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American Association of University Women California (San Diego) selects a VMMS 7th grader to attend the 2009 Tech Trek Camp at University of California, San Diego

VISTA, Calif. – This year, the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Tech Trek representative from VMMS is Yessenia Rico and the alternate is Rashawna Williams. During the camp students stay at University of California San Diego on July 12 – 18, 2009, and the program is designed to provide every camper with exposure to all core subjects taught, as well as a selection of rotating labs designed to explore individual specialties more deeply. Hands-on activities in core classes, rotating labs and field trips at Tech Trek camps help to make math and science fun as well as educational. Instructors include credentialed middle school teachers and women currently engaged professionally in math, science or technology fields. Evening programs could include astronomy, engineering, marine biology, and environmental studies to enhance the learning experience and introduce students to a variety of potential career areas.

Every girl attending a Tech Trek Science Camp is on a full scholarship and is recommended for the program by her middle school science or math teacher. Local AAUW branch members provide the schools and teachers with guidelines for choosing girls who will be successful at camp. Recommended girls are contacted, along with their parents, and asked to complete an application and to write a short essay on a chosen subject. AAUW branch members then interview all prospective campers. Each branch chooses the number of girls for whom they have scholarships. Families are asked to pay a very small part of the total amount if they can. We applaud all of our fine young candidates.

For more information or to visit the school site, vistamagnet.com, please call José Manuel Villarreal, principal of Vista Magnet Middle School, at (760) 726-5766.

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