



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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## **Mini-Future Teacher Academy to be held Feb. 8**

Select Emporia middle school students are to attend a one-day conference to consider careers in education.

Twenty-five eighth graders nominated by educators in Emporia will attend a "mini" Kansas Future Teacher Academy Thursday, Feb. 8 from 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Visser Hall.

"Research shows students who have an in-depth look at education careers will consider entering that field as they move through high school and college," said Dr. Scott Waters, director of the academy. "For several years we have dreamed of holding a one-day conference for middle school students – particularly under-represented student populations – with the goal of planting seeds for younger students to consider entering the teaching profession. With funding from the state legislature, we were able to do it again for the third year running."

The day's activities will include sessions on setting goals, technology, and general information about attending college.

This one-day academy was coordinated by USD 253 and Future Teacher Academy faculty consisting of ESU and area K-12 instructors.

A similar one-day academy will take place in March and April for students from Topeka and Wichita.

For 17 years the Kansas Future Teacher Academy has been a week-long academy for high school students held during the summer. That academy will be held again this summer June 24-28 at ESU. The KFTA is coordinated by the Jones Institute for Educational Excellence at ESU. Applications for those academies are due March 16, 2006.

For more information about the academy, contact Scott Waters at 620-341-5764.

###TEACH###

### **STUDENTS TO ATTEND:**

Ines Alverenga  
Breanna Andrews  
Stephanie Barron  
Kelly Bonilla  
Karen Calderon  
Melinda Calderon  
Tony Castanon  
Monica Castillo  
Ruben Cedillo

Saul Ceren  
Krystina Colunga  
Janessa Curfew  
Bladimir Flores  
Destiny Hall  
Tyler Jackson  
Holden Krom  
Sonia Lara  
Arvell Mitchell

Lupita Morales  
Henry Ramirez  
Edgar Rodriguez  
Chris Santos  
Austin Shovick  
Carley Swanson  
Carlos Urgiles





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