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MEDIA ALERT

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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Sixth Annual Expanding Your Horizons Conference College of the Sequoias – May 13, 2006

For the sixth consecutive year, Tulare County Office of Education and the College of the Sequoias are hosting “Expanding Your Horizons” (EYH) – a student event designed to encourage young women in grades 4 through 8 to explore careers in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Scheduled for Saturday, May 13, at College of the Sequoias, the conference showcases math and science-related fields in interesting ways. EYH helps young women form personal contacts with women professionals and helps them to meet other young women interested in math and science.

This year, Dr. Robert Urtecho, interim dean of Academic Services at College of the Sequoias, will deliver the keynote address to a full conference of 710 young women beginning at 8:45 a.m. Following the morning address by Dr. Urtecho, hands-on workshops and sessions will be taught by professional women from throughout the state. Young women can explore careers and opportunities in the science and math fields by

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attending workshops such as: “Nursing is Fun,” “Want to be a Veterinarian?,” and “Design a Shoe to Learn About Engineering.”

"Expanding Your Horizons is a great event for young women to learn about career options they may have not otherwise considered," says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. "It's important for young women to not only hear about careers based in math and science, but also to identify with the women who are leading the way in these fields. EYH presents outstanding opportunities for both," Vidak explains.

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