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Tulare County Office of Education Announces: Third Annual Expanding Your Horizons Conference College of the Sequoias – March 1, 2003

For the third consecutive year, Tulare County Office of Education will host “Expanding Your Horizons” (EYH), a student event designed to encourage young women in grades four through 12 to explore careers in the fields of mathematics, science and engineering. Scheduled for March 1 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, Dr. Dianne Sharples, Dean of Academic Services at College of Sequoias, will deliver the keynote address entitled “Positive Energy Equals Positive Results” to nearly 250 conference attendees beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Following the morning address by Dr. Sharples, hands-on workshops and sessions will be taught by professional women from throughout the state. Young women can explore careers and

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opportunities throughout science and math fields by attending workshops such as, “Academic Steps to Reach for the Stars,” “Create Your Own Webpage,” and “A Day in the Life of a Female Engineer.”

Meanwhile, adults in attendance will be offered sessions on college planning, parent tips for encouraging and supporting daughters in math and the sciences, and the Science, Mathematics and Resource Technology (SMART) Lab.

"I am proud to once again host Expanding Your Horizons. The purpose of the conference is to explain options and expand opportunities for our students that 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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