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Media Alert

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Tulare County Office of Education Announces: 16th Annual Expanding Your Horizons Conference Registration 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.; Breakout sessions and keynote presentation 9:25 a.m. – 2:25 p.m. Saturday, November 14, 2015, College of the Sequoias (Visalia campus)

Over 1,100 young women have registered to attend the annual Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) conference on Saturday, November 14, at the Visalia campus of College of the Sequoias. The student event is designed to encourage young women in grades 4 through 8 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.

Following the welcome, which begins at 9:00 a.m., attendees can choose from dozens of breakout presentations conducted by women working in engineering, medical and scientific professions. Attendees will enjoy sessions on physiology, robotics, rocket propulsion, computer programming, app development and more. This year, the keynote presenter is **Dr. Suzanne L. Singer**, who holds a Ph.D. in mechanical engineering from U.C. Berkeley. She will speak in the Moro Building (old gym) at 11:40 a.m. for students in grades 4-5, and at 12:30 p.m. for students in grades 6-8. Dr. Singer is currently an energy systems and thermal analyst at **Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL)**. She supports engineering and energy security through energy flow chart analysis, energy efficiency, and renewable

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energy. Dr. Singer also has a passion for renewable energy and energy independence for Native American Tribes.

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