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## Tulare County College Night Scholarship applications due April 5

First awarded in 2006, the annual Tulare County College Night Scholarship is given to one graduating senior who has an outstanding academic record and a commitment to community service. The scholarship was envisioned by the TCOE College Night Committee as a \$1,000 award, renewable for up to four consecutive years.

Tulare County graduating seniors are invited to submit applications for the College Night Scholarship by visiting <https://tcoe.org/CollegeandCareer/scholarship>. The application deadline is April 5, 2024.



The website includes information on the submission requirements, including an application, two written essays, two academic recommendations, and official transcripts. Finalists for the scholarship will be interviewed by the committee on April 25, 2024.

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## Registration now open for the annual CHOICES Anti-Bullying Symposium

Tulare County middle and high school advisors are encouraged to register their students by October 6 to attend the annual CHOICES Anti-Bullying Symposium. The event will be held Thursday, November 2 at the Galaxy Theatres in Tulare from 8:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Each school may bring one advisor and up to eight students. The purpose of the Anti-Bullying Symposium is to develop youth leaders to be agents of change on their campuses this year.

Fabian Ramirez, a noted anti-bullying speaker and drug prevention specialist based out of Washington, DC, will be the keynote speaker. Ramirez, a victim of bullying himself, knows the psychological impact that it can have. His mission as an adult is to get in front of as many students as possible to share his message about ways to prevent and eliminate bullying behavior on campuses across the United States.



Following the keynote session, students will be engaged in a variety of activities and presentations that will help them understand inclusion, community, empathy, forgiveness, and teamwork.

The symposium is free, but space is limited. Register today at [bit.ly/AntiBullyingSymposium2023](https://bit.ly/AntiBullyingSymposium2023).

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## Stage and Space Collaborative to hold special *The War of the Worlds* production October 27 and 28



The Stage and Space Collaborative is holding a special live, fully immersive production of *The War of the Worlds* in partnership with TCOE's Theatre Company and Planetarium & Science Center.

Broadcast from New York's Mercury Theatre in 1938, the infamous radio play – based on the novel by H. G. Wells – had some terrified listeners convinced that an actual alien invasion of Earth was taking place. The community is invited to come, sit back, and enjoy this frightening tale of an extraterrestrial takeover.

Theatre Company Director Bethany Rader said the idea for the show came from the Planetarium's media specialist, Craig Alameda, and fit perfectly with Rader's goal to add a non-musical production to the show lineup.

*The War of the Worlds* will transport audiences back to 1938, complete with sound effects, original art projections, and exciting live performances from TCOE student actors. After the show, ticket holders are invited to move to the Planetarium for a fall night sky presentation to learn about the constellations visible this season.

The production will be held on October 27 and 28. General admission for the show is \$10 and the total run time is approximately 100 minutes. The production is suggested for ages 12 and up, but all are welcome. Tickets can be purchased at [tcoe.org/TheatreCo/Tickets](https://tcoe.org/TheatreCo/Tickets) or [tcoe.org/Planetarium/PublicShows](https://tcoe.org/Planetarium/PublicShows).

The production will premiere at 5:00 p.m. on October 27, with two other showings at 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. on October 28.

All performances will be held at the Planetarium & Science Center at 11535 Ave. 264 in Visalia.

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## Pursuing Victory with Honor hosts second annual high school student-athlete conference



On Tuesday, 120 high school athletes attended the second annual Pursuing Victory with Honor (PVWH) Huddle – High School Student-Athlete Conference. The Huddle is put on by the CHARACTER COUNTS! (CC!) office's Pursuing Victory with Honor (PVWH) program.

The students began their day with keynote speaker Scott Laird, a baseball coach from the College of the Sequoias. Afterwards, students had the option to attend four of the five breakout sessions on nutrition, college prep for student-athletes, team building, time management, and self-care. Breakout sessions were led by members of PVWH's Sportsmanship Action Team and experts on the topics.

During the opening, lunch, and closing sessions, students participated in games and discussions. They also had opportunities to win several prizes from Raising Cane's (who provided lunch), TCOE's Nutrition Education Obesity Prevention (NEOP) Program, the Surf Ranch in Lemoore, the Visalia Rawhide, Visalia Adventure Park, and the College of the Sequoias cheerleading team. The California Friday Night Live Partnership also assisted with the event.



At the conference, the Student-Athlete Recognition Dinner was announced. The dinner will be held at the end of the school year and recognize those in the field of sports on a large scale. Two athletes from every high school will be recognized for their sportsmanship, awards for Coach of the Year and Athletic Director of the Year will be given out, and winners of the Provident-Salierno Pursuing Victory with Honor Scholarship will be announced.

The Huddle Jr., the middle school student-athlete conference, will be held on April 17, 2024.

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## **Educators share best practices, learn from one another at CVNIC: Mathematics network meeting**

Yesterday, the mathematics instructional consultants from Educational Resource Services convened a meeting of the Central Valley Network Improvement Community (CVNIC): Mathematics. Over 60 grades 3-8 teachers, coaches, and leaders attended from network schools.

The event served as an opportunity for educators to foster connections across grade levels and across the county. Throughout the day, participants engaged in collaborative discussions and activities aimed at nurturing vibrant math learning cultures at their schools. The network meeting served as a platform for participants to exchange ideas, strategies, and best practices, all with the ultimate goal of enriching the educational experience for their students.



Participants left comments about the event with the coordinators. One teacher remarked, "The first math problem we did today was a huge WOW! It was a seventh- or eighth-grade math problem, but we didn't solve it with middle school math strategies. We solved it with our third- or fourth-grade abilities. It was a huge eye opener that students DO have the skills to tackle the math in their grade. We just need to give them the space to do so and call out the strategies they are using!"

CVNIC: Mathematics continues to work to improve math education in the Central Valley. To learn about the group, contact Caroline Koontz, CVNIC: Mathematics coordinator at [caroline.koontz@tcoe.org](mailto:caroline.koontz@tcoe.org).

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