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## Students explore Debate & Diplomacy at National History Day



On February 22 at National History Day – Tulare County, judges selected 38 projects as finalists, advancing them to the state competition in May. The finalists' projects were created by students from Dinuba GATE, Dinuba High School, Divisadero Middle School (Visalia), Goshen Elementary (Visalia), Green Acres Middle School (Visalia),

Redwood High School (Visalia), Ridgeview Middle School (Visalia), Sequoia Union School (Lemon Cove), and University Preparatory High School (Visalia).

National History Day (NHD) is a theme-based research program that showcases original presentations by students in grades 4-12 pertaining to historical issues, ideas, people, and events. Students chose topics in local, national, and world history, and explored their significance relative to the annual theme: *Debate & Diplomacy in History: Successes, Failures, Consequences*.

This year, students from 11 school entered over 90 projects, competing in three grade categories: 4-5, 6-8 and 9-12. Students in grades 4-5 competed in the two-dimensional category only. Students in the two upper-grade categories presented findings through one of the following categories: historical paper, exhibit, performance, documentary, podcast, or website.



The program showcased two Best of Events winners. The first was Angelina Castellanos from Dinuba High School who was recognized for her performance of *Lewis Hine: The Debate of Child Labor and the Diplomacy that Followed* in the Individual Performances – Senior Division category. University Preparatory High School's Addie Reardon, Hannah Wegley, and Hollen Wegley were also recognized



for their video *America's "Cool" Weapon: The Jazz Ambassadors in the Cold War* – a project entered in the Group Documentary – Senior Division category.



Dolores Huerta, civil rights activist and community organizer, spoke to students following their presentations. Huerta, who has worked for labor rights and social justice for over 60 years, cofounded the United Farm Workers union with Cesar Chavez in 1962.

For a complete list of winners, visit [www.tcoe.org/HistoryDay/Results](http://www.tcoe.org/HistoryDay/Results).

*Photos above: Angelina Castellanos from Dinuba High School performs Lewis Hine: The Debate of Child Labor and the Diplomacy that Followed during the awards ceremony.*

*From left to right, Hollen Wegley, Addie Reardon, and Hannah Wegley of University Preparatory High School present their video to the judges.*

*Dolores Huerta was the keynote speaker for the National History Day – Tulare County.*

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## Anti-Tobacco/Marijuana Challenge Bowl returns this year in-person



Fifteen teams of sixth graders battled it out this morning in the annual Anti-Tobacco/Marijuana Challenge Bowl. The game show-style Challenge Bowl returned as an in-person event this year – an important element in the CHOICES Program's Tobacco Use Prevention Education (TUPE) program.

Each team competed in three rounds with students answering questions about the harmful effects of tobacco and marijuana use, and the industries that promote their use. "The knowledge students gain through TUPE programs comes at a critical time in their young lives as they may be presented with the temptation to use tobacco and/or marijuana products," said Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Tim Hire.

In the annual Anti-Tobacco/Marijuana Challenge Bowl, Sunnyside Union School was the winner. Second place was won by Palo Verde Union School, with third place going to Rockford School.



*Photo above: Sunnyside Union School was the Anti-Tobacco/Marijuana Challenge Bowl champion.*

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## Redwood wins Tulare County Mock Trial



In a rare turn of events, the 2022 Tulare County Mock Trial competition came down to a battle between two teams from Redwood High School (Visalia). In the finals on February 17, Redwood Team A prevailed and will represent Tulare County at the state finals being held virtually in March.

Redwood Team A was comprised of: Grace Buckley, Ester Calderon, Morgan Castaneda, Trinity Garcia, Daniela Gonzales, Ingrid Hidalgo, Adam Jeffries, Rylie Jundt, Jacob Malmsten, Yaretza Martin, Jordan Martinez, Daisy Montesinos-Rivera, Danica Ramos, Vismaad Randhawa, Kyla Seitz, Aanchal Singh, Lillian Weese, Kaitlyn White, and McKenzie Worley.

Both Redwood High School teams were coached by teachers Zachary Adams and Jennifer McFadden, with assistance from attorney coaches Andre Gaston and Chris Gomez.

Following the Mock Trial competition, the winners of the courtroom artists competition and the courtroom journalists competition were announced.



In the courtroom artists competition, the winning artists advancing to the state competition were Rylee Correa and Brooke Ramirez of University Preparatory High School (Visalia). Jennifer Muller of Tulare Western High School was the alternate.

The winning courtroom journalists advancing to the state competition were Kari Pendegraft of University Preparatory High School and Grace Buckley of Redwood High School. Adam Jeffries of Redwood High School was the alternate.

For the complete list of winners and their winning projects, visit [www.tcoe.org/MockTrial/Results](http://www.tcoe.org/MockTrial/Results).



*Photos above: Redwood High School (Team A) poses for pictures after winning the 2022 Tulare County Mock Trial competition on Thursday, February 17.*

*A courtroom artist winning piece by Rylee Correa of University Preparatory High School.*

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## Educational Resource Services team members working to support regional math conference



California Mathematics Council  
**Central Region  
Symposium 2022**  
March 11 & 12, 2022

**IN-PERSON**

***Everyone is a Mathematician***

Megan Franke Michelle Cody Kevin Dykema

Members of Educational Resource Services' mathematics team are helping to coordinate the California Mathematics Council's (CMC) Central Region Symposium next month. The two-day conference will be held in-person this year at the Merced County Office of Education on March 11-12.

The theme of the conference is "Everyone is a Mathematician." On the conference theme, Stephanie Verners, mathematics curriculum specialist for Educational Resource Services (ERS), shared, "The CMC believes that all students have the capacity to

become mathematically competent and confident when provided a rigorous and challenging mathematical program supported by high expectations. Creating inclusive classroom communities that position all students as capable mathematicians is our conference goal.” TCOE staff members who are also assisting with the conference include Carl Veater and Nick Lopez of ERS and Javier Garcia of Leadership Support Services.

The event will kick off with a dinner presentation featuring Megan Franke, PhD, a professor of education at the University of California, Los Angeles. Dr. Franke’s research focuses on how teaching with attention to students’ mathematical thinking can create opportunities for low-income students of color to learn the subject with understanding.

On Saturday, March 12, the conference will continue with presentations by Michelle Cody and Kevin Dykema.

Cody is an alumnus of Peer Resources and Aim High, the Bay Area program which began as a summer enrichment camp for 6th – 9th graders from low-income communities. She currently teaches at the re-established Willie Brown Middle School in San Francisco. Cody is the recipient of the Alumni of the Year Award from Aim High, a recipient of the Emergent Teacher of the Year from CUE San Francisco (Computer-Using Educators), and a recipient of Mentor of the Year from Mentoring for Success.

For the past 22 years, Dykema has been an eighth-grade math teacher at Mattawan Middle School in Michigan. He also conducts many professional development sessions throughout the nation on the use of manipulatives in the math classroom. Dykema was awarded the Michigan Council of Teachers of Mathematics Regional Director’s Award in 2007 for outstanding contribution and leadership in mathematics education, as well the organization’s Service Award in 2014.

Registration for the conference is limited. For more information, visit [www.cmc-math.org/cmc-central-symposium](http://www.cmc-math.org/cmc-central-symposium).

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