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### Judges Sought for Student Entrepreneurial Challenge

VISALIA – Volunteers with backgrounds in finance, business, venture capital and education are needed to help judge The Gas Company Challenge for Student Entrepreneurs, a competition to be held in March at the Visalia Convention Center.

Volunteers may choose to judge the written business plan submitted by high school and college students, which is done in advance of the March 10 event, or they can judge the presentation and display categories during the event.

The Gas Company Challenge is held in conjunction with Tulare County Economic Development Corporation's Entrepreneur of the Year Awards ceremony. All judges will be invited to attend the ceremony and luncheon.

“The purpose of the Challenge is to encourage students to think about solutions and ideas that have real-world applications, and then learn to sell them,” explained Colby Wells, regional public affairs manager for The Gas Company. “Judges with real-world experience are essential to the credibility and success of our program.”

Cash prizes are available for all categories, through the sponsorship by The Gas Company. For details on the Challenge, visit [www.tcoe.org/challenge](http://www.tcoe.org/challenge).

For further information on volunteering with The Gas Company Challenge, contact Randy Wallace of the Tulare County Office of Education at randyw@tcoe.org or call 733-6101.