

DSU to host Marketplace for Kids

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Hundreds of young entrepreneurs from eight North Dakota counties will gather at Dickinson State University on Wednesday, March 18, for the Marketplace for Kids Education Day.

"Marketplace for Kids is a unique educational program designed to develop young entrepreneurs," said Sharon Kickert-Gerbig. She serves with Mary Urlacher as co-chairmen of the Region 8 Marketplace for Kids Advisory Leadership Team.

"Marketplace for Kids demonstrates the special role

of youth in improving the economic future of our state," Kickert-Gerbig added.

Superintendent of Public Instruction Wayne Sanstead, Agriculture Commissioner Roger Johnson, and North Dakota Career and Technical Education Director Wayne Kutzer serve on the board of directors.

The Marketplace for Kids program provides young people with a forum to explain their projects that demonstrate innovation, entrepreneurship, critical thinking and creative problem solving skills. The

future of North Dakota's economy — and the future of the nation's economy — lies in the entrepreneurial spirit of the children, according to a press release.

It was further stated that Marketplace for Kids encourages young people to develop their own ideas, to talk about them, and present them to other people.

The program targets grades 3-6, but is open to all ages. Marketplace for Kids provides a variety of classes and education exhibits to help young people develop their business

skills, enhance personal development and explore career options.

More than 900 people participated in the 2008 Region 8 Education Day.

Students, teachers, parents and community leaders interested in more information in the Marketplace for Kids should contact Sharon Kickert-Gerbig 701-456-7665, Mary Urlacher 701-227-3104 or the Marketplace for Kids Headquarters at toll-free, 888-384-8410. Information is available on line at www.MarketplaceForKids.org.