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**Project Tomorrow's CEO Participating in
Governor's Summit on Career Technical Education**

*Education nonprofit selected to submit recommendations for
preparing today's students for tomorrow's jobs*

Torrance, CA, March 13, 2007 – Project Tomorrow, the national education nonprofit organization, based in Irvine CA, is the only Orange County group invited by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to submit a white paper with recommendations for new state wide policies on career technical education. Project Tomorrow's CEO, Julie Evans, will be participating in the day long Career Technical Education Summit in Torrance today with other business, community and education leaders from across the state. The goal of the Governor's Summit is to create a new blueprint for Career Technical Education in our state's public schools in order to meet the needs of California's economy. The white papers are the impetus for discussions and working groups at today's Summit.

Project Tomorrow was selected to submit a white paper as a result of their annual national research project, Speak Up, which collects and reports on the authentic, unfiltered views of K-12 students, teachers and parents about education, technology, math & science instruction, 21st century skills and preparing students for jobs of the future. Last fall, 270,000 students, teachers and parents representing schools from all 50 states completed the online surveys with 27,580 California students, teachers and parents participating. The data collected each year is used by federal, state and local policy makers to inform programs and funding for key education issues. The Project Tomorrow white paper, "California Students, Teachers and Parents Speak Up about Career Technical Education," provides valuable data to inform state wide career technical education policies and programs as well as strong recommendations for state and regional action. A sampling of the data points include:

- 70% of CA students in grades 9-12 believe that developing good technology skills is important for finding a good job in today's economy
- 50% of CA students in grades 6-12 say that "teaching me skills I need for future jobs" is the #1 thing their schools can do to prepare kids to get good jobs
- 51% of parents of K-12 students and 42% of teachers don't think that their schools are currently doing a good enough job in preparing students to compete for jobs in the 21st century

"We applaud the convening of this Summit by Governor Schwarzenegger to stimulate new ideas and create new partnerships so that every student can be well prepared for the jobs and careers of the 21st century global economy," says Julie Evans. "We are also pleased that the Governor recognizes the importance of including student, teacher and parent viewpoints in this critical discussion around career technical education, and we are honored to be the conduit for this information today."

To learn more about Project Tomorrow and how our Speak Up National Research Project is informing programs and policies all across the country, please visit www.Tomorrow.org. To receive a copy of the white paper submitted at the Governor's Summit, please contact Laurie Smith at 949-609-4660 or lsmith@tomorrow.org.

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About Project Tomorrow

The vision of Project Tomorrow is insure that today's students are well prepared to be tomorrow's innovators, leaders and engaged citizens of the world. We believe that by supporting the innovative uses of science, math and technology resources in our K-12 schools and communities, students will develop the critical thinking, problem solving and creativity skills needed to compete and thrive in the 21st century. We approach our mission through national research projects such as Speak Up, the replication of model excellence projects in schools and communities, online tools and resources for students, teachers and parents, and national and regional advocacy efforts. The Speak Up National Research Project is funded through grants, corporate and private donations.