

# Tulare County Office of Education

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## **Media Alert**

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**Tulare County Office of Education Announces:**

## **Teams compete in 6th annual Gas Company Student Entrepreneur Challenge**

**8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. • Visalia Convention Center**

On Wednesday, March 7, teams of young entrepreneurs from Tulare and Kings county high schools will present projects they have developed in response to The Gas Company's Student Entrepreneur Challenge. The Challenge – an event sponsored by The Gas Company – is designed to encourage students to develop products, services or other economic growth ideas that can be applied in the San Joaquin Valley. At this time, eight high school teams will represent the following schools: Golden West High School (Visalia), Porterville High School, El Diamante High School (Visalia), Harmony Magnet Academy (Strathmore), Lemoore High School, and Mt. Whitney High School (Visalia). Teams from Porterville College and College of the Sequoias will compete in the community college category. New this year is a video presentation category sponsored by the Business & Entrepreneurship Center at the Kern Community College District.

Teams will present to a panel of judges beginning at 9:00 a.m. The judges will select the top three student teams, who will present their business concepts to Tulare County business, community and economic development leaders during a luncheon.

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At the end of the luncheon, judges will announce the winners and distribute the prizes. A scholarship, sponsored by TUCOEMAS Federal Credit Union in the amount of \$1,000, will also be presented to one high school student.

The Student Entrepreneur Challenge was created from the vision and support of The Gas Company with coordination by the Tulare County Office of Education.

“We are pleased that the Student Entrepreneur Challenge continues to grow and be supported by The Gas Company,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak. “We also appreciate that students now have the opportunity to share their ideas with local business leaders.”

For more information please contact Robert Herman, Public Information Officer, at (559) 733-6606.

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