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Tulare County Office of Education Announces: Second Annual Expanding Your Horizons Conference College of the Sequoias – March 2, 2002

Expanding Your Horizons (EYH), a student event now in its second year, is designed to encourage young women in grades 4 through 10 to explore careers in the fields of mathematics, science and engineering. Scheduled for March 2 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. Rosaly Lopes-Gautier, a research scientist with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), will address nearly 250 conference attendees beginning at 8:30 a.m. "I applaud the focus of this conference in that it connects our students with female leaders in the fields of mathematics and science," says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. "It's important that our young women not only hear about careers in these areas, but identify with the women who are leading them."

Following the morning address by Dr. Lopes-Gautier, hands-on workshops will be taught by professional women from throughout the state. Young women can attend sessions on continuing their educations and

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future careers, while adult women are offered sessions to encourage their daughters, with topics such as the High School Exit Exam, Career Pathways, Financial Aid, and Science, Mathematics and Resource Technology.

Instructional Consultant Cathleen Rogers says: "The Expanding Your Horizons Conference is the only event of its type in our community. It's a great opportunity for young women to get information about a field of interest, or spark an interest in a new field which they haven't thought about!" For more information, contact Cathleen at 733-6786.

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