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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

GIANT TECH PREP EXPO 2002

April 11, 2002

Place of Event: College of the Sequoias Campus

Time of Event: Competitions from 9:00 am to 11:00 am
Awards Ceremony at 12:45 pm

The Tulare County Workforce Coalition and Kings and Tulare Counties School-to-Career programs are hosting the seventh annual Giant Tech Prep EXPO at the College of the Sequoias. Over 1,100 high school students will compete in 33 academic and trade competitions. EXPO competitions provide students with an opportunity to gain recognition for their skills at the high school level. Competitions also promote student participation in vocational educational programs within the community.

The main focus of EXPO is to expose middle and high school students to the college experience and educate them about the kinds of programs and services offered by local educational institutions. COS students and staff will give tours to high school leadership students and provide information about COS opportunities.

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Middle school students will have special programming in the COS Gym to include campus tours given by COS students and an interactive career pathway demonstration. Over 300 students will participate.

Programming will conclude with a Friday Night Live assembly in the COS Quad.

Sponsors for the event include: Central Valley Regional Professional Development Consortium, COS Tech Prep Consortium, Kings County Office of Education, Kings County SchoolWork Program, Kings County ROP, Tulare County Organization for Vocational Education ROP (TCOVE), Tulare County Office of Education, Tulare County Workforce Coalition, Tulare County School-to-Career, Visalia Unified School District, and West Hills College Tech Prep Consortium.

GIANT TECH PREP EXPO SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

9:00 – 11:30	Competitions – length of competitions will vary High School Tours conducted (9:30 am – 10:30 am) Middle School presentations and tours
10:45 – 1:00	Demonstrations K-9 Unit Lifestyles Kick N Box Sequoia Players COS Dance Team COS Pep Squad Advanced Team

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12:45 pm **Awards Ceremony**

2:00 pm **Conclusion**

ONGOING DEMONSTRATIONS

Estes Cosmetology

NAS Lemoore

Visalia Fire Department

Cal Works/Links

DSPS

“Tech Prep Expo is a great event for getting middle and high school students involved in career-related activities,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “It’s particularly valuable for middle school students as they begin to think about their futures beyond high school.”

EXPO EXHIBITORS

California National Guard, Cal Works, COS Associated Student Body/March of Dimes, COS-Christian Fellowship, COS-Counseling Center, COS-Fire Tech, COS-Journalism Department, COS-MESA, COS-Student Development Center, COS Student Services, EOP&S, Estes Cosmetology, Fresno State, Lifestyle Center, NAS Lemoore, Sunset Recycling, SEE & Company, Tucoemas Federal Credit Union, UC Merced, US Air Force, US Army, US Coast Guard, US Marines, Visalia Police Department (Crime Prevention), COS-Health Services (Police, Sheriff, Highway Patrol, Ambulance, Fire Department, Department of Motor Vehicles, COS-Nursing Department)

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