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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Academic Decathlon 2014 continues February 1

Interview, Speech and Essays:

January 25, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Porterville College, Porterville

Academic Testing, Super Quiz and Awards:

February 1, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., Mission Oak High School, Tulare

(Please note: only the Super Quiz and the Awards Ceremony are open to the public)

The Tulare County Office of Education will continue with the final rounds of the 2014 Tulare County Academic Decathlon, a 10-event, scholastic competition for teams of high school students, on Saturday, February 1, 2014.

Ten teams of Tulare County students will compete in two school categories – large school and small school – for the chance to advance to the state competition. The teams represent the following schools:

Small Schools

Dinuba High School

Harmony Magnet Academy, Strathmore (2 teams)

Orosi High School (2 teams)

Woodlake High School

Large Schools:

El Diamante High School, Visalia

Mission Oak High School, Tulare

Redwood High School, Visalia

Tulare Union High School

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Each team has six to nine members contending in 10 grueling events. The teams are made up of equal numbers (either two or three students) from the following grade point groups: Varsity (0-2.99 GPA), Scholastic (3-3.74 GPA) and Honors (3.75-4 GPA). Team members test their knowledge of subjects including economics, social science, mathematics, music, art, language and literature, and science. In addition, the contestants present prepared and impromptu speeches, written essays on given topics and undergo interviews by a panel of judges.

The academic relay known as the oral “Super Quiz” is the final competitive event. This year’s Super Quiz topic is “World War I.” The Super Quiz round of competition takes place on February 1 at 2:00 p.m. in the Mission Oak High School gymnasium, and is open to the public. The awards ceremony will begin immediately following the Super Quiz at approximately 3:30 p.m.

“Academic Decathlon is a very competitive event with some strong rivalries among our schools. I particularly enjoy the level of friendly competition and excitement that always surrounds the Super Quiz finale,” says Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Jim Vidak.

For more information about the Academic Decathlon, contact Laura Voshall at (559) 651-3044.

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