

Tulare County Office of Education

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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Fourth Annual Tulare County “College Offers Opportunities for Life” (COOL) Night at Two Venues

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. • Tuesday, April 4, 2006 • Visalia Convention Center Exhibit Hall

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. • Wednesday, April 5, 2006 • Porterville High School, Porterville

Visalia: The Tulare County Office of Education will present its College Offers Opportunities for Life (COOL) Night event on April 4, 2006, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Visalia Convention Center and on April 5, 2006, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Porterville High School in Porterville.

Middle school students and parents throughout Tulare County routinely express their interest in learning more about high school, college and 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 Fair” 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 now more students can attend the events,” says County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “COOL Night’s wide array of workshops and college and career representatives gives 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 Tom Byars, at 559/651-0155 or by e-mailing him at: tbyars@tcoe.org.

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