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TURLOCK TO HOST FIRST LEADERSHIP SUMMIT ON INCLUSIVITY

Event is a joint effort between Stan State and the City of Turlock

The in the spirit of the "Town and Gown relationship, CSU Stanislaus and the City of Turlock will be hosting a premier event, *Leadership Summit on Inclusivity*, February 12, 2016 on the CSU campus. The summit will take place in the Mary Stuart Rogers Building, #130, Turlock, California from 8:00 a.m. to noon.

"Diversity is appreciated both on campus and throughout the city," said Turlock Mayor Gary Soiseth. "Turlock is a community that welcomes and includes people with diverse cultures, religions, and backgrounds, and we reject all forms of intolerance, prejudice, and discrimination. It's our differences that make Turlock a great city."

Mayor Soiseth and President Sheley are also scheduled to address the summit in the opening session as part of the University's 29 Days of Equity and Diversity.

The summit will feature Dr. Lynn Murphy, a Turlock native, Turlock High School graduate and CSU Stanislaus Alum who is currently an independent consultant for

foundations and international and nongovernmental organizations. Dr. Lynn Murphy, worked for nine years at the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation as a Senior Fellow and Program Officer. Working in the Global Development and Population program, she founded an initiative--in partnership with the Gates Foundation--to improve the quality of primary schools in the developing world. This initiative directed more than \$110 million across 7 countries and globally to catalyze and support efforts to improve learning for the poorest children. Dr. Murphy holds a Ph.D. in International and Comparative Education and an M.A. in International Education Administration and Policy Analysis from Stanford University with an undergraduate degree from California State University, Stanislaus.

Following the half day event, will be a lunch which will feature Christine Lemonda, Deputy Director, of the International Rescue Committee.

To facilitate a frank discussion among key leaders throughout Turlock, this summit will only be open to the press from 8-9 a.m. to hear Dr. Murphy's remarks in addition to remarks by Turlock Mayor Gary Soiseth and CSU President Dr. Joseph Sheley and again at lunch to hear Ms. Lemonda's address.

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