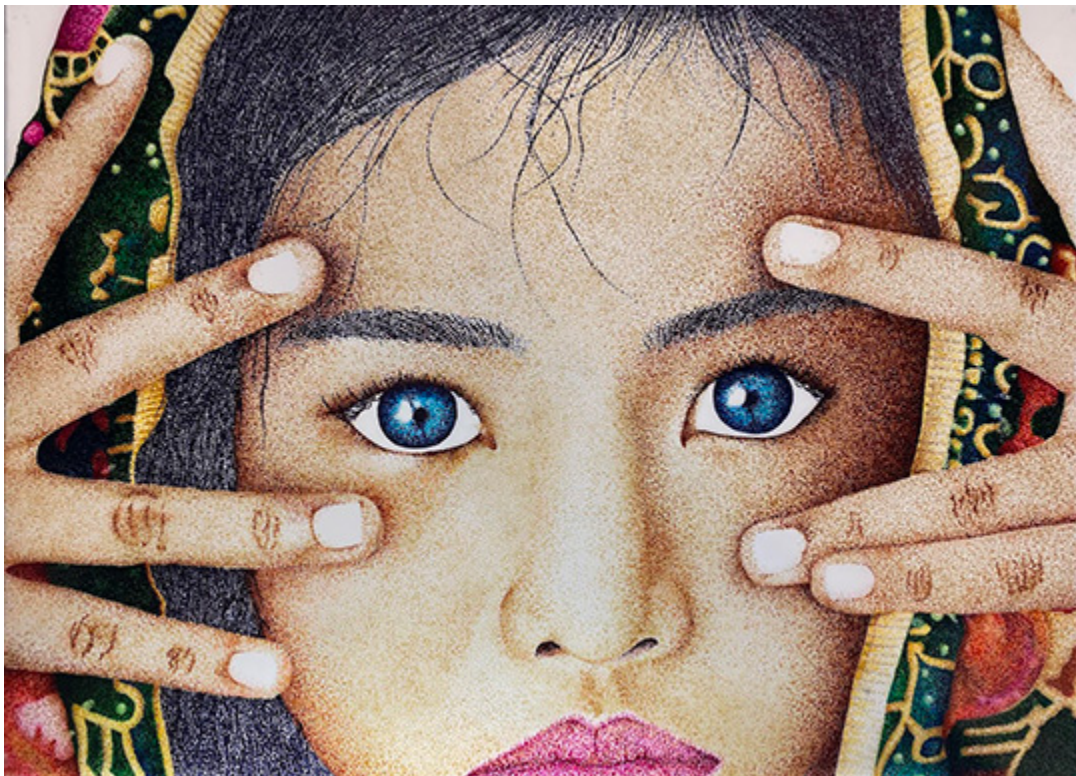


# news galleryweek

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## TCOE's annual Student Art Exhibition opens today online



The Student Art Exhibition opens online today with two and a half times the number of pieces as last year's first virtual exhibition. The online exhibition at [tcoe.org/ArtGallery](https://tcoe.org/ArtGallery) features 476 hand drawn and digital works, photographs, and sculptures from 43 Tulare County schools.

"We are so pleased that Tulare County educators continue to make the arts a priority in their classrooms and that they have embraced the online exhibition again this year," said Tim Hire, Tulare County Superintendent of Schools. "I urge readers to visit the exhibition and recognize the positive social-emotional impact the arts have on students."

In the spring, a panel of judges will select Best of Show works from the pieces in the current exhibition. Best of Show artwork will be displayed on the same website March 1 - 31, 2022. For more information on the Student Art Exhibition, contact Kate Stover at [kate.stover@tcoe.org](mailto:kate.stover@tcoe.org).





*Photos above:*

~ Pointillism Girl by Tyler Stout, Central Valley Christian High School

~ Guardian of the Green by Santiago Nunez, Earlimart Middle School

~ Spider's Web by Jessica Del Villar, Catholic School of Visalia, George McCann

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## UPHS to hold annual Winter Concert next week

University Preparatory High School (UPHS) will hold its annual Winter Concert at Gateway Church in Visalia on Monday, December 6 beginning at 7:00 p.m. The church is located at 1100 S. Sowell St., near Mt. Whitney High School.

In addition to the performances by UPHS chamber and concert choirs, beginning and advanced handbell ensembles, and beginning guitar group, the school's new orchestra will perform. Music teacher Jeff Fritz reports the school launched the new symphony orchestra this year. The 24-member orchestra features sophomore violist Hannah Wegley, a member of the California Orchestra Directors Association's prestigious December Honor Orchestra.

Concert goers are welcome to make donations at the door, which will be used to support UPHS music programs. Masks are required. For more information on attending the Winter Concert, call UPHS at (559) 730-2529.



*Photo right:*

~ Hannah Wegley, a member of the new UPHS Symphony Orchestra, was recently chosen to perform in the California Orchestra Directors Association's December Honor Orchestra.

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## ***Around the County***

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### **Tulare County runners compete at state**



On Saturday, 20 runners from seven Tulare County schools competed in the CIF State Cross Country Championships at Woodward Park in Fresno. Runners were from Tulare Western High School, El Diamante High School (Visalia), Central Valley Christian High School (Visalia), Porterville High School, Monache High School (Porterville), Summit Charter Collegiate Academy (Porterville), and Farmersville High School.

The boys team from Tulare Western had the county's highest team finish after placing 12th out of 25 teams in the Division III race with 325 points. The Mustangs were led by junior Carter Mendes, who finished 40th with a personal best time of 16 minutes, 7 seconds for the 5,000-meter run. It was the fastest finish by a county runner for the day.

Competing in the Division IV girls race, Farmersville's Julissa Avila had the county's highest individual finish. Avila had a time of 19:06 and placed 31st in a field of 207 runners.

Prior to the state meet was the CIF Central Section Championship meet. At the section championships, Tulare Western boys and Central Valley Christian girls won the Division III and Division V titles, respectively. Individual section champions from Tulare County were Farmersville's Avila in Division IV and Raul Acevedo from Summit Charter in the Division V boys race.

For complete results from the state meet, visit [rtspt.com/events/cif/xc2021](https://rtspt.com/events/cif/xc2021).

*Photos above:*

*~ The Tulare Western High School boys cross country team poses for pictures after winning the CIF Central Section Division III cross country championship,*

*Thursday, November 18 at Woodward Park in Fresno. Photo courtesy of the CIF Central Section office.*

*~ Farmersville High School's Julissa Avila runs in the CIF State Division IV girls championship race, Saturday, November 27 at Woodward Park in Fresno.*



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