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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

National History Day – Tulare County

February 14, 8:45 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 14 from 8:45 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, 200 elementary, middle and high school students from 15 Tulare County schools will bring 111 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 2020 is *Breaking Barriers 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. At 1:00 p.m., Jennifer Malone of the Wukchumni Tribe will make a special keynote presentation. Jennifer is a basket weaver and a member of the state board of the California Indian Basketweavers Association. Born and raised in the Woodlake area, she works to preserve and teach the Wukchumni language and share stories of her tribe’s culture.

At 1:45 p.m., students whose projects were chosen as “Best of Event” will be invited to make presentations to the audience. The awards ceremony will begin at 2:15 p.m. when event coordinator Justin Paredes will announce the scholarship winners. The scholarships will be used to support the students as they move to the state competition May 8-10 at William Jessup University in Rocklin, California.

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

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