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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

“College Offers Opportunities for Life” (COOL) Night series launches with COS campus tour this week

5:00 – 7:00 p.m. · Thursday, October 7, 2010 · College of the Sequoias

Visalia: College Offers Opportunities for Life (COOL) Night is an event for middle school students and parents interested in learning more about high school, college and careers. This year, COOL Night is becoming a series of events in several Tulare County locations designed to familiarize middle school students and parents with the high school-to-college connection.

This week, 200 north county middle school students and their parents have been invited to tour the main College of the Sequoias campus. In addition to the tour, students will be able to attend breakout sessions and a short video presentation about college readiness.

At each COOL Night event this school year, students and parents will learn about college requirements and financial aid, high school academics, student leadership and campus life. Students also have the opportunity to learn about high school athletics, music and other extracurricular activities.

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“COOL Night is a great opportunity for students and parents to begin discussing high school, college and careers,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “We appreciate COS for hosting this tour and all the work they do to make students more familiar and comfortable with the campus.”

The planning committee is working on a series of high school campus visits for Tulare-area students. These events will be held in late January 2011. COOL Night South (for Porterville-area students) will be held February 7, 2011 at Monache High School in Porterville. Students interested in learning more about COOL Night can visit www.tcoe.org/COOLNight. For information about the event, contact Adam Valencia at (559) 651-0155, or Randy Wallace at (559) 733-6101. For more information about the Tulare County Office of Education and its programs, contact Robert Herman at (559) 733-6606, or visit www.tcoe.org.

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