



2025 Annual Report

*Celebrating 25 Years of Supporting
Students & Educators Throughout
Tulare County*

President's Letter

Dear Supporters,

On behalf of the Tulare County Office of Education Foundation Board of Directors, it is my great pleasure to present our 2025 Annual Report.

Last year was a pivotal year for our organization as we celebrated our 25th anniversary. In the beginning, the Foundation was a quiet system of support to TCOE programs and events. In recent years, the board expanded its mission to include support for students and educators throughout Tulare County.

This support is provided through a grant program. Our board meets monthly to review grant applications submitted by schools throughout the county. This year, we awarded seven grants and provided support to nearly 20 TCOE programs and countywide events.

Last year was also a year of change as we made several decisions that will make us more visible, more active, and more accountable. We accepted the management of the annual Stars in the Hills Prom in Porterville from the Porterville Breakfast Rotary Club. This annual event is a magical evening for high school students and young adults with special needs – students served by TCOE AcCEL special day classes and the Community Based Instruction programs.

In December, we committed to operating a food booth at the World Ag Expo, which was held in early February. In time, we believe this booth will enable us to grow, supporting greater numbers of students and educators in Tulare County.

To account for all the community support that has historically been given to either our organization or the Tulare County Office of Education itself, TCOE redirected all community donations to the TCOE Foundation. This will allow both organizations to better recognize donors who give frequently to support TCOE programs and events. Our efforts to consolidate all donations show that the Foundation received nearly \$200,000 in community support and in-kind donations in 2025. On top of this, TCOE employees donated \$39,000 through annual voluntary payroll deductions.

Thank you to our supporters for being part of the mission of TCOE Foundation in the past, and for staying onboard as we begin a new era of growth and generosity for the benefit of Tulare County students and educators!



Janice Castle
Chairperson/President

2025 TCOE Foundation Supporters

Platinum Level



Tulare County Office of Education

Tim A. Hire, County Superintendent of Schools

A very special thank you to the over 300 Tulare County Office of Education staff members who donate monthly. Their total annual contribution was nearly \$39,000. We appreciate their ongoing support!

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Grants Funded and Programs Supported

Utilizing the donations received from numerous Tulare County organizations and community members, the Foundation provided support for TCOE programs and schools directly or through its grants program.



The UPHS Drama Club was supported by a grant from the Foundation for their production of "Disco Inferno."

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TCOE Programs Supported

AcCEL Programs, including Community Based Instruction Classrooms
CHARACTER COUNTS!
Early Childhood Education Program
Expanding Your Horizons
La Sierra Military Academy
Migrant Education Program
School Safety Symposium
Stars in the Hills Prom

Grants Awarded

FUEL After School Program for National History Day – California Team
Redwood Breakthrough Success Program
Redwood High School Media Arts Drone Program
Three Rivers Odyssey of the Mind Team
Tulare Area AcCEL Programs
University Preparatory High School Arborbotics
University Preparatory High School Drama Club

STEAM Expo
STEM Internship
Student Sustainability Challenge
Trades Day
Tulare County College Night
Tulare County Mock Trial
Tulare County School Libraries
Tulare County Spelling Championship
Tulare-Kings Community Design Challenge



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The TCOE Foundation has partnered with Southern California Edison and Edison International for nearly a decade to expand Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) opportunities for students across the region. Through the Edison International STEM Grant, the Foundation supports hands-on student competitions such as the Tulare-Kings Community Design Challenge and the Student Sustainability Challenge. The grant also funds the Summer JUMP START programs at College of the Sequoias and Porterville College, providing immersive experiences in high-demand STEM careers including advanced manufacturing and healthcare. In addition, Edison supports STEM-focused, work-based learning opportunities coordinated by the Workforce Investment Board of Tulare County.



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