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Tulare County Office of Education Announces: TCOE partners with Visalia “Downtown” Kiwanis to honor Visalia athletes

Visalia “Downtown” Kiwanis, in conjunction with the Tulare County Office of Education’s CHARACTER COUNTS! Program, launched their inaugural “Pursuing Victory with Honor” Sports Recognition program on November 4, 2008. Six Visalia high school student athletes were selected for their exemplary character and sportsmanship. These six students embodied the essential elements of Kiwanis’ principles of character-building and ethics in sports. The fall honorees were:

Chelsea Atkinson, El Diamante High School Cross Country

Katy Weaver, El Diamante High School Water Polo

Brad Hamar, Golden West High School Water Polo

Kandis Geide, Golden West High School Water Polo

Diana Ulloa-Montes, Mt. Whitney High School- Water Polo

Gabrielle Gatewood, Redwood High School- Tennis

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“We are excited to have the local Kiwanis as partners in promoting the ‘Pursuing Victory with Honor’ program from the developers of CHARACTER COUNTS!,” said County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “The ‘Pursuing Victory with Honor’ curriculum is a powerful tool for teaching good sportsmanship used by amateur and professional sports organizations throughout the country.”

“Each of our honorees had a unique story that demonstrated their commitment to teamwork, responsibility, hard work and leadership that was exciting to hear” said John Cowherd, president of Visalia Kiwanis.

The Visalia “Downtown” Kiwanis Club will honor winter athletes in February and encourages the local community to become a part of these special recognitions. For more information on the Kiwanis “Pursuing Victory with Honor” program please contact Randy Wallace (559) 737-8019.

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