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To: Magic Valley School Counselors & Teachers  
From: Revis Turner, Center for New Directions, CSI  
Re: Girls In Technology Conference

The Center for New Directions at College of Southern Idaho is hosting the 9th Annual Girls In Technology Conference—“Technology: Pathway to a Greener Future”. A GIT Task Force Committee of interested persons in promoting technology careers for women has developed a conference for girls in grades 8-11. The conference date is Tuesday, March 2, 2010. Our aim is to promote interest in careers focusing on science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) for young women as they are in the midst of developing their 4-year high school plan. It is our hope that engaging these students in activities related to careers in technology will peak their interest and encourage them to pursue an educational plan that includes preparation with technology, math and science courses.

Who can attend? Girls, grades 8-11, from Magic Valley schools are invited to participate in the conference. Counselors and math, science and IT teachers may select the appropriately interested girls from their schools to register for the conference. A counselor, math, science or IT teacher needs to register and attend with the group. Because of the enormous interest in the conference, the committee decided to limit the number of students attending from each school. 

______________________________ School will be allotted _____ students for Year 1 attendance. Those registered over that number will be put on a reserve list. These students may replace those who for some reason cannot attend at the last minute.  
Your school may register each of the students in your Year 2 list.

What is the program format? The conference will begin with Registration at 8:15 am in the CSI Fine Arts Building. Students attending the first year will attend 2 small group sessions of their choice led by either CSI instructors or local persons who are employed in selected career areas. We attempt to provide women leaders/instructors who are employed in those careers for the group sessions. Second year students will choose one field trip site to local businesses/industries. Transportation to the field trip sites will be provided by CSI. The conference will conclude at 1:30 pm. However, an optional activity for interested school groups will begin at 1:30 pm with a tour of the campus. Again this year, the Idaho National Laboratory is sponsoring a special invitation to young women for a special field trip for second year attendees. (See second page).

What is the cost? There is no cost to the student. The GIT Task Committee has raised the funds. Some of the contributors include Region IV Tech Prep, South Magic Valley Vocational Consortium, Local Vocational Consortium, CSI Foundation, Center for New Directions, CSI New Student Services, Girl Scouts Silver Sage Council, Idaho National Laboratory, and others. Students will receive a bag of useful items at registration. In addition, lunch is provided.

How do I register students? Complete the registration forms and return them by mail, fax or email on February 20, 2010. We are limiting the number to 325 girls (plus 20 for the INL Sponsored Field Trip), so it is important that you return the list as soon as possible. We will attempt equal representation for all schools in the Magic Valley. The staff at the Center for New Directions and instructors at the College of Southern Idaho are looking forward to hosting your students on our campus.