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Migrant Education pilots new civics education program; students to focus on 2020 Census



This month, Migrant Education Program launched a new civics learning curriculum for migrant students in Hanford high schools. Known as the Civics and Leadership Academy, the eight-week program is designed to expand students' awareness of local government services and increase civic engagement, leadership, and volunteerism.

Participants began meeting earlier this month at the COS Hanford Educational Center to hear presentations by representatives of the different Hanford city departments. In addition to learning about their city, migrant students are learning how citizens can get involved in issues that affect the community. "One of the goals of the program is to help develop students' leadership potential," said Heriberto Trevino, Migrant Education area administrator. "We also hope that students will be prepared to serve on advisory groups and committees as adults, and that they can be resources to other members of the community."

At the end of the academy, students will create a culminating Civics Action Project designed to tackle a contemporary issue or promote the quality of the community. For this year's project, the group has chosen to bring awareness to the 2020 Census. Justin Paredes, TCOE's History/Social Science staff development & curriculum specialist, has provided training on the "Count Me In!" curriculum, which the students will incorporate into their final project.

Photo above:

~ Migrant students in Hanford have begun a new eight-week Civics and Leadership Academy to learn more about local government and to build their leadership skills to serve the community as adults.

Spelling Championship won by fifth grader from Conyer Elementary



Adeline Boling, a fifth grader from Conyer Elementary in Visalia, captured the Tulare County Spelling Championship last week in the 23rd round of the competition. Adeline won the event by successfully spelling “kerplunk.” This year, the competition attracted a total of 223 spellers in grades 4-8 from 113 public and private Tulare County schools.



The second place winner was Kirsten Solmantil, an eighth-grade student at St. Anne's School in Porterville. Dylan Ridgway, an eighth grader from Green Acres Middle School (Visalia), and Kalea Mariboho, an eighth grader from Springville Union School, tied for third.

Adeline will represent Tulare County at the Scripps National Spelling Bee beginning May 24, thanks to a sponsoring partnership with the *Visalia Times-Delta*.

Photos above:

~ Adeline Boling, a fifth-grade student at Conyer Elementary in Visalia, is the 2020 Tulare County Spelling Champion.

~ Top finishers in the 2020 Tulare County Spelling Championship include (l-r) Kirsten Solmantil of St. Anne's School in Porterville (second place), Adeline Boling of Conyer Elementary in Visalia (first place), and Kalea Mariboho, of Springville Union School, and Dylan Ridgway of Green Acres Middle School (Visalia), who tied for third.

Redwood High School captures Mock Trial championship



For the fourth year in a row, the Redwood High School Silver Team has won the Tulare County Mock Trial Competition. The Redwood team, coached by attorneys Andre Gaston, Chris Gomez, and Bryce Hatakeyama, successfully defeated challenger Exeter Union High School last week to earn a spot at the state competition beginning March 22 in Sacramento.

Tulare County Superior Court judge Brett Alldredge presided over the fictitious murder trial. Tulare County District Attorney Tim Ward, Tulare County Public Defender Lisa Bertolino, and Tulare County Chief Deputy County Counsel Jennifer Flores served as scorers.

Mock Trial is generously supported by members of the law enforcement and legal communities, including Tulare County Bar Association; Allen Law Firm; Tulare County Sheriff's Department; Starr Warson, Attorney at Law; Lozano Smith, Attorneys at Law; Herr, Pedersen, Berglund, Attorneys at Law; Hagopian & Daugherty, Attorneys at Law; Griswold LaSalle LLP; Dias Law Firm, Inc.; Judge Howard R. Broadman; James B. Preston, Attorney at Law; Judge Antonio A. Reyes; and Sarah Shena, Attorney at Law.

Coming Up!

- **through February 28**
Student Art Exhibition
TCOE Administration Building Lobby, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia
[More information.](#)
- **February 26**
Anti-Tobacco Challenge Bowl
9:00am - 3:00pm, Visalia Wyndham, 9000 W. Airport Dr.
[More information](#)
- **March 4 - 31**
Best of Show Student Art Exhibition
TCOE Administration Building Lobby, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia
[More information.](#)
- **March 4**
Best of Show Artists' Open House
5:00 - 7:00pm, TCOE Administration Building Lobby, 6200 S. Mooney Blvd., Visalia
[More information.](#)
- **March 5**
Virtual Job Fair
hosted by California Center on Teaching Careers
[More information](#)
- **March 5**
University Preparatory High School Information Night
6:00 - 7:00pm, COS Visalia campus, Yokut Room 9, 915 S. Mooney Blvd.
[More information](#)
- **March 6**
Tulare & Kings Counties Teacher Recruitment Fair
4:00 - 7:00pm, International Agri-Center, Building C, 4500 S. Laspina, Tulare
[More information](#)
- **March 6**
Planetarium Public Shows
6:00pm: *Earth, Moon & Sun*
7:00pm: *Dawn of the Space Age*
TCOE Planetarium & Science Center, 11535 Avenue 264, Visalia
[More information](#)

- **March 7**
Science Olympiad (Division B/C)
8:00am - 5:00pm, Mission Oak High School, 3442 E. Bardsley Ave., Tulare
[More information](#)

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