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Stetson University Holds VITA Celebration

Program commemorates \$1.5 million in tax refunds over past 8 years

DELAND, Fla., Feb. 22, 2018 – Stetson University School of Business Administration hosted a celebratory event on Tuesday to commemorate the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program securing \$1.5 million in tax refunds for local families over the past eight years. Co-sponsored by the United Way of Volusia-Flagler counties, Stetson's M.E. Rinker, Sr. Institute of Tax and Accountancy and Stetson's Center for Community Engagement, the VITA program's volunteers helped file more than 1,500 tax returns, at no charge, for low-income families in the community.

"This program is vital to low-income families in our community because it helps them receive their refund quickly and allows them to keep every hard-earned dollar, some of which would otherwise be spent on tax preparation and filing," said Valrie Chambers, Ph.D., CPA, associate professor of taxation and accounting at Stetson.

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