

Tim A. Hire, County Superintendent of Schools

# STUDENT FILM FESTIVAL

Celebrating
Central California's Premier
Student Film Festival

6:00 p.m. ★ May 9, 2025 Visalia Fox Theatre

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#### WELCOME

Welcome to the 2025 Slick Rock Student Film Festival — Central California's premier film competition for middle and high school students! This year, we were delighted to receive over 400 films, representing the work of hundreds of students from 47 schools throughout the Central San Joaquin Valley.

The Slick Rock Student Film Festival engages students in a positive, rewarding, and creative process. Through the experience of making a film for a real-world audience, filmmakers develop the skills they will need to be successful in our global economy. The film festival is also a learning activity designed to promote the acquisition of the 21st century learning skills - collaboration, communication, critical thinking, and most certainly, creativity!

We hope you enjoy the amazing work of these students and take time to thank them for their vision, creativity, and perseverance!

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#### VIDEO INSTRUCTORS

**Aaron Fitzgerald Alex Cisneros Soto** Andrea Venegas Antonio Garcia **Charles Britt** Cody Ashford Cruz Gonzales **Daniel Benitez** Darrell Hamilton Jr. Darren Grubel Deja Huerta **Dewey Compton** Fernando Gonzalez Freddie Anderson Isaac Campos Isaac Vasquez Jake Yeager

**James Chance** 

**Jarred Luis** Jason Hopper **Jeff Cook** Jeff Watamura **Johnny Stafford Jordan Roberts** Jose Zavala Juan Gomez Justin Wall Kaitlin Kruser **Kate Harris** Katelyn Campbell **Katie Botello** Katie Perez Lisa Krch Mia Corippo Michael Vang Michael Walker

Miguel Gracia
Paul Dieterle
Rachel Embry
Randy Downer
Raquel Marmolejo
Robbert Heinrich
Robert Styles
Roxana Flores
Sarah Soghomonian
Seth Chambers
Susana Garza
Tom Lucero
Tyler Yost
William Henshaw

#### 2025 SLICK ROCK AWARDS CEREMONY

**FESTIVAL WELCOME** Kathleen Green-Martins,

TCOE CHARACTER COUNTS! Program

**MASTERS OF CEREMONIES** Caleb Brown, Actor, Writer, and Director

Ava Dodson, Redwood High School

TULARE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION WELCOME Tim A. Hire,

Tulare County Superintendent of Schools

NATIONAL ANTHEM Erin McDonnell, Redwood High School

**AWARDS PRESENTATION** 

**Sponsored Categories** 

Opioids, Fentanyl, and Marijuana Prevention PSA **Tim A. Hire,** Tulare County Superintendent of Schools

**Nutrition and Physical Activity PSA Alex Rogers,** TCOE - Nutrition Education Obesity Program

**Ukari Matney,** TCOE - Nutrition Education Obesity Program

**Suicide Prevention PSA Jackie Jones, Tulare County Suicide Prevention Task Force** 

Middle and High School Categories

**General Public Service Announcement Documentary** 

**General Advertisement Blockbuster** 

**BEST OF SHOW (MIDDLE SCHOOL)** 

**Tim A. Hire,** Tulare County Superintendent of Schools

**High School Categories** 

**Sports Highlights** Music Video - Original **News Broadcast** Music Video - Cover

**Animation Documentary General Public Service Announcement Blockbuster** 

**General Advertisement** 

**BEST OF SHOW (HIGH SCHOOL) Tim A. Hire,** Tulare County Superintendent of Schools

**CLOSING** Caleb Brown, Actor, Writer, and Director

Ava Dodson, Redwood School



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#### 2025 SLICK ROCK SUPPORTERS

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Producers' Circle





Funders' Circle













# Special Donations Provided by: Tulare County Suicide Prevention Task Force

#### MISSION

The Slick Rock Student Film Festival serves to advance academic achievement by challenging students to connect with local businesses and communities through films that reach or meet industry standards in filmmaking. When students produce films, they engage in learning environments where creativity, academic knowledge, discipline, individuality, and executive skills are required and rewarded.

For information on the Slick Rock Student Film Festival, please contact Kathleen Green-Martins at slickrock@tcoe.org.





Tulare County filmmakers, if you have concepts for a short that focuses on mental health or drug prevention, we'd love to hear from you. Contact Robert Herman at robh@tcoe.org.

We're Project AWARE and we're spreading the word that *mental health matters in Tulare*County! You'll find us at community events, in schools throughout the county, and on Instagram!

During the month of May, which is Mental Health Awareness Month (MHAM), a number of local retailers and community organizations have joined our cause. When you visit the organizations below, mention that you appreciate their support of mental health. Many of the food retailers have created special products just for the month of May!

Arts Visalia Visual Art Center Burton School District City of Lindsay City of Visalia Connect Coffee (Visalia) Dinuba Police Department Ducor Union School District Galaxy Theatres Tulare Kings River Union School District Max's Cookies (Visalia) Palo Verde Union School District Porterville Police Department
Quadrant Fitness
Rush Bowls (Visalia)
The Human Bean (Tulare)
The Source (Visalia)
The Space Yoga Studio (Visalia)
The Well Coffee Bar (Tulare)
Three Rivers Union School District
Tulare Fire Department
Tulare Police Department
Woodlake Fire Department

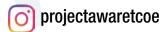
Looking to bring Project AWARE to your next school or community event? Connect with us through Instagram or visit our website at www.tcoe.org/ProjectAWARE.



