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UWF to host science symposium for Pensacola-area high school students

Pensacola, Fla. – March 22, 2016 – The University of West Florida Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences will host students from nine Pensacola-area high schools for a science symposium on April 14, 2016.

The End of Year High School Science Symposium will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the UWF Conference Center. Approximately 100 students representing high school science programs in Escambia and Santa Rosa County are expected to attend.

Chasidy Fisher Hobbs, advising coordinator and instructor in the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences, is organizing the symposium.

“I am excited to see local high school students learn from each other about the plethora of science projects they are working on in Northwest Florida,” said Hobbs. “Not only that, I am looking forward to showcasing for them some of the great work UWF science students are doing.”

A morning session will encourage peer-to-peer learning as students from each high school share presentations and posters about work they’ve conducted in their respective science programs. During the afternoon, UWF students will share presentations and posters explaining current research projects. A panel of professionals representing various environmental and marine science organizations will discuss careers for aspiring science students along with a third breakout session to introduce students to Geographic Information Systems.

"We hope this event may spark an interest in these amazing high school science students to continue their work right here at UWF," Hobbs added.

High schools expected to participate in the End of Year High School Science Symposium include Escambia High School, West Florida High School, Tate High School, Washington High School, Pensacola High School, Gulf Breeze High School, Milton High School and Navarre High School. The Navarre Beach Marine Science Station will also be represented.

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