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For Girls by Girls

Alameda County's Junior Commission on the Status of Women Takes on Today's Challenges in "FREE" Summit for High School Girls

San Leandro CA - The Alameda County Commission on the Status of Women will sponsor its fifth Annual Teen Summit of High School Girls, hosted by the Junior Commission on the Status of Women, Saturday, May 21, 2016-- at from 10 am - 2 pm at Reach Ashland in San Leandro.

The Junior Commission on the Status of Women is comprised of high school girls throughout Alameda County in grades 9-12. Junior Commissioners, who are appointed by supervisors in their respective districts, engage in civic projects and educational dialogue that advance issues relevant to all girls.

The Summit is conceived, organized, and planned by Junior Commissioners for the purpose of informing and educating teen girls on some of the most pressing social issues encountered in their school community, personal relationships, social network, and family structures. This year's event takes on future-oriented topics including:

- Redefining Feminism Sandra Luna, Julia Morgan School for Girls;
- STEM: What does it mean to me? Danika LeDuc, Cal State East Bay;
- Discussion on Human Trafficking Rebecca Dharmapalan, filmmaker of International Blvd; and
- Healthy Relationships Yasi Safinya-Davies, Psy.D., Executive Director of SAVE.

Commission Chair Apoorva Rajanala, a high school senior, noted, "I think the commission's main goal for the summit this year is to spread awareness and provide support for the multiple issues that affect young women today. I've found that it helps so much to have discussions about situations that we face and the summit is a place for us to do just that."

Summit admission and lunch are **FREE**. All Summit participants will receive surprises while quantities last.

To RSVP go to <u>http://tinyurl.com/acjcsummit</u>

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