

Tulare County Office of Education

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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

2004 Tulare County College Offers Opportunities for Life (COOL) Night

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. • Thursday, February 26, 2004

Visalia Convention Center Exhibit Hall

Visalia: The Tulare County Office of Education is proud to host the second annual College Offers Opportunities for Life (COOL) Night on February 26, 2004, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Visalia Convention Center.

Middle school students and parents throughout Tulare County routinely express their interest in learning more about high school, college, and subsequent career options. In response, the Tulare County Office of Education designed, and now annually offers COOL night to address those and related topics. Similar in format to the Tulare County Office of Education College Night high school student event, COOL Night is geared toward middle school students and their parents and is an ideal opportunity for them to explore topics of interest.

The COOL Night format includes an “Opportunities Faire” where young people can interact

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with adults representing numerous educational and professional fields. Additionally, students and parents can attend breakout sessions throughout the evening with topics ranging from college requirements, financial aid, career choices, AVID program experiences and high school campus life. Several sessions will be conducted in both English and Spanish, with Hmong translation available.

“I invite all parents and middle school students to attend this informative event,” says County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “In addition to offering a wide array of student workshops, we are also conducting workshops to assist parents with the financial and academic planning that is essential for providing their child with a successful college experience,” Vidak explains.

“We are excited to offer COOL Night to Tulare County’s middle school students and parents,” says Vidak. “By addressing these topics now, we hope to give students and parents the tools they will need to make informed decisions about their futures,” adds Vidak.

For more information about the Tulare County Office of Education and its programs, contact Pamela Kunze at 559.733.6606 or visit our website at www.tcoe.org. For information about COOL Night, contact John Kelly in CHOICES, at 559.651.0155 or by e-mailing johnk@tcoe.org.

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