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Dr. Devin Stephenson, President  
Northwest Florida State College  
100 E College Blvd  
Niceville, FL 32578

Dear President Stephenson,

The Northwest Florida Association of Computer User Groups, an all-volunteer organization, sponsors an annual Computer Tech, an educational event, for the students and the members of our community. The annual Computer Tech event has been held at the Northwest Florida State College (NWFSC) for the last thirteen years. For the 2020 event we have a problem and are requesting your help.

For the first eleven years the college provided the facilities to us at no or little cost, and we were very grateful for that support. For the last two years (2018 and 2019) the rental fee was $500 per event. In 2019 we started charging a small fee for admission ($5.00) to defray expenses associated with the event (no fees are charged those with a student ID). For the upcoming event, Jerry Ann Chancellor, Events Specialist, NWFSC, stated the rental fee is being increased from $500 to $1,500 for Computer Tech 2020.

In order to cover the greatly increased rental fee, we will have to raise the entry fee to at least $7.50 (and more likely $10.00). That will put a serious brake on the incentive for our many retirees and snowbirds to attend.

I emphasize again that we are all volunteers and receive no pay for our efforts. We believe that the tax-payer supported institutions should be able to find a way to give us better support. The marketing value of our event alone should be worth something to the college (see the attached flyer from the 2019 event).

Sincerely yours,

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2019 Computer Tech Flyer