

# Tulare County Office of Education

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## **Media Alert**

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## **Tulare County Office of Education Announces: 15th Annual Expanding Your Horizons Conference Event details: 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Saturday, October 25, 2014, College of the Sequoias (Visalia campus)**

Over 700 young women have registered to attend the annual Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) conference on Saturday, October 25, at the Visalia campus of College of the Sequoias. The student event is designed to encourage young women in grades 4 through 10 to explore careers in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). The conference showcases math- and science-related fields in interesting, hands-on ways. It also helps young women form personal contacts with women working in professions traditionally held by men.

Students will begin the event listening to two featured speakers (at 8:45 a.m.). Attendees will first hear from Madison Meredith, a senior at Monache High School in Porterville. Madison is a multiyear Tulare County Science & Engineering Fair winner, and an honorable mention award recipient from the California State Science Fair. She will share her plans for college and a career in the field of STEM. Madison will be followed by Tina Macedo, owner of Macedo Engineering & Consultants in Tulare, a firm specializing in providing agricultural, civil and environmental consulting services. Following the opening speakers, attendees can choose from dozens of

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breakout presentations conducted by women working in engineering, medical and scientific professions. Attendees will enjoy sessions on engineering a bridge, robotics, rocket propulsion, using liquid nitrogen to create ice cream, using chemistry to create “vampire slime,” and more.

For additional information contact Rob Herman, Tulare County Office of Education public information officer, at (559) 733-6606. For event specifics, contact Paula Terrill of Tulare County Office of Education’s Educational Resource Services at (559) 651-0565.

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