

# Tulare County Office of Education

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## **Tulare County Office of Education Announces: Tulare County Student Receives Honorable Mention at State Science Fair**

Kelsey Procter, an eighth-grade student from Springville Union Elementary, placed fourth in her division and received honorable mention at the State Science Fair in Los Angeles last week. The competition was held at the California Science Center and awards given May 25. Miss Procter competed with 23 other students from throughout the state in the Junior Division's "Aerodynamics/Hydrodynamics" category. Her project was entitled "What a Drag," and her science teacher was Mr. Chris O'Brien.

"For nearly 20 years, the Tulare County Office of Education has organized the annual Science and Engineering Fair," says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. "This event gives students the opportunity to explore applications for science and engineering, and perhaps to envision careers of their own in areas as divergent as agriculture and architecture, or transportation and teaching," concludes Vidak.

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Each year, divisional winners at the Tulare County Science and Engineering Fair advance to the State Science Fair. Other students from Tulare County participating in the event included:

**Dalton Miller**, Mineral King Elementary, Visalia

Dalton Miller participated in the Junior Division; Pharmacology/Toxicology category with a project entitled: “Does Medical Ionized Radiation Effect the Cell Growth of Living Plant Cells?” There were 28 projects in this category. Dalton’s science teacher was Mrs. Gena Miller.

**Christopher Vargas**, Washington Intermediate, Dinuba

Christopher Vargas participated in the Junior Division; Chemistry category with a project entitled: “Which Beverage Stains the Most?” There were 20 projects in this category. His science teacher was Mrs. Monica Kinney.

**Jayne McCauley**, St. Paul’s School, Visalia

Jayne McCauley participated in the Junior Division; Materials Science category with a project entitled: “Do Four 25-Watt Light Bulbs Equal One 100-Watt Light Bulb?” There were 45 projects in this category. Her science teacher was Mr. Gregory Storseth.

**Jakob Duffin**, Sunnyside Union Elementary, Strathmore

Jakob Duffin participated in the Junior Division; Physics & Astronomy category with a project entitled: “Wood Business.” There were 35 projects in this category. Mr. Steve Tsuboi was Jakob’s science teacher.

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**Johnnie Elliott**, Three Rivers Union Elementary

Johnnie Elliott participated in the Junior Division; Mammalian Biology category with a project entitled: “Diabetes & Exercise.” There were 26 projects in this category. Mrs. Gail Matuskey was Johnnie’s science teacher.

**Tyler Hines**, Rockford Elementary, Porterville

Tyler Hines participated in the Junior Division; Plant Biology category with a project entitled: “The Evaluation of Nitrogen, Phosphorous & Potassium in Corn Grown Hydroponically.” There were 31 projects in this category. Mrs. Michele Patrick was Tyler’s science teacher.

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