

UC Merced/SCICON Field Station website now online



The University of California, Merced recently completed a website for the promotion of the SCICON Field Station. Researchers and postgraduate students from around the world now have access to information about the field station, allowing them to plan future research projects in the Sierra Nevada foothills.

The field station, which has been in planning and construction since 2018, was completed this spring. The final stage of the project was the installation of an ADA-approved restroom and shower facility and an outdoor shelter for meetings and meals. The station is located on land adjacent to SCICON's Circle J-Norris Ranch field study site and features a prep lab and an upstairs apartment for visiting researchers.

The SCICON field station is the fourth field study site for the university. UC Merced also has field stations in Yosemite and Sequoia National Parks, and a vernal pools and grasslands reserve adjacent to its main campus. The SCICON field station will provide researchers access to the foothills for studies on oak mortality, watersheds, and the importance of the foothill drainage and ecosystem to the entire valley.

“This is an exciting new chapter in the history of the field station,” said Tim Hire, Tulare County Superintendent of Schools. “We are closer than ever to hosting important environmental research and involving local secondary students in this work.”

The Circle J program and UC Merced have two events planned this year for local high school students. If pandemic restrictions are lifted, Circle J will offer its four-day Oak Forest Research & Restoration Internships beginning October 10 and June 8. For more information about the internships, contact Nancy Bruce at circlej@ocsnet.net.

To see the new SCICON Field Station website, visit scicon.ucmerced.edu.

College and Career program welcomes new staff member Maokosy

Last week, Sarah Maokosy, D.M., joined the College and Career program as a new K12 Pathway Coordinator (PC), serving many of the districts in the Tulare Kings College Career Collaborative and the College of the Sequoias to align Career Technical Education (CTE) pathways with higher education programs. Dr. Maokosy is one of the many new K12 PCs across the state funded by the California Community College Chancellor’s Office.

Dr. Maokosy recently served as adjunct faculty for business at Reedley College, West Hills College Lemoore, and Fresno State, and as CEO Club advisor and Entrepreneurship Center assistant coordinator at Reedley College. This year, she also completed her Doctorate in Organizational Leadership degree. Dr. Maokosy is a decorated Army veteran who still makes it her goal to help other female veterans transition successfully to civilian life and the workforce.



“Sarah has a wealth of instructional, work-based learning, and workforce development experience under her belt,” says Joy Soares, College and Career director. “She also has a passion for helping all students successfully navigate their career education – a passion that will make her an amazing contributor to our team and the region.”

Programs to hold virtual office hours for district and charter leaders



Leadership Support Services has organized a virtual event on August 18, bringing together its own staff along with others from the College and Career program and Educational Resource Services to answer questions and discuss ideas in the development of school Learning Continuity and Attendance Plans. The free virtual event will feature sessions on student and family engagement, distance learning, supporting students with unique needs in distance learning, mental health and social emotional well-being, learning loss, and other special topics.

District and charter leaders are invited to register at tulare.k12oms.org/147-190336. Once registered, attendees will receive a link to access any or all offices on their own time throughout the event, which is scheduled from 9:30 until 11:30 a.m. on August 18.

For more information, contact Martin Frolli at martinf@tcoe.org.

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