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To Whom It May Concern:

Valdosta State University (VSU) is currently making plans to hold its 27th Sonia Kovalevsky High School Mathematics Day (SK Day). The day is named in honor of Sonia Kovalevsky, who was the first woman to earn a doctorate in mathematics. The purpose of SK Day is to introduce female high school students and high school teachers of both genders to applications of mathematics, to encourage both students and teachers to think of mathematics as an appropriate career field for women, and to assist students with the sometimes difficult transition between high school and college mathematics.

According to the participants, the previous SK Days were successful in many ways. We would very much like to have a group of students (non-freshman) and teachers from your school attend our 27th SK Day. The event is planned for Thursday, April 18, 2024, in the Ballroom of the Student Union at VSU. The day will include hands-on activities, workshops, and presentations for both teachers and students, as well as a non-calculator math contest for the students. There will be prizes for the math contest, as well as door prizes.

The program is free. Lunch will be provided in VSU's cafeteria. We ask only that you provide transportation to and from VSU. You may nominate up to two teachers and six female students to participate. Information about the day as well as nomination forms can be found on our website at <https://www.valdosta.edu/math/events/skdays.php>.

Please let us know if you plan to participate by April 1 and return your nomination forms by April 10. Forms can be submitted by e-mail or conventional mail. Additional information and parking permits will be forwarded after we receive your nominations, but feel free to contact us if you have questions or need more information.

We look forward to seeing a group from your school at SK Day.

Sincerely,

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