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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

**2006 Tulare County College Night Opens Early
for High School Juniors and Seniors**

6:00 – 8:30 p.m. • Monday, September 11, 2006 • Visalia Convention Center

Visalia: Tulare County College Night is designed for high school students and parents who want to learn more about preparing for and applying to colleges. The Visalia Convention Center's Exhibit Hall will be filled with more than 75 university and college representatives who will answer questions about entrance requirements, tuition and housing. High school juniors and seniors and their parents will be given access to the event one-half hour earlier so that they can spend more time with the representatives. Younger high school students and their parents will be admitted at 6:30 p.m. as in years past.

Two sessions of informational presentations will be held on topics ranging from high school courses required for college admission and admission testing to financial aid and scholarships. Select presentations will be offered for Spanish-speaking parents. Students will also be able to pick up instructions on applying for the second annual Tulare County College Night Scholarship. Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak says: "One of the largest scholarships awarded locally, the College Night Scholarship provides one student \$1,000 per year for up to four years based on academic and

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personal accomplishments. We are pleased to make this award available to an outstanding Tulare County student again this year.” Applications, including qualification requirements and instructions, will be available on-line through the College Night website (www.tcoe.org/collegenight), after September 18, 2006, or through Tulare County high school counselors. The application deadline for the College Night scholarship is February 1, 2007. Students and parents may utilize the web site for links to university, financial aid and test preparation sites.

College Night is complemented by an event designed specifically for middle school students – College Offers Opportunities for Life (COOL), which will be held in Visalia and Porterville March 20 and March 27, 2007, respectively.

“For over 20 years, College Night has been a great collaboration between parent volunteers, teachers, college representatives and community supporters,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “The College Night Committee does an outstanding job of bringing higher education resources to thousands of Tulare County students each year.”

The Visalia Convention Center is located at 303 E. Acequia in downtown Visalia. Admission to College Night is free. For more information, contact Robert Herman at 559/733-6606.

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