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Oliphant Auditorium at CSUPD*

**Global Understanding Competition on November 18 presented by
Women Leaders Forum
Showcases Young Women Ambassadors From Local High Schools**

Indian Wells, CA – Young Women Ambassadors (YWA), 21 participants, from local high schools will participate in a “Global Understanding” Competition created by Women Leaders Forum (WLF).

The premise of the competition is:

We live in a world of conflict – ideological, ethnic, religious, economic, political and ecological. It is vitally important that youth understand and take interest in the problems facing their generation worldwide.

This unique competition not only addresses problems like: the Mideast conflict, terrorism, world religions, global warming, economic diversity, and the impact of technology but offers potential solutions to these issues plaguing every individual in today’s society.

The competition is divided into two sessions with the first one being this Saturday, November 18 from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. at the Oliphant Auditorium at California State University in Palm Desert. This will be the first appearance for the young women participating in the program and they will present their topic and extensive research. A panel of judges from Women Leaders Forum will score each team. On February 10th at the “final” event each team presents their solutions, including how they plan to motivate youth to get involved. According to Patti Gribow, President of WLF, “We’re excited to see these young

women take on this kind of challenge. Their creativity, enthusiasm and teamwork during this competition is amazing”.

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The Young Women Ambassadors Program was created by Women Leaders Forum in 2004. Criteria to participate in the YWA program are:

- Nomination by a guidance counselor or associated student body advisor
- Student has interest in becoming an effective leader
- Student desires to plan and implement programs related to young women and leadership
- Student makes a commitment to take the results of what they learn in the program back to their female student body

WLF’s focus is to support women in business, academia, government, and the not-for-profit sectors. WLF sponsors meeting and seminars to educate women on various topics to increase their knowledge and enhance their skills, encourages women to become candidates for executive positions, elected offices and corporate boards, connects women valley-wide for idea sharing and provides scholarships to college bound high school students. For more information about the WLF and it’s programs call 760.837.7222 or visit www.wlfofcv.org