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Tulare County Office of Education Announces:

2020 Tech Rodeo and first annual Student Tech Showdown Saturday, January 18

8:30 am - 3:30 pm, Porterville Military Academy, 900 Pioneer Avenue, Porterville, CA 93257

Approximately 150 educators from across the Central Valley will attend the Fourth Annual Tech Rodeo on Saturday, January 18. Attendees will spend the day learning ways to foster 21st century learning in their classrooms through the use of technology.

The conference will begin with fireside-style presentations by nationally-known educators and authors Jon Corippo and Tara Martin. Following these presentations, attendees will be able to choose from a variety of breakout sessions led by award-winning presenters from across the state.

New this year, students have been invited to participate in the first annual Student Tech Showdown. Before the competition, student were given the opportunity to research the issue of cyber-bullying. At the competition, students, who work in teams of two or three, will make a presentation on how they would address cyber-bullying utilizing three randomly selected apps. Nine teams of students grades 4-12 have registered to participate.

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After a first draft of their presentation, students will receive feedback from other teams, which they will consider to refine their presentations. Educators attending the Tech Rodeo will have the opportunity to observe the students for inspiration on creating similar lessons in their classrooms. At the end of the competition, winning teams in grade categories 4-5, 6-8, and 9-12 will be given medals. #TechRodeo.

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