovation for education and learning," said Dr. Pam Northrup, senior associate provost and chief executive officer of the UWF Innovation Institute. "It is why we are hosting this contest. Besides being tons of fun, 3-D design and printing can help students learn to think differently, be creative and achieve goals through experimentation and step-by-step improvement."

Students - or teams of students - may submit their final projects through Dec. 31 by completing the entry form available online at FloridaShines.org/3D. All entries must be open, sharable and licensed under a Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-ShareAlike 4.0 International license. The entries must be successfully printed and accompanied by a photograph of the completed print.

For more information about FloridaShines, visit FloridaShines.org.

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