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Williston State College plans a children's event

WILLISTON – Hundreds of enthusiastic young entrepreneurs from North Dakota and Montana are gathering at Williston State College on Tuesday, April 20, 2010, for the Marketplace for Kids Education Day.

“Marketplace for Kids is a unique educational program designed to develop young entrepreneurs,” said Debbie Richter, co-chair of the Region 1 Marketplace for Kids Advisory Leadership Team. Marketplace for Kids demonstrates the special role of youth in improving the economic future of our state and region.”

The Marketplace for Kids program provides young people with a forum to present and explain their projects that demonstrate innovation, entrepreneurship, critical thinking and creative problem solving skills. ND Career and Technical Education director Wayne Kutzer serves on the board of directors.

“The future of North Dakota's economy – and the future of our nation's economy – lies in the entrepreneurial spirit of our children,” Kutzer said. “Marketplace for Kids encourages young people to develop their own ideas, to talk about them, and present them to other people. It nurtures their creativity and provides an environment that enables them to grow.”

The program targets grades 3 through middle school, but is open to all ages. Marketplace for Kids provides a variety of classes and education activities to help young people develop their business skills, enhance personal development, and explore career options.

More than 1,100 people participated in the 2009 Region 1 Education Day. Students, teachers, parents, and community leaders interested in more information or becoming involved in the Marketplace for Kids Education Day should contact Debbie Richter at 701-774-4152 or the Marketplace for Kids Headquarters at 888-384-8410 (toll free). Information is online at www.MarketplaceForKids.org