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Career fair for girls in middle school to be held at USI

The Evansville branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will sponsor the third annual "Expanding Your Horizons," a career fair for girls in grades six, seven, and eight, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 20, in the Health Professions Center at University of Southern Indiana.

The purpose of the fair is to encourage young women to apply themselves in high school science and mathematics courses and prepare for careers and college majors in fields traditionally dominated by men.

AAUW - Evansville Branch Secretary Dr. Gayle Roux, assistant professor of nursing at USI, said more than 75 young women from the tri-state region attended the fair last year and organizers are expecting 100 this year. She said, "besides experiencing the fun and excitement of being on a university campus, the young women will learn about some rather unusual and exciting careers."

The fair will feature a variety of interactive workshops and presentations by women in science and mathematics fields. Ms. Sammie Rutherford, a private pilot, will suggest classes to help students succeed in pilot training and talk about the flight testing to become a pilot; Dr. Marie Hankins, chair of USI's Chemistry Department, will hold a fun, hands-on chemistry class; and Ms. Cid Morgan, Hoosier National Forest ecosystem expert, will discuss woodland fire-fighting and other aspects of her career. There also will be a pharmacist, an architect, and a zoo-keeper, among others.

Keynote speaker Eileen Weber will stress the importance of applying yourself to academics while planning for a career. A 1998 USI graduate in chemistry, Weber was leading scorer and rebounder for the Lady Eagles basketball team in the 1997-98 season. Her USI basketball career honors included GLVC Conference Freshman Player of the Year, GLVC Conference All Academic Player of the Year for 1996-98, GLVC Conference Player of the Year for 1995 - 98, and All American in 1998. She will speak at 8:30 a.m. in Mitchell Auditorium.

The registration deadline is March 13 and the \$5 fee includes refreshments and materials. Scholarships are available. For more information or to register, visit the online site at www.medlib.iupui.edu/ecme/aauw-eyh.htm or call Gloria Speer at 812/867-2237.