

Tulare County Office of Education

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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Third Annual Tulare County “College Offers Opportunities for Life” (COOL) Night Expanded to Two Venues

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. • Tuesday, April 12, 2005 • Visalia Convention Center Exhibit Hall

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. • Wednesday, April 13, 2005 • Monache High School, Porterville

Visalia: The Tulare County Office of Education is proud to expand its annual College Offers Opportunities for Life (COOL) Night to include an event on April 12, 2005, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Visalia Convention Center and an event on April 13, 2005, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Monache High School in Porterville.

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 (a 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.

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The COOL Night format includes an “Opportunities Faire” where young people can interact 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, student leadership and high school campus life. Several sessions will be conducted in both English and Spanish.

“We are excited that COOL Night has grown in popularity and that we can now offer it in two locations,” says County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “The event’s wide array of workshops and college and career representatives, give students and parents the tools they will need to begin planning for college and beyond,” adds Vidak.

For more information about the Tulare County Office of Education and its programs, contact Robert Herman at 559/733-6606 or visit 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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