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Coming together to strengthen our community and future generations against substance abuse through education, encouragement, and support.





# Congratulations, Slick Rock filmmakers!

Proudly providing nutrition education to students throughout Tulare County.



**Nutrition Education Obesity Prevention** 

Tulare County
Office of Education

Tim A. Hire, County Superintendent of Schools



#### CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 2025 NOMINEES!

#### Sponsored Category Nominees - Middle & High School (School/Film Name)

#### Opioids, Fentanyl, and Marijuana Prevention PSA

Clark Intermediate School Hillside Elementary School Monson-Sultana Jt. Union School Reyburn Intermediate School West High School Captain Anti-Drugs Facts Fight Fentanyl Fentanyl Isn't Worth It The Effects of Marijuana Opioid Interview...

#### **Suicide Prevention PSA**

Coalinga High School

Minarets High School

Minarets High School

Minarets High School

Monache High School

Sunnyside High School

Tomorrow Needs You

Bubbles

The Signs

Help a Friend

The Breaking Point

#### **Nutrition and Physical Activity PSA**

Hillside Elementary School Monson-Sultana Jt. Union School North Fork Elementary School Reyburn Intermediate School Sunnyside High School Stay Active, Stay Healthy Eat Healthy! Feel Wealthy! The Impact of Sports... Health and Nutrition Healthy Eating

#### Middle School Nominees (School/Film Name)

#### **General Public Service Announcement**

Heartland Charter School Hillside Elementary School Hillside Elementary School Reyburn Intermediate School Reyburn Intermediate School Internet Safety Our Generation... Unrealistic Standards Suicide Prevention The Pollution Police

#### **Documentary**

Clark Intermediate School Apollo 11
Clark Intermediate School Dream Jobs
Fairmont K-8 School To Those Who Serve
Fairmont K-8 School We Feed the World
Woodville Union School Beneath the Surface

#### **General Advertisement**

Alta Sierra Intermediate School Fairmont K-8 School Hillside Elementary School North Fork Elementary School North Fork Elementary School

**Hanford West High School** 

Cream Commercial
Longhorn Feed Commerical
Axis Coffee Ad
Millers Landing Resort
Rebelz Coffee

Hanford Football

#### **Blockbuster**

Adventures In Education The Rookie

Clark Intermediate School Horse

Clark Intermediate School Mind Games

Kings River Union School The Other Side of Mean

Reyburn Intermediate School How I Met Your Dad

#### High School Nominees (School/Film Name)

#### **Sports Highlights**

Hanford West High School
Minarets High School
Redwood High School
Redwood High School
Redwood High School
Redwood Friday Night Lights

#### **General Public Service Announcement**

Highland High School Better Late Than Never
Patiño School of Entrepreneurship
Redwood High School A Note of Kindness
Redwood High School See Say Fire
Redwood High School Visit Visalia PSA

#### **News Broadcast**

Coalinga High School In the News at CHS
Redwood High School Beyond Emilio
Redwood High School Tony's Strength
Sunnyside High School Sunnyside Sports Corner
Torres High School TNT

#### General Advertisement

El Diamante High School RedCon1
El Diamante High School VTECH
Mt. Whitney High School Soundcore
Redwood High School Rush Bowl
Sunnyside High School AJ's Tuxedo Junction

#### **Documentary**

The Center For Adv. Research
And Technology
El Diamante High School
Monache High School
West High School
West High School

Overwatered - Destroyed...

Field Worker's Fight for...
Day in the Life...
CLR Productions
Los Hermanos Mendoza

#### Music Video - Original

Coalinga High School Tastes Like Goodbye
Highland High School Psalm 4:46
Redwood High School Melody Gone Wrong
Torres High School I'm a Toro

Career Technical Education Center

**Central High School** 

El Diamante High School

**Redwood High School** 

**South High School** 

#### High School Nominees (School/Film Name) cont.

#### **Music Video - Cover**

White Ferrari Leios De Ti Ain't No Sunshine Thrift Shop **Wondering Why** 

El Diamante High School **Heartland Charter School** Mt. Whitney High School **Redwood High School** Redwood High School

**Blockbuster** Bank Robbery Missed Call Roadkill **Silent Goodbye** The Orbit

#### **Animation**

**Coalinga High School** Max **Hanford West High School** Sleepless **Hanford West High School Sweet Dreams Madera South High School** How to Pizza Sanger High School Break In

#### JUDGING COMMITTEE

Videos submitted to the Slick Rock Student Film Festival were judged by experienced individuals from the following organizations:

**Annapurna Pictures** California State University, Fresno -**Multimedia Production** Community Media Access Collaborative **Dragonfly Agency** Film Owl Productions, LLC. Kaweah Health Care District Kern High School District

