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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

Nearly 50 projects to be displayed at “Night at the 21st Century Museum”

TCOE holds fifth annual showcase of students mastering 21st century learning skills using Project Based Learning

April 17 • 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. • Visalia Convention Center

Nearly 50 examples of Project Based Learning (PBL) will be featured at the fifth annual *Night at the 21st Century Museum* event April 17 at the Visalia Convention Center. The event, which showcases fine examples of PBL with an emphasis on the development of the 21st century learning skills (critical thinking, collaboration, communication, creativity, character and citizenship), will include projects from elementary, middle and high school students. Some of the projects to be featured this year include robotics exhibitions, business projects, and agricultural and engineering projects completed by Tulare County students.

“What makes this event unique is that it celebrates students using college and career ready skills in meaningful ways.” said Dr. Jen Francone, Educational Resource Services administrator.

“Students are applying these skills to projects that take them beyond the classroom walls and that open their eyes to the world that awaits them after high school. We are also celebrating industry

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partners who help to provide opportunities and feedback to students through work based learning experiences.”

Night at the 21st Century Museum, which is open to the public, will be held April 17 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. “We are proud to present *Night at the 21st Century Museum* to the community again this year and continue to showcase the extraordinary 21st century learning our students are doing through PBL,” said Dr. Francone. For more information on the event, call Kate Stover at (559) 741-0809.

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