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More than 300 Students Gather to Investigate Careers in Education

California's Teacher Shortage Addressed During Day-Long Conference for Local High School Students

San Diego – More than 300 students from 15 area high schools are attending the [Educators Rising California San Diego Conference](#) on Friday, February 3rd to explore careers in teaching. More than 30 speakers from local schools and organizations will offer the students insights into teaching careers.

California and the nation face a serious shortage of new teachers, especially in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields. The Educators Rising California conference is designed to introduce high school students to the teacher preparation pathway by expanding their knowledge about careers in teaching and education.

The keynote speaker, David J. Johns, is a former teacher and most recently served as the executive director of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for African Americans.

Led by teachers and professionals from San Diego-area school districts, San Diego State University, USS Midway Museum, San Diego Zoo and more, the day's sessions include:

- Steps to a Teaching Career
- Special Education: A Career Beyond Paperwork
- The New Classroom: Using Tablets, Videos, Games and other Digital Tools to Engage and Empower Learning
- School Counseling - The Next Generation
- Bilingual and Proud: Teaching and Learning in Multiple Languages
- Integrating Technology to Promote Deeper Engagement in STEM Concepts
- Teaching STEM in the Middle Grades

The conference, held at San Diego State University, will run from 8:00am-2:00pm on Friday, February 3, 2017 and includes a college fair with 13 colleges and universities. Coordinated by Project Tomorrow, the conference is sponsored by Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District Region 10 TPP-STEM/CTE and San Diego Unified School District.

About [Educators Rising California](#)

[Educators Rising](#) cultivates highly skilled educators by guiding young people on a path to becoming accomplished teachers, beginning in high school and extending through college and into the profession. Educators Rising is a national network of students and teacher leaders who are inspired and excited by the teaching profession. Educators Rising California is the state affiliate, run by [Project Tomorrow](#).

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