KFSN TV - Fresno ABC30 Action News **Kincade Productions** 

Kings Canyon Unified School District Los Angeles Film School Alumni **Nutrition Education Obesity Program** Reedley Community College **Retired Animators** 

**Retired Television News Broadcasters Retired Videography Teachers** Slick Rock Film Festival Alumni **Tulare County Suicide Prevention Task Force Executive Committee** 

Tulare County Health and Human Services Agency **Tulare County Prevention Coalition Tulare County Film Commission** University of California - Riverside University of Southern California -**Cinematic Arts** Visalia Unified School District **Wheatfield and Crows Production** 

#### SPECIAL THANKS

We would like to thank the following staff and community members for their dedication to the Slick Rock Student Film Festival. We would especially like to thank Tim A. Hire, Tulare County Superintendent of Schools, for his support of this incredible event and our Tulare County Office of Education staff, who work hard to keep it going!

#### — Slick Rock Student Film Festival Committee

Tim A. Hire, County Superintendent of Schools Abigail Cantu **Abigail Shaewitz** Adrianna Davisson **Alexandra Rogers** Angela Sahagun **Annabel Prindle Aurora Whitt Becca Coffey-Godfrey Beth Dooley Beth Fisher Bethany Rader Betsy Avello Bobby Forsyth Bryan Harley** Carly Jensen, Miss City of Visalia 2025

**Fabian Valdes Gene Mendes** Jackie Jones Jaime Burnitzki Jacob Jimenez Janet Paine

**Chandler Bailey Jeff Stamps** Charlotte Garcia Da Rosa Jennifer Fisher Chelsea Ramirez Johnny Pecina **Chris Haidet** Jose Zavala Claire Blain Kaitlyn Gilman Conan Palmer **Kelley Petty** Kristine Haidet Craig Alameda **Darcy Massey** La Jova Middle School Jazz Band **Dewey Compton** 

Elisa Navarro

**Emerson Jensen** 

Emma Featherston

**Marcos Villarreal** Marissa Rodriguez. Miss Tulare County's Teen

**Matt Beavers Matt Terry** 

McKenna Friend-Hoffman

Michelle French Michael Newman Michelle Trigleth Nani Dodson

Nayirah Dosu Olivia Harden,

Miss Tulare County 2025 **Peyton McDermott** 

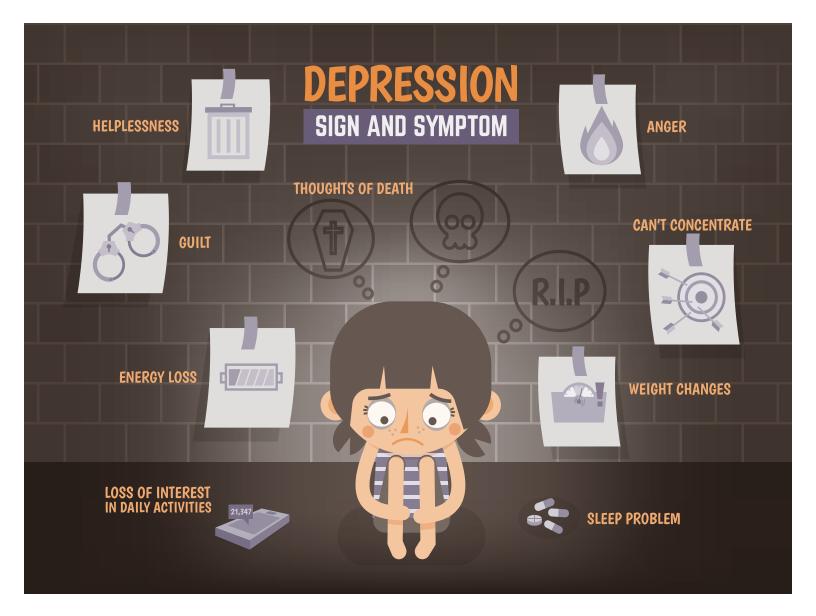
Rev Tapia **Robert Herman** Ryan LaSalle Sabrina Sandoval Tessa Carter.

Miss Central Valley's Teen

**Tiffany Stark** Ukari Matnev Veronica Andrade Virginia Sepeda

Visalia Unified School District-

Theater Tech Staff Zoty Briceño

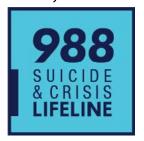


## **IF YOU NEED HELP**

**Ask for help:** Don't be afraid to let your friends, family, or teachers know what you need when they ask; they want to help. You can also call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline any time - calls are confidential.

#### Remember that this feeling can be overcome:

Suicide is a permanent solution to a temporary problem. Family conflict, relationships, grades, sexual identity, and the loss of important people can seem impossible to deal with. But with support from others, you can.



### **HELP A FRIEND**

**Don't keep suicide a secret:** If your friend is considering suicide, don't promise to keep it a secret. Tell him or her you can help, but you need to involve other people, like a trusted adult. Neither of you have to face this alone.

**Take your loved one seriously:** Some people feel that kids who say they are going to hurt or kill themselves are "just doing it for attention." But if your child, friend, or family member confides thoughts of suicide, believe them and get help.





