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"Best of Show" Student Art Exhibition opens today



The public is invited to visit the annual "Best of Show" Student Art Exhibition, which opens today in the TCOE Administration Building at 6200 South Mooney Boulevard in Visalia. The exhibition features 250 drawings, paintings, and sculptures by students from 41 Tulare County schools. Among the artwork is *Over and Over Again* (shown above) by Nailea Aranzazu, a senior from Orosi High School. A public reception honoring the artists will be held this evening, March 4, in the lobby of the Mooney Boulevard building from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. The exhibition will remain open Monday through Friday during normal business hours through March 31.

Tulare Kings College and Career Collaborative receives \$2 million grant to serve underrepresented students

The Tulare Kings College and Career Collaborative (TKCCC) was recently awarded a \$2 million grant through the second round of funding by the K12 Strong Workforce Program – an ongoing program of the California Community Colleges designed to support schools with students transitioning from secondary to postsecondary education. Last fall, TKCCC conducted a needs assessment and discovered that socioeconomically disadvantaged students, English learners, special education students, and foster youth are disproportionately underrepresented as Career Technical Education (CTE) Pathway completers in the two-county region.



Together, TKCCC and 10 partner districts applied for K12 Strong Workforce funding to support the student groups identified in the needs assessment to complete their career pathways and develop personalized, viable postsecondary plans. The partner districts include Burton School District, Corcoran Unified School District, Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified School District, Dinuba Unified School District, Exeter Unified School District, Farmersville Unified School District, Hanford Joint Union High School District, Lemoore Union High School District, Lindsay Unified School District, and Tulare Joint Union High School District.

“The work that we will do over the next 30 months in developing the tools to support these students is an important step toward closing the equity gap,” said Joy Soares, College and Career director. “We know that students who are K12 CTE Pathway completers with a postsecondary plan have increased technical and employability skills that will make their transition to college and career much smoother with significantly greater success rates in an industry sector of their choice.”

For more information on the K12 Strong Workforce Program, contact Joy Soares at (559) 733-6101.

Planetarium to offer two public shows on Friday



The Peña Planetarium will offer two public shows on Friday, March 6. At 6:00 p.m., audience members can enjoy *Earth, Moon & Sun* – a program that examines how the three bodies work together as a system. *Earth, Moon & Sun* explores the myths and the science of how the sun rises and sets, as well as the moon’s phases and orbit. At 7:00 p.m., visitors can see *Dawn of the Space Age*. The program traces the history of space flight from the first artificial satellite in 1957 through the Gemini, Apollo, and Shuttle programs. Along the way, viewers get glimpses of the Viking mission to Mars, the Voyager mission to the outer planets, and the present day efforts toward space exploration and tourism.

The Peña Planetarium is located at 11535 Avenue 264 in Visalia, on the southwest corner of Mooney Boulevard and Avenue 264. Tickets are available at the Planetarium office only after 5:00 p.m. on the day of the shows. Tickets are \$4 for adults and \$3 for children 11 and under. Children must be accompanied by an adult. No late seating is offered once the planetarium doors close. For information, call (559) 737-6334. For program descriptions and more information on the public shows, visit tcoe.org/PlanetariumPublicShows.

CHOICES hosts 20th Annual Anti-Tobacco/Marijuana Challenge Bowl



Questions posed to over 100 sixth-grade students at the annual Anti-Tobacco/Marijuana Challenge Bowl last week included “Tobacco companies need to recruit almost what number of new smokers every day to maintain their sales in the U.S.?” and “How many teens start smoking every day?” Twenty-six teams of students from large and small schools throughout the county went head-to-head in a game show-style competition that celebrated its 20th anniversary this year. The competition is hosted annually by the CHOICES Program as an important element in its Tobacco Use Prevention Education (TUPE) efforts.

“The curriculum students study to prepare for the challenge is an excellent source of information on not only the health dangers associated with tobacco, marijuana, and vape use, but on the marketing of these products to young people,” said Tulare County Superintendent of Schools Tim Hire. “The knowledge students gain through TUPE programs comes at a critical time in their young lives as they may be presented with the temptation to use tobacco products.”

In the 20th annual Anti-Tobacco/Marijuana Challenge Bowl, Three Rivers Union School Team 1 was the winner. Second place was won by Palo Verde Union School, with third place going to the CHOICES After School Program at Sunnyside Union School.

Photo above:

~ Three Rivers Union School Team 1 won the 20th Annual Anti-Tobacco/Marijuana Challenge Bowl held February 26. The team is pictured with Tony Cavanagh, CHOICES Prevention/Intervention Education manager.

Coming Up!

- **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](#)
- **March 11**
Math Super Bowl
8:00am - 2:30pm, Visalia Convention Center, 303 E. Acequia Ave.
[More information](#)
- **March 14**
STEAM Expo
10:00am - 3:00pm, TCOE Planetarium & Science Center, 11535 Avenue 264, Visalia
[More information](#)

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