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Inaugural CTE Summit set for September 11



The college and career readiness programs of the Tulare and Kings county offices of education have partnered to host the inaugural CTE Summit on September 11. K-12 and postsecondary teachers, administrators, and counselors are invited to attend to gain a better understanding of career technical education and how to create more CTE opportunities for students.

Robert A. Flores, Ph.D., a professor emeritus at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, will be the keynote speaker. Flores teaches graduate courses for the master's program in the Agricultural Education and Communication Department. He also serves as a core faculty member for the California Agricultural Leadership Program. Flores served as a co-advisor to the Cal Poly Latinos in Agriculture and a national officer of the Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences.

A variety of breakout sessions will feature topics that include industry engagement, apprenticeships, advisory committees, adding "spark" to your classroom, and more.

Registration for the event is available at: <http://kings.k12oms.org/89-236847>.

Annual Kids of Character nominations now open

TCOE's CHARACTER COUNTS! Program is now accepting nominations for its Kids of Character Awards.

Every year, thousands of students are nominated for the awards – students like Luna Guzman.



Guzman was a transitional kindergarten student at Crestwood Elementary School in Visalia last year. Teacher Raul Gonzalez had high praise for the four-year-old, saying “She has really kept me on my toes in showing that she can be the model for responsibility. She always completes her work with high quality, she always helps clean up her classroom, and she never has to be told to clean. Since the first day of school, she knows what she needs to do.”

Nominations for this year’s awards will be accepted through September 29 for Tulare County school programs who are exhibiting great character. Teachers, parents, and family members are encouraged to nominate Kids of Character as part of the 28th Annual CHARACTER COUNTS! Week Celebration (October 16-22). Nomination forms can be found at tcoe.org/KidsOfCharacter.

The **Six Pillars of Character** that students can be nominated for are:

TRUSTWORTHINESS - Being honest, telling the truth and keeping promises

RESPECT - Treating others the way you would like to be treated

RESPONSIBILITY - Doing what you are supposed to do

FAIRNESS - Playing by the rules

CARING - Being helpful, kind and generous

CITIZENSHIP - Doing your share in your family and community

Last year during CHARACTER COUNTS! Week, over 4,700 students from 156 schools in Tulare County were recognized – a spectacular demonstration of the community's continued support of the CHARACTER COUNTS! program. What started as a celebration of students modeling the Six Pillars of Character in 1996 has turned into a

national character recognition model which has honored tens of thousands of Tulare County students over the past 28 years.

For more information about the CHARACTER COUNTS! program, contact Kelley Petty at kelleyp@tcoe.org.

Event coaches invited to attend information meetings for seven Student Future Ready Events this fall



Schools that plan to participate in seven of the large annual student events coordinated by the Tulare County Office of Education are invited to send their coaches to informational meetings beginning next month. The Student Future Ready Events that will host informational meetings for team coaches are: Reading Revolution, Poetry Live! (featuring Poetry Out Loud, Poetry Out Loud Jr. and Poet's Own Voice), Academic Decathlon, National History Day, and Science Olympiad.

At the coaches' meetings, event coordinator Paula Terrill will cover the process for registering teams, any applicable state or national themes, and changes to rules and regulations. To attend one or more of the following information meetings, RSVP to Paula Terrill at paula.terrill@tcoe.org.

Reading Revolution Elementary & Middle School Divisions (4-8 grades)

September 19, 2023

TCOE Conference Center, Visalia

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

**Poetry Live! featuring Poetry Out Loud, Poetry Out Loud Jr. and Poet's Own Voice
(6-12 grades)**

September 22, 2023

TCOE Doe Complex, Visalia (Willow)

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Academic Decathlon (9-12 grades)

September 26, 2023

TCOE Conference Center, Visalia

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

National History Day - Tulare County (4-12 grades)

September 29, 2023

TCOE Conference Center, Visalia

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Mock Trial (9-12 grades)

October 5, 2023

Online ZOOM meeting

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Science Olympiad Division BC (6-12 grades)

October 10, 2023

TCOE Conference Center, Visalia

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Science Olympiad Division A (4-6 grades)

October 11, 2023

TCOE Conference Center, Visalia

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

For the dates of these and other Student Future Ready Events,
visit www.tcoe.org/StudentEvents.

Photo above:

The Exeter Union High School team poses for photos after winning last year's Tulare County Mock Trial finals held at Granite Hills High School Justice Center in Porterville. Coaches meetings for seven of the county's largest student events, including Mock Trial, will be held from September 19 through October 11.

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