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UWF to host Pathways to Cyber summer camp for high school students July 18-22

Pensacola, Fla. – June 14, 2016 – Local high school students with an interest in cybersecurity will have an opportunity to attend a five-day camp this summer where they will be mentored by University of West Florida faculty and students.

The UWF Pathways to Cyber Summer Camp, hosted by the UWF Center for Cybersecurity, will be held July 18-22 at the University's Pensacola campus. The Center is also offering an all-day cybersecurity workshop for high school teachers on Aug. 1.

"Students will learn about Cybersecurity First principles, how they apply to everyday security situations, and how to utilize basic cybersecurity techniques to defend against attackers," said Dr. Eman El-Sheikh, director of the UWF Center for Cybersecurity.

The camp will provide students with fast-paced, hands-on training in cybersecurity and an introduction to the Linux operating system and command line. In addition, students will learn about cybersecurity educational programs and career paths. The Summer 2016 Pilot Program is a partnership with the Escambia County School District, University of South Florida and Florida Center for Cybersecurity.

To be eligible for the camp, students must be entering grades 10 -12 in the Escambia County School District. They must also have a computer background and an interest in cybersecurity, as well as be able to attend the camp each day.

"We hope to expand the camp to include more students and broaden participation to other school districts in future years," El-Sheikh said.

The camp application is available online at uwf.edu/cybersecurity. Registration is free, but **applications are due by June 20**.

For additional information, visit uwf.edu/cybersecurity or email cybersecurity@uwf.edu.

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