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Students to Learn About IT Opportunities

MAXWELL AIR FORCE BASE, GUNTER ANNEX, Ala. -- An estimated 600 students from both local public and private high schools, as well as college students, will participate in this year's Educational Day at the Air Force Information Technology Conference (AFITC) on August 28.

The AFITC's Education Day will introduce and educate students on the latest developments in information technology. The day's events are designed to emphasize the importance of using information technology to enhance learning and provide an opportunity to discuss the growing use of IT in education with vendors who provide these products and services.

"It's important for our youth to understand that information technology goes beyond the PC. Hosting the Education Day gives us a chance to give the students an up-close and hands-on experience with leading-edge technology," said Capt. Erica Allen, Education Day chairman. "Students will benefit from talking to the various vendors and hearing about the career opportunities for people in the IT arena."

The 2003 Air Force Information Technology Conference, sponsored by the Standard Systems Group, is scheduled for Aug. 24-28 at the Montgomery Civic Center. Among industry leaders confirmed to attend are Steve Ballmer, Microsoft Corporation chief executive officer; John Stenbit, assistant Secretary of Defense for Networks and Information Integration; John Thompson, Symantec Corporation Chairman and CEO; Ted Waitt, Chairman and CEO of Gateway Inc. and Maj. Gen. Dale Meyerrose, Director of Command Control Systems, Headquarters North American Aerospace Defense Command, and Director of Architectures and Integration, Headquarters U.S. Northern Command.