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Media Alert

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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Teams compete in 8th annual Southern California Gas Company Challenge for Student Entrepreneurs

March 25, 2014, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. • Visalia Convention Center

On Tuesday, March 25, teams of young entrepreneurs from Tulare and Kings county high schools will present projects they have developed in response to the Southern California Gas Company Challenge for Student Entrepreneurs. The Challenge 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, six high school teams will represent the following schools: The Young Entrepreneur Academy sponsored by the Visalia Chamber of Commerce, Golden West High School (Visalia), Porterville High School, Harmony Magnet Academy (Strathmore), Sierra Pacific High School (Hanford), and Mt. Whitney High School (Visalia). A team from Porterville College will compete in the community college category.

Teams will present to a panel of judges beginning at 9:00 a.m. The judges will select several teams to present their business concepts during a luncheon, which begins at 11:30 a.m.

At the end of the luncheon, judges will announce the winners and distribute cash prizes. Two Tulare County Student STEM Entrepreneur Scholarships, sponsored by TUCOEMAS Federal Credit Union in the amount of \$1,000 each, will also be presented.

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The Student Entrepreneur Challenge was created from the vision and support of Southern California 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.

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