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18th annual *Excellence in Education* winners to be honored at breakfast event Wednesday, October 17

WHAT: Winners, finalists and nominees in the annual *Excellence in Education* Awards program will be honored at an invitation-only breakfast event in the Visalia Convention Center Exhibit Hall. Approximately 400 friends, family members and colleagues are expected to attend. This year, a total of 37 nominees from Tulare County school districts, the College of the Sequoias and Porterville College were chosen to participate in the competition, which was judged and announced in April 2012.

WHO: **Brian Hollingshead**, principal at Mission Valley Elementary in the Tulare City School District, will be honored as Tulare County Administrator of the Year; **James Kusserow**, band director at Porterville High School will be honored as Tulare County Teacher of the Year; and **Cheri Barnes**, lead personnel technician with the Tulare County Office of Education will be honored as Tulare County School Employee of the Year. **Finalists and nominees will also be recognized.**

WHEN: **Wednesday, October 17, 2012**
7:30 – 9:00 a.m.

WHERE: **Visalia Convention Center Exhibit Hall**
303 East Acequia, Visalia, CA

For more information on the event, including a list of the winners, finalists and nominees, visit www.tcoe.org/ExcellenceInEducation.

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