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Plano ISD Physics Camp for Women encourages careers in physics, math and engineering

Plano, Texas, June 23, 2009 — At Plano West Senior High School this summer the Plano Independent School District is offering a two-week Physics Camp for Women. The camp is directed by Linda Antinone, an instructor for professional development at Texas Instruments for 15 years, a national award-winning teacher and co-author of five books on mathematics, physics and their connections. Cherie Lehman, a second instructor for the physics camp, is a College Board consultant who has served on the committee to redesign the Advance Placement Physics B Course and is involved with the American Association of Physics Teachers, serving on several committees and developing curriculum for the Physics Teaching Resource Agents.

The Physics Camp for Women emphasizes the development of the skills and attitudes needed to help female students succeed in AP and Pre-AP physics courses and encourages young women to consider careers in mathematics, physics and engineering. Program activities include hands-on lab work, discussions, resource speakers and a field trip to Texas Instruments. Attending are forty-six junior and senior female students throughout Plano ISD who have completed Algebra II as sophomores and are eligible to take, or have completed, Pre-AP Physics. This program is funded through a partnership with the TI Foundation, the Women of TI Fund and the Plano ISD Education Foundation.

About Plano Independent School District

The Plano Independent School District (Plano ISD) – <http://www.pisd.edu/> – endeavors to foster the highest level of student learning. The mission of Plano ISD is to provide an excellent education for all students. Plano ISD is located 20 miles north of Dallas, Texas and serves the residents of approximately 100 square miles in southwest Collin County, including 66 square miles in the city of Plano, northern portions of the cities of Dallas and Richardson and parts of the cities of Allen, Parker and Murphy. Plano ISD employs 7,000 faculty and staff members who serve more than 55,000 students in 70 schools and 11 service facilities. Participating in Plano ISD schools enables students to adapt to new learning opportunities throughout their lives, collaborate with, and contribute to, the global community and to be creative and disciplined in their thinking.

About Plano ISD Education Foundation

The Plano ISD Education Foundation – <http://www.pisd.edu/foundation> – is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization with the mission to generate private support for priority projects identified by Plano ISD not funded by tax dollars. The Foundation provides grants to educators, programs that support academic enrichment to Plano ISD students, emergency assistance for teachers and staff members in crisis, as well as programs aimed at recruiting and retaining quality teachers. To learn more about the Plano ISD Education Foundation or to make a donation, contact Executive Director Monica Shortino at 469-752-8091.