

Tulare County Office of Education

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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

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

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. • Tuesday, March 20, 2007 • Visalia Convention Center Exhibit Hall

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. • Tuesday, March 27, 2007 • Granite Hills High School, Porterville

Visalia: The Tulare County Office of Education will present its College Offers Opportunities for Life (COOL) Night event on March 20, 2007, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Visalia Convention Center and on March 27, 2007, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Granite Hills 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.

The COOL Night format includes an “Opportunities Fair,” where young people can interact with adults representing numerous educational and professional fields. Additionally, students and

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parents can attend breakout sessions throughout the evening with topics ranging from college requirements and financial aid, to high school academics, athletics, student leadership and campus life. A session on preparing for college will be conducted in Spanish.

“At COOL Night, parents can find a wide array of tools they will need to begin planning for high school, college and beyond,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “The event is also designed to open the eyes of young people to many courses of study and careers they can pursue.”

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 visit www.tcoe.org/coolnight.

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