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Bob Mayo chosen to lead CHOICES Program

Bob Mayo is the new administrator of the CHOICES Programs (CHOICES) at the Tulare County Office of Education (TCOE). Mayo, who most recently served as the principal of Exeter Union High School, began at TCOE this week.

"I am thrilled to be joining the team at TCOE," Mayo said. "I am passionate about creating a positive and engaging environment for students, and I am excited to work alongside like-minded individuals who share this same vision."



Mayo began his career in education in 2003 as a chemistry teacher at Golden West High School (Visalia) before joining the school's leadership as an assistant principal in 2007. In 2010, he joined El Diamante High School (Visalia) as an assistant principal. Then in 2014, he became the principal of Exeter Union High School and led the Monarchs for nine years.

Mayo, a U.S. Navy veteran, holds a Bachelor of Arts in chemistry, a Master of Education in curriculum, instruction, and assessment, as well as an administrative credential.

CHOICES is comprised of the After School Program and Prevention/Intervention Education, which hosts several student events. CHOICES supports and promotes student health, well-being, and safe learning environments through direct, targeted services to students, as well as high-quality professional development and technical assistance to schools and districts throughout the region.

For more information about the CHOICES Programs, visit tcoe.org/CHOICES.

Cohort candidates complete credential coursework, new cohort forming



Last week, a number of future teachers visited the California Center on Teaching Careers (the Center) to receive their credential stole, marking the completion of coursework for their single-subject preliminary teaching credential through California State University, Bakersfield (CSUB). All are members of the Teacher Residency for Rural Education (TRRE) Cohort 3 and have already begun their Master of Arts in curriculum and instruction program through CSUB.

The TRRE program is for graduate students seeking to obtain a single-subject credential with a focus in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). Through the program, which is a partnership between the Center and CSUB, candidates are accepted to small annual cohorts to earn their single-subject teaching credential and a master's degree. Cohort members complete their credential coursework in Visalia through the Tulare County Office of Education.

Participants for Cohort 4 have been selected with 28 future teachers now being paired with experienced mentor teachers to complete their 2023-24 residency clinical training – also recognized as “student teaching.”

The Center is now recruiting applicants for Cohort 5, which begins next year (2024-25). Two virtual information sessions will be offered on July 11 and July 18 from 6:00 until 7:00 p.m. for applicants interested in learning more about the residency program. Additional information sessions will be offered each month until the cohort is filled. During the information sessions, applicants will begin to learn more about the program, eligibility, structure, course sequence, the available living stipend, and more.

Those interested in the program can start by reviewing the [TRRE website](#) and filling out an [inquiry form](#). Center staff will follow up with interested candidates, guiding them through each step of the process to apply for the program's next cohort.

Partner school districts in the TRRE program are Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District, Delano Joint Union High School District, Dinuba Unified School District, Tulare Joint Union High School District, and Visalia Unified School District.

Photo above:

~ TRRE program members Fernando Valdivia, Cassandra Stewart, Miguel Navarro, Giovanni Arceo, and Martin Olivas visited the Tulare County Office of Education last week to receive their credential stoles for completing the coursework for their single-subject credentials. The participants will continue in the program, working on their master's degree while working at area school districts.

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