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Media Alert

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Tulare County Office of Education Announces: 18th Annual Expanding Your Horizons Conference Event details: 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Saturday, November 4, 2017 College of the Sequoias (Visalia campus)

Nearly 900 young women have registered to attend the annual Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) conference on Saturday, November 4, 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.

Melanie LeGro, a third-year doctoral student at the University of California, Merced, will be the keynote presenter at the opening of the conference will deliver the keynote address to conference attendees at approximately 8:45 a.m. Ms. LeGro is an early career scientist in the fields of molecular cell biology and computational biology. Her current research focuses on understanding the molecular regulators of cell fate decisions that result from genomic instability and ultimately drive the formation of tumors. This work contributes to the understanding of how cancers develop and adds to the body of knowledge necessary to determine new therapeutic targets.

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Following the opening speaker, attendees can choose from dozens of breakout presentations conducted by women working in engineering, medical and scientific professions. Attendees will enjoy sessions on engineering a bridge, robotics, rocket propulsion, forensics and more.

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