

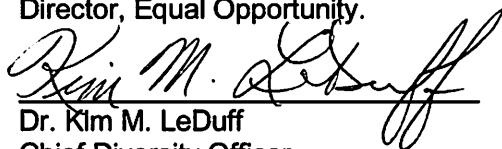
**University of West Florida
EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY POLICY STATEMENT**

It is the policy of University of West Florida not to discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of his or her race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, or because he or she is an individual with a disability or disabled veteran, Armed Forces service medal veteran, recently separated veteran, or active duty wartime or campaign badge veteran, or thereafter referred collectively as "protected veterans." It is also the policy of University of West Florida to take affirmative action to employ and to advance in employment, all persons regardless of their status as individuals with disabilities or protected veterans, and to base all employment decisions only on valid job requirements. This policy shall apply to all employment actions, including but not limited to recruitment, hiring, upgrading, promotion, transfer, demotion, layoff, recall, termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship, at all levels of employment. Furthermore, the company will provide qualified applicants and employees who request an accommodation due to a disability with reasonable accommodations, as required by law.

University of West Florida prohibits harassment of employees and applicants because they are individuals with disabilities or protected veterans. University of West Florida also prohibits retaliation against employees and applicants for filing a complaint, opposing any discriminatory act or practice, assisting or participating in any manner in a review, investigation, or hearing or otherwise seeking to obtain their legal rights under any Federal, State, or local EEO law requiring equal employment opportunity for individuals with disabilities and protected veterans. Prohibited retaliation includes, but is not limited to, harassment, intimidation, threats, coercion or other adverse actions that might dissuade someone from asserting their rights.

As University President of University of West Florida, I am committed to the principles of affirmative action and equal employment opportunity. In order to ensure dissemination and implementation of equal employment opportunity and affirmative action throughout all levels of the company, I have selected Dr. Vannee Cao-Nguyen as the Executive Director, Equal Opportunity for University of West Florida. One of the Executive Director, Equal Opportunity's duties will be to establish and maintain an internal audit and reporting system to allow for effective measurement of University of West Florida's programs.

In furtherance of University of West Florida's policy regarding affirmative action and equal employment opportunity, University of West Florida has developed a written Affirmative Action Program (AAP) which sets forth the policies, practices and procedures that University of West Florida is committed to in order to ensure that its policy of nondiscrimination and affirmative action for qualified individuals with disabilities and qualified protected veterans is accomplished. This AAP is available for inspection by any employee or applicant for employment upon request between Monday-Friday, 8:00 am-5:00 pm at the Office of Equal Opportunity & Accessibility. Any questions should be directed to me, your supervisor, or Dr. Vannee Cao-Nguyen, Executive Director, Equal Opportunity.



Dr. Kim M. LeDuff
Chief Diversity Officer
University of West Florida
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