

Tulare County Office of Education

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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Seventh Annual Tulare County “College Offers

Opportunities for Life” (COOL) Night at Two Venues

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. • Tuesday, March 3, 2009 • Visalia Convention Center Exhibit Hall

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. • Tuesday, March 31, 2009 • Porterville High School, 465 W. Olive, Porterville

Visalia: Middle school students and parents interested in learning more about high school, college and career options are invited to attend the annual College Offers Opportunities for Life (COOL) Night events in Visalia and Porterville. The Tulare County Office of Education will offer COOL Night on March 3, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Visalia Convention Center, and on March 31, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Porterville High School.

Similar in format to the Tulare County Office of Education College Night (a high school student event), COOL Night is designed for middle-school students and their parents. The event is an ideal opportunity for attendees 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 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.

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“COOL Night is a great opportunity for students and parents to begin discussing high school, college and careers,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “In addition to the representatives from local colleges and employers, students will also have the opportunity to meet representatives from the high schools they will attend and learn about their programs for athletics, music and other extracurricular activities.”

For information about COOL Night, contact Tom Byars, at (559) 651-0155 or visit www.tcoe.org/coolnight. 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.

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