

# Tulare County Office of Education

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## MEDIA ALERT

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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

## **Seventh Annual Expanding Your Horizons Conference College of the Sequoias – Saturday, May 12, 2007**

For the seventh consecutive year, Tulare County Office of Education and College of the Sequoias will host “Expanding Your Horizons” (EYH), a student event designed to encourage young women in grades four through eight to explore careers in the fields of mathematics, technology, science and engineering. Scheduled for Saturday, May 12 at College of the Sequoias, the conference showcases math and science-related fields in innovative and interesting ways. It also helps young women form personal contacts with women working in professions traditionally held by men, and allows them to meet other young women interested in math and science.

This year, Heather Moore, a professor at College of the Sequoias who holds a degree in Molecular Biology, will deliver the keynote address to a full conference of 710 young women beginning at 8:45 a.m. Following the morning address by Ms. Moore, hands-on workshops and sessions will be taught by professional women from throughout the state.

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Young women can explore careers and opportunities throughout the science and math fields by attending workshops such as, “Nursing is Fun,” “Do You Want to be a Veterinarian?,” and “Design a Shoe to Learn About Engineering.”

"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," says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “Expanding Your Horizons presents outstanding opportunities for both.”

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