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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

National History Day – Tulare County

February 15, 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

TCOE Administration Building, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia

The annual National History Day – Tulare County event will be held Friday, February 15 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Tulare County Office of Education Administration Building, 6200 South Mooney Boulevard in Visalia. The public is welcome to attend. This year, 175 elementary, middle and high school students from 13 Tulare County schools will bring 105 projects to the competition.

National History Day (NHD) is a theme-based research program that showcases original presentations by students in grades 4-12 pertaining to historical issues, ideas, people and events. Students may choose any topic in local, national or world history and explore its significance relative to the annual theme, which for 2019 is *Triumph and Tragedy in History*.

Students compete in three grade categories: 4-5, 6-8 and 9-12. Students in grades 4-5 compete in the two-dimensional category only. Students in the two upper-grade categories present findings through one of the following categories: historical paper, exhibit, performance, documentary or historical website. Except for the

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historical paper category, students may collaborate in groups of up to five students, or they may work individually. At the event, presentations are evaluated by local historians and educators who look for a balance of perspectives in the project. The “Best of Event” presentations will be held in the Redwood Conference Center at 1:00 p.m.

National History Day – Tulare County provides students with special learning experiences that extend beyond the projects they have prepared. In the lobby, throughout the morning, students can visit a variety of hands-on history-related stations, including NHD bingo, Pictionary and puzzles. At 1:30 p.m., Terry Ommen, the Visalia Chamber of Commerce’s 2017 Man of the Year, and the City of Visalia’s Historian Laureate, will make a special keynote presentation.

The presentation of awards will begin at 2:15 p.m. with event coordinator Gay Atmajian announcing the winners of scholarships to support the students as they move to the state competition May 5-6 at William Jessup University in Rocklin, California.

For more information, contact Gay Atmajian at (559) 651-3350 or visit tcoe.org/historyday.